

WVCC Board Minutes

April 18, 2017 4:03 pm

Present: Dick, Charlyn, Dennis, Recca, Marian

Guests: Matt Huegli, Mary Jane Hollinger

The meeting was chaired by Dick. A printed agenda was available. The 4/04//2017 minutes were approved as presented. No financial reports were available.

Because of the presence of Matt, the agenda was adjusted accordingly to accommodate his input.

Recca reported having her first 4th of July organizational meeting. A topic of discussion was considering possible locations for the campus concession stand and how it might fit the siting of the beer garden. A tentative location settled upon is close to what was used last year, just outside the exterior doors by the band room. Possible art projects were also considered using the side doors of the storage building, but significant building preparation is necessary if this idea is pursued. Matt, who had been part of this meeting, shared his ideas with the board of what might be offered by WVCC for youth and children activities. A strategy proposed by him was to generally 'contract' out the actual activities to local nonprofits but maintain some level of control by WVCC. The board recognized that a budget needs to be in place before many decisions are made, but welcome him back as more developments occur.

The board then returned to following the agenda.

Old Business:

Charlyn shared information from another Travel Salem and Travel Oregon meeting regarding planning for the eclipse. The potential impacts of the large number of people coming to the eclipse pathway remain daunting. She reported that details of planning are being kept purposefully vague on the web site for the present. Board discussion focused on WVCC involvement in relation to music and security; what all would be included in a camping fee at the campus? Dick suggested that he could arrange to have a campus "map" by the next meeting showing a general camp site configuration, but certainly there was adequate space for more than 100 tent spots on just one athletic field. More time will be spent on defining activities before too much of the summer progresses.

Dick reported that he finally got a record of the complaint filed with the City about the Ag shop use. It did not involve a zoning issue, but rather fell under a code enforcement violation. As a result, occupancy of the tenant will not be terminated and greater attention is being directed at compliance. A zoning change and how it might come about is still very much uncertain. Conversation between the retiring City manager and Dick suggests that what happens between Lisa, the City planner, and Laura, from the State, might be at least two weeks into the future. Of concern for the campus is how the process gets funded, and earlier pledges of City support might easily 'fade' away.

Trina and her husband were at the campus during the recent work day; spin classes are tentatively scheduled to begin in Room 11 on Monday, May 1. She indicated her willingness to use the room largely in its present state, and will get a key from Chris and the Quilters. The plan is for her payment to be 10% of her take, and classes will occur at different times of the day.

Dennis reported that Bob Ledden will be getting the necessary parts for the grand piano to put it in the condition the board desires. Bob will use his credit card and then be reimbursed by WVCC. Chris told Dennis at the work day that she proposed buying a piano cover from Amazon for \$50, being a cheaper approach than the Quilters buying fabric and making one.

Dick summarized some of the accomplishments of the recent campus work day; cooperation of the weather permitted some outdoor tasks to be completed. The deteriorated benches in the front lawn were removed and the back flow pipes were shortened to permit lawn mower passage. Inside work included the usual cleaning and vacuuming and some sheetrock removal by the stairs between the upper and lower hallways.

Any garden activity this year at the campus will be directed toward the footprint of the old garden location, and coordination will have to be through Dennis Ulrich. Access to water is a major concern.

Participation was briefly discussed about attending a Ford Foundation-sponsored grant writing class. The four classes will be in Independence, with a cost of \$95. Charlyn and Marian are planning to enroll. Dick reminded the board that prioritizing grant needs remains a focus, and this will be revisited as appropriate.

New Business:

Lengthy discussion focused on repair to the stadium roof and broken light pole from storm damage months ago. Dick expects to get information back from the engineer shortly which will largely be a blueprint for a building permit. Dennis shared that he had been approached by Roy Zimbrick with his continued interest in facilitating arrangements for repair and replacement of both roof and pole. The board agreed that fixing the stadium roof was the priority repair; decisions on pole replacement are intertwined with assessing electrical needs of the rear of the campus. Because of the high costs, this will require a concentrated focus and a clearer understanding on what exactly is the goal or objective for use of that part of the property. Roy's interest was recognized and appreciated, and the board does not want to overlook any opportunity to benefit from community contributions.

Related to the above discussion was consideration of irrigation water source(s) for the athletic fields. Roy again wanted to help facilitate some means to access water, even if it might not prove to be a permanent or reliable long term source. Some kind of understanding with use of a City water right might be a possibility. Perhaps less likely is the availability of grey water from the treatment plant across the railroad tracks from the campus property. The board will keep these topics before consideration as information or developments support.

Charlyn brought renewed discussion before the board of WVCC serving as a possible venue for a sand volleyball court. The idea was first explored some months ago. Carrie and the Willamina School District would consider their supporting a grant request for some level of development of a court at WVCC providing high school students could use it for a practice location. The board agreed to consider this possibility, recognizing that siting a court has implications for long term use of part of the baseball field. If interest progresses, Dennis suggested that an MOU would be appropriate between WVCC and the school district defining terms and conditions of such a joint project.

It was a consensus of the board to direct Dick to use hired labor in some capacity or another to help get projects moved toward some level of completion. For too long, to a casual observer, things appear to

not be getting done. The board agreed that does not send a good message. It is simply impossible to accomplish what needs to be accomplished with primarily volunteer labor of WVCC board members.

Dennis introduced the idea that WVCC Annual Meeting time is coming around again. Last year, it was held in conjunction with a regular board meeting in late May. A possible date of May 30, a Tuesday, was mentioned, with the preceding Monday being the recognized Federal holiday. Selecting a date will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Initial July 4th planning discussions were addressed and recorded at the beginning of the meeting.

Marian shared her perspective that WVCC and an emerging City Civic Club have a level of overlap in community projects and activities. She wondered what the board opinion was about marrying some portion of the two together; why exist entirely separately? The board agreed that there was potential in exploring the idea, and if Marian can generate some Civic Club feelings toward linkage, that could be a positive.

In General Comment, Dick reminded that May 1 starts the calendar on recording volunteer hours that qualify toward First Federal Savings & Loan grant rewards. Mary Jane gave \$10 to the board for can and bottle returns. Dick and Mary Jane noted that the new benches for the front yard are expected to be delivered to her house sometime tomorrow (April 19). Dennis reminded the board that he is looking at a conflict with the May 16 board meeting; rescheduling might be considered at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2017.

Dennis Werth
Secretary