



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.* was called to order at 10:15 a.m. at the Oakland Art Gallery (Turkey Hall). Present were board members: John Robertson, Landa Baily, Deb Gray, Celia Scott, Leslye Wing, Steve Kennerly, Karen Roberson and Midge McGinnis (via phone). Mike Burke and Tom Wing were also in attendance.

Guests present were Holda Carter, new [Parks Advisory Board PAB](#) member and Daniel Dietz, Associate Director of Conservation, from McKenzie River Trust Foundation.

AGENDA ITEMS

McKenzie River Trust – Daniel Dietz

Daniel Dietz, Associate Director of Conservation from McKenzie River Trust (www.mckenzieriver.org) was here to tell us about the work they do. The McKenzie River Trust is a nonprofit land trust formed in 1989 to protect critical habitat and scenic lands in the McKenzie basin. The service area has expanded to include the watersheds of the Long Tom, Upper Willamette, Coast and Middle Forks of the Willamette, Umpqua, Siuslaw, and coastal streams and lakes from Reedsport to Yachats. The Trust acquires property interests in land with clear public benefits to ensure that those values will be available to people for many generations.

Daniel was also interested in gaining insight from a successful “Friends” group like ours. We shared our history and some ideas about how we have maintained cohesiveness and grown over the years.

Daniel mentioned that he is planning to meet with Rocky Houston and Joe Ross on Tuesday to learn more about the Douglas County Parks Master Plan.

Holda Carter

We were very pleased that Holda Carter was able to be present at our meeting. Look forward to working with her.

Parking Pass Issue

We still strongly support implementation of ONE parking pass for access to all Douglas County Parks. The division of income is between parks should be managed by the

county finance department instead of burdening park users with a separate parking pass for Mildred Kanipe Park. We have requested this be on the next PAB agenda (1/19/17).

School House Grant

Plan is to submit a grant request to Kinsman this summer for interior work on the school house. Steve Kennerly will be contacting Kinsman to obtain contact and web page access information. Midge McGinnis volunteered to assist Steve with this.

County Grant Webinar

There will be a webinar and ‘live’ seminar on the 26th and 27th of this month. This seminar will review state grants for local parks. While the county has to actually do the submission of these grants, there is an interest by Friends and others in assisting the county complete them. A couple of our board members will be signing up for the webinar.

Mildred Kanipe Park Plan

A sub-group of Friends (Gray, Baily, Roberson and McGinnis) will be meeting with Rocky Houston on the 9th to continue work on a detailed Master Plan for Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. First step will be to obtain funding for the plan development.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

EVENT DATES

January 19, 2017	PAB Meeting – Courthouse
January 21, 2017	Park Director’s Hawthorne Clean Up – Mildred Kanipe Park Equestrian Area
February 10, 2017	Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Board Meeting
March 23, 2017	Adopt A Highway – Day Use Area
September 28, 2017	Adopt A Highway – Day Use Area

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting – Friday, February 10, 2017 – Turkey Hall, Oakland