



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2016. Present were board members: John Robertson, Karen Roberson, Leslye Wing, Landa Baily, Steve Kennerly, Deb Gray, Celia Scott and Midge McGinnis.

Also in attendance were Mike Burke, Tom Wing, Greg Logan and Rocky Houston.

NEW PARK DIRECTOR

Rocky Houston, Douglas County Parks Department's new Park Director, stopped by our meeting! Introductions were made around the table and we had an opportunity to briefly discuss some issues, history, future plans (ie: Mildred's will, campground (trees – may be an opportunity to obtain some trees from a nursery that is closing), parking passes, hawthorne, volunteers, upcoming Civil War Re-enactment event (we asked if he could obtain a poster from the Civil War organization), recent letter to Friends members and commissioners (copy to be emailed to Rocky along with CLG timeline and dissolution of trust documents). We were all pleased that Rocky took the time to attend our monthly board meeting and hope he will join us as often as he has time.

AGENDA ITEMS

Certified Local Government - CLG Grant – At long last, it appears this is moving along! This grant, attained by Douglas County in Spring 2015, along with matching funds from Friends and a grant from Restore Oregon, will fund an assessment of Mildred's home by a qualified, expert consultant (Paul Falsetto). Goal is to have this done by September. This assessment will be the first step to determining what needs to be done in order to save Mildred's home.

PAB Meeting - At the July 15th PAB meeting, Greg Logan spoke out about county transparency. Greg is also a member of Friends and attended our meeting and shared his concerns about transparency. All Friends board members are hopeful that with new director, and new parks liaison commissioner there will be a more collaborative relationship among park user groups, the public and the county.

Upcoming Deficit Meeting – Friends sent a letter to members and commissioners (which can be found on our website), covering background information and recommendations for solving the deficit at Kanipe Park. We will have representatives at the next meeting

(currently scheduled for August 15th with Park Director, Commissioner liaison and representatives from Oregon Equestrian Trails.

School House

Sign – we plan to erect a sign at the School House with a chronological listing of the steps that have been taken to date to restore this building as well as recognizing the various grants and donors to this project. We hope that this sign will be finished and up in time for the upcoming Civil War Re-enactment event at the park.

Blackberry Clearing – a group of us will be going out to the park on August 23rd (evening) to clear out the blackberry vines – sprucing the place up for the Civil war Re-enactment event.

Grant for Interior – Steve Kennerly is pulling together the information needed to submit a grant request to cover the interior restoration of the school house.

Plans – Tom Rogers (who is now retired) has been instrumental in supplying plans for this on-going project. Even though he is retired, he has agreed to continue to work with us on this project. Plans for interior restoration are scheduled to be ready sometime the week of July 25th.

Annual Meeting – to be discussed at next meeting (August 26)

Carbon Credits – to be discussed at next meeting (August 26)

Adopt A Park - to be discussed at next meeting (August 26)

Other Business

The following items were briefly discussed due to time constraints:

Mildred's Trail Dash – very successful event (even with the rain!) Approximately \$2,300 profit was brought in. Without sponsor donations our profit would have been less than \$500, our sponsors donations were very important to our fund success. We have a small supply of t-shirts left over from this year's event and some from previous years. Anyone interested in purchasing one, please contact Midge McGinnis (midgemcginnis@yahoo.com)

DCPARC – possible board member opening with their group. This would be an individual decision, At the moment, Friends board members are not in a position to volunteer that level of commitment to another group.

P. O. Box Change – we have moved our P. O. Box to Oakland. New address is P. O. Box 617, Oakland, OR 97462.

Master Park Plan – Note that there are PAC meetings upcoming where this plan will be presented. August 4 at 3:30 p.m. in 103.

School House Door – old, unusable door is still in Portland. Decision made that since we have a person who can recreate the door and the old door is in too bad of shape to repair, that we will not attempt to drive up to Portland to retrieve it.

Achievement List – This list was part of the ‘email’ sent to commissioners (and can be found on our website), list needed some fine-tuning. Board members will send Landa Baily any changes ASAP so that final achievement list can be put on Website and Facebook.

For Love of the Land – book written about Mildred Kanipe by Lois Eagleton. Website currently shows Lois’ contact information to order a copy. As she will be moving out of area, Midge is checking to see if and where additional copies might be obtained. Website will be updated as soon as we have an answer. In meantime, Friends has about 9 copies available.

UCC Forestry Program – there is a new program starting up at UCC for Forestry and Nature Resources....Kanipe Park would make a fantastic venue!

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

EVENT DATES

August 4, 2016	PAC Meeting – 3:30 – Room 103 of Justice Building
August 23, 2016	Work Party – Clear Blackberry vines – School – 6 p.m.
August 26, 2016	Friends Board Meeting
September 14 – 19, 2016	Civil War Re-Enactment
September 17, 2016	Living History Day - Oakland
September 21, 2016	Adopt-A-Highway (9 a.m. – Day Use Area)
September 24, 2016	Friends Annual Meeting – Mildred Kanipe Day Use Area (11 a.m. to 2 p.m) – Potluck

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Friday, August 26, 2016 (10 a.m.) – Lane House Annex