Notice of Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

AGENDA

CITY OF FALLS CITY, OREGON

Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Posted on October 15, 2018

1) **Call to order** Roll Call: Janelle Anzalone____ Lori Jean Sickles___ Dennis Sickles ___ ___ Janet Propp ____ Dani Haviland ___ Vacant ___ Vacant

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Motion to adopt the entire agenda**

4) **Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items**
   a. Meeting minutes June 20, 2018 (p. 1-2)
   b. Meeting minutes July 19, 2018 (p. 3)
   c. Meeting minutes August 16, 2018 (p. 4)
   d. Meeting minutes September 19, 2018 (p. 5)

5) **Public Comments:** Citizens may address the Committee or introduce items for Committee consideration on any matter. The Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response, but may direct staff to follow up on any questions raised. Out of respect to the Committee and others in attendance, please limit your comment to five (5) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) **Old Business**

7) **New Business**
   a. Park and Recreation Meeting Date (p. 6)
   b. Solve/Arbor Day Event (p. 7)
   c. Discussion- Falls City Park & Recreation District (p. 8-26)

8) **Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports**

9) **Committee Announcements**

10) **Adjourn**

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City of Falls City
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 20, 2018 11:00 am
Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City, Oregon

Committee Members Present: Janelle Anzalone, Dennis Sickles, Lori Jean Sickles, Dani Haviland, Janet Propp

Staff Present:

Chairperson Anzalone called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1) Roll Call
Committee took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance
None

3) Motion to adopt the entire agenda
A motion was made by Committee Member Anzalone and seconded by Committee Member D. Sickles to adopt the entire agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Janelle Anzalone, Dani Haviland, Dennis Sickles, Janet Propp

4) Motion to adopt consent agenda
A motion was made by Committee Member Anzalone and seconded by Committee Member Propp to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Janelle Anzalone, Dani Haviland, Dennis Sickles, Janet Propp

5) Public Comments
none

6) Old Business

A. Park Improvement Donations
Committee suggested to move forward on the colorful insert into water bill and approve it. Committee requested staff supply a mock up before finalizing.

7) New Business

A. Ordinance 341
Committee discussed the probability the item is too old to research due to 1971 origination date. It may not have been made into law and our ordinance is outdated.

B. Spohn State Park
Committee discussed the item and Committee Member Anzalone offered to research any available grants. If so, They will be given to city manager to pursue. Committee Member Haviland inquired how to set up donations for special equipment for parks. Mt. Gospel Fellowship is interested. It was suggested to contact City Hall and Committee suggested not to add it to the (budget's) new line item titled "Park Donations".

A motion was made by Committee Member Haviland and seconded by Committee Member Propp to move the meetings to the third Thursdays of each month. Motion carried 5-0-0. Ayes: Janelle Anzalone, Dani Haviland, Dennis Sickles, Janet Propp

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Committee discussed the 7th of July parade. Committee Member Haviland added that Mt. Gospel Fellowship will hold an extravaganza.

City Manager Corthell and Mayor Gordon will be invited to the next meeting. Committee Member Anzalone would like to add a Park and Recreations District as a funds source on the 2020 Ballot. It will be a taxable District.

9) Committee Announcements

Next Parks and Recreation committee meeting will be July 19, at 11:00 am.

10) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

_____ **Parks Committee Chair L. Sickles**

Attested:_____ **Parks Committee Member**_____

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City of Falls City
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 19 2018 11:00 am
Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City

Committee Members Present: Jill Anzalone, Dani Haviland

Staff Present: Mayor Gordon

1) Roll Call

Meeting cancelled the meeting due to no quorum. Absences included; Janet Propp, Dennis Sickles, Lori Jean Sickles

2) Committee Announcements, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting: Wednesday August 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM

_____**PR Committee Chair Lori Jean Sickles**

Attested:_____ _____**PR Committee Member**

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Committee did not provide staff with meeting information or lack of quorum. Packets and minutes were not picked up from City Hall.

Dani Haviland was excused from all or a portion of the meeting prior.

Next scheduled meeting October 17, 2018.

_____**PR Committee Chair Lori Jean Sickles**

Attested:_____ _____**PR Committee Member**

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City of Falls City
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 19, 2018 11:00 am
Meeting Location: 320 N Main Street, Falls City

Committee Members Present: Jill Anzalone, Lori Jean Sickles, Dennis Sickles

Staff Present: Mac Corthell, City Manager

1) Roll Call

Meeting cancelled the meeting due to no quorum. Absences included; Janet Propp, Dani Haviland.

2) Committee Announcements, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

Next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting: Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM

_____**PR Committee Chair Lori Jean Sickles**

Attested:_____ _____**PR Committee Member**

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHANNA BIRR, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

DATE: 08/09/2018 (UPDATED 10/15/2018)

SUMMARY

There has been some confusion to the day the Park and Recreation Committee will hold their meetings. Staff has spoken to Committee member Anzalone. There is a Thursday conflict with Committee Chair L. Sickles and her business operations.

BACKGROUND N/A

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION
Committee passed a motion June 20, 2018 to move the meeting day to the third Thursdays of each month. Motion carried 4-0-0. Janelle Anzalone, Dani Haviland, Dennis Sickles, Janet Propp

ALTERNATIVES/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION N/A

EXHIBIT N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
I move the Park and Recreation Committee meet the third _____(Day)_____ of each month at __(Time)___.

AGENDA REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHANNA BIRR, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: SOLVE /ARBOR DAY EVENT

DATE: 10/15/2018

SUMMARY

The 2018 Solve event yielded approximately 20 volunteers. Debris volume collected is unknown.

It was decided to have the SOLVe/Arbor Day event on Saturday September 29, 2018 in conjunction with National volunteer Day held by religious entities.

It was noted by Committee Member Anzalone that another date would be better as turnout was very low.

BACKGROUND N/A

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION N/A

ALTERNATIVES/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Solve to be a separate event from Arbor Day. Staff also recommends Arbor Day be a City coordinated event. Traditionally Arbor Day is held annually on the fourth Friday of April. Oregon Arbor week is held the first week in April. Staff recommends holding one of these dates permanently so citizens can be prepared and participate.

EXHIBIT N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

I move Arbor Day annually on the fourth Friday in April.

OR

I move the Arbor Week during the first week in April.

AGENDA REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHANNA BIRR, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: DISCUSS A FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

DATE: 3/29/2017 (UPDATED 4/27/2017) (UPDATED 6/21/2018) (UPDATED 9/10/2018)

SUMMARY

Chair Anzalone asked staff to reintroduce this agenda item to the July 19, 2018 Committee agenda for Committee discussion with City Manager Mac Corthell and Mayor Jeremy Gordon and the possible addition to the next Ballot. There were no quorums held in July or August of 2018.

These governmental entities operate parks or park systems and related recreational and cultural facilities, and are independent from local municipal governments. A park district is a form of a local special-purpose district for providing public parks and recreation in or near its geographic boundaries. Some park districts also own or maintain related cultural facilities such as monuments, zoos, sports venues, music venues, or museums.

Park districts are prevalent in the United States. State statutes often have a general law to provide for park districts' creation, dissolution, geographic borders, and annexation; the selection of governing boards, often referred to as park boards; and the criteria for levying property taxes on behalf of the district. Park districts sometimes obtain additional revenue by charging admission fees for some venues and through donations or voluntary memberships in a similar way to not-for-profit organizations; in addition, sometimes a park district is assisted by a private not-for-profit organization set up specifically for the purpose of assisting the local public park system.

Park district jurisdiction over public recreation is usually not exclusive; other local government bodies may also have their own parks. Local government bodies besides park districts also own museums and public event venues such as arenas; in some places, the main public museums are instead part of the local library district or a separate museum district. State parks and national parks, and other related state and national areas, are controlled at the level of government that created them, rather than by any local park district.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

This item was tabled at the April 2017 and again at the June 2017 Committee meetings. July 19, 2017 meeting minutes state "Chairperson Anzalone did not believe there was enough community support for a park and recreation district. This item can be removed from the agenda".

ALTERNATIVES/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reprinting of the proposed plan to date has cost the citizens of Falls City approximately $9.60 in paper and toner. Approximate staff wages $33.67 for packet preparation/duplication and staff report editing. Total to date is $43.27.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Committee take action either for or against the proposed park district to save taxpayer resources.

EXHIBIT

Exhibit A – The Falls City Parks and Recreation District Proposal prepared by Janelle Anzalone 2002

PROPOSED MOTION

I move the Park and Recreations Committee adopt the Park and Recreation District proposal and present it to Council for approval.

OR

I move the Park and Recreations Committee dismiss the Park and Recreation District proposal and focus on other projects.

Exhibit A

The Falls City Parks and Recreation District

A Proposal developed by Janelle Anzalone with considerable input from citizens of Falls City, Oregon

In times of economic hardship, concerns about the environment and issues restricting access to wild places, the test of a great city is how it overcomes such things and prevails. This proposal is the key to doing just that.

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Proposal for the
Falls City Parks and Recreation District
FCPRD

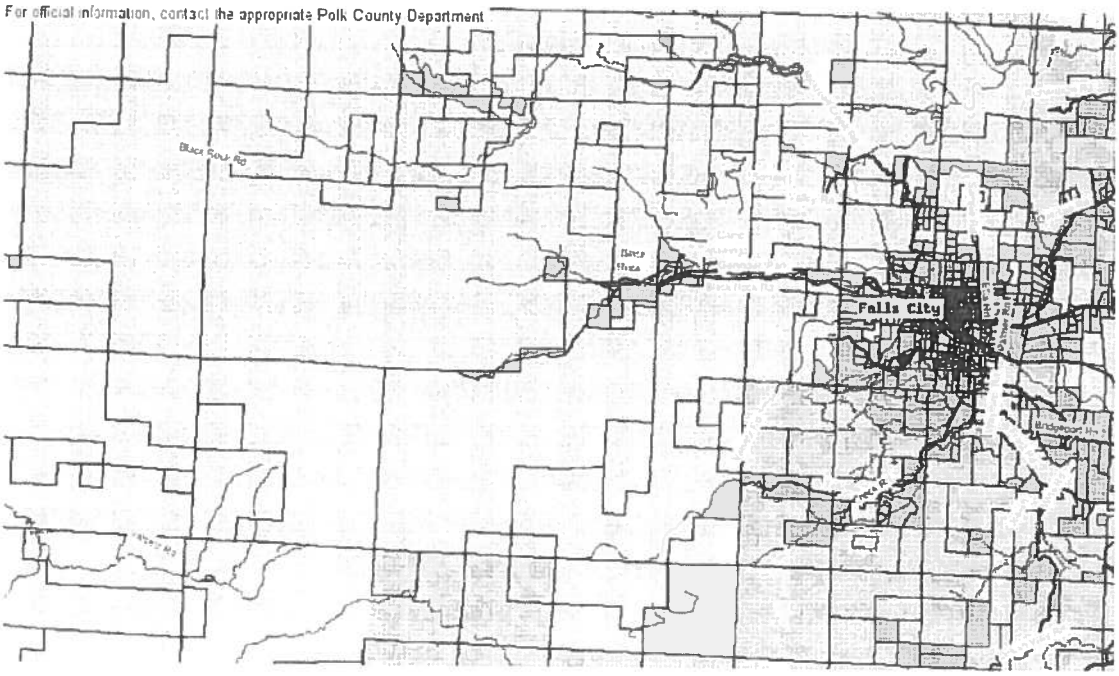
Introduction

A Park and Recreation District is a special service compartment of government that stands on its own merit and is governed separate from the city. It has the power of taxation by vote and therefore its own monetary standing; it doesn't compete for city dollars, it operates by an elected board of individuals, it has the authority to provide services that are recreational.

The Objective of the FCPRD is to create a local, self-serving entity that's focus surrounds Falls City parks, natural areas and wildlife habitats. This type of mini-government is provided for by the State of Oregon Constitution and Revised Statues. We would use the designation as a means to design, build and manage recreational opportunities and facilities.

The boundaries of this district will be the same as the school District 57,

(In pink and to the left of the map below.)



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Mission

The primary vision of the FCPRD would be protecting and building upon existing recreational areas along with the responsible and thoughtful stewardship of Falls City's beautiful natural resources.

The main goal is to provide recreational opportunities for people at large in a manner that would keep our environment intact and healthy for future generations while creating a source of revenue and jobs for the Falls City community.

Shortly after formation, the Falls City Park and Recreation District will draft a master plan that outlines protective strategies for our wild areas and prioritizes goals in accordance with public aspirations towards our parks, new trails and outdoor education.

Natural Resource Inventory

We could implement a sustainable conservation plan for the Little Luckiamute River keeping in mind that we already have natural resource inventories and policies. Falls City's Comprehensive Plan drafted in 2001 and Title 41 – Wildlife Policy of Oregon's state laws are just two existing policies that we can use to design new plans that highlight the value that we place on our little neck of the woods.

We will work closely with the Falls City City Council to adopt ordinances designed to protect the Little Luckiamute riparian and other significant habitats in our borders. In 2001, the Willamette Valley City of Governments conducted a survey of our natural resources. That survey deemed the Little Luckiamute River, 8 tributaries and 5 wetlands as significant resources. At that time the city adopted some, but not all of the goals designed to protect those areas. Other goals included the conservation of our scenic, historic and open spaces. Unfortunately, the work involved in implementing these particular policies hasn't materialized.

The FCPRD could pick up where that idea ended. Protection components called the Goal 5 element of the resource inventory may have intimidated river bound property owners. They don't have to worry about losing their land use rights. We would decide together how best to implement this strategy. Grandfather clauses would protect all current property owners, but would safeguard us against future developments that could threaten our natural areas.

If we had already taken advantage of this policy we would not be in the situation we currently are with our town's Falls or the destruction of the wetland on Sheldon. We see no reason not to pursue something with such a promising outcome. Recent information suggests the possibility of further natural resource inventories. The more additions that we have, the more significant our little neck of the woods becomes. Significance produces better eligibility for funding. Furthermore, people who have unmapped wetland on their property could become eligible for grants and other incentives to protect their wetland. Additionally, when we acknowledge a wetland and decide to protect it, we gain desirable species. The more diversity we have in the area, the more people want to come see it. They come, we make money and opportunities present themselves. This town desperately needs this, because unlike other towns, we are not on a highway, we don't have an attraction to our little town. This town is struggling to survive; this District could very well be our saving grace.

Funding

The FCPRD will actively and relentlessly pursue assistance through grants, programs, volunteers, private donations and other fund raising endeavors on local, state and federal levels. Additionally, the District will ask voters for a .50-cent per $1000 of Assessed Value tax to serve as matching funds, operating expenses and project cost. For a homeowner with an AV $89,000, (the average in Falls City), the cost for one year would be $44.50. The FCPRD will serve the Falls City community at large as well as visitors. We know that taxes send voters running, but we believe what we offer in return will be well worth it. This small tax will have major benefits.

Recall that the District 57 boundaries go up the mountain all the way to Valsetz. The timber companies hold 38 million dollars worth of accessed value within these boundaries. At .50 cents per thousand, that's $19,000 a year for our parks district from the forest. Our local budget once benefited considerately from annual revenue sharing, but legislation changed that and now funding is on a spiral downward. Revenue from the taxes in this park and recreation district would total $35,500 annually with more than half coming from holdings outside city limits. In addition to the .50 cent tax and outside grant

funding, the district would collect various out of district user fees, licenses and the like which we will determine later and as needed.

Fiscal responsibility statements, annual budgets and state audits would apply to the FCPRC just like it does to any city or state. A sample budget can be found in the appendix at the end of this proposal. These dollars would be managed responsibly by district representatives and we will practice good relationships building with our stake holding partners and sponsors.

Governing Board

A 5-member board of directors will govern the FCPRD. All members will reside within the District and be voted into place by the people of the district. The board will strictly abide by rules set forth by ORS Chapter 266 – Parks and Recreation District. If you have an interest in sitting on this board, please contact Janelle Anzalone, 503-991-2380 or email me at jillianof9@yahoo.com, or write PO Box 32, (you must reside within the district 57 boundary).

Meetings

The Board will hold at least, monthly public meetings. Public input will always play a serious role in projects receiving funding. In fact, we would like to establish and idea pool. Simply put, this pool would be available to fund sound ideas that anyone may have that could fit under the Park and Rec umbrella. Concerns will always be addressed by board members and all activities will be absolutely transparent.

Jurisdiction

This District would either immediately or eventually govern all city parks that fall into its jurisdiction and any future park or land designations acquired through donation, grants, purchase or other means. Most Park and Rec Districts receive considerable amounts of property through donations. We would be responsible for trails and trail systems. The FRCPRD would take on the responsibility of preserving and/or enhancing species diversity in designated wetlands and riparian areas as well as the Little

Luckiamute River and her tributaries through policies geared toward cooperation with neighbors and the surrounding community. Efforts to be responsible stewards working together for a better future will be well rewarded when we realize these goals improve our natural resources.

Other aspirations will include building campgrounds, acquiring access to and if need be fixing up the old railroad grade and/ or other potential trail areas. Easement incentive programs exist at all levels of government for property owners. Laws govern their rights, responsibilities and protections. Trail organizations, Polk and the state of Oregon all offer various grants for trials as well as provide very lucrative deals to those who participate in easement agreements. See appendix

Other objectives include possible property acquisitions for trail expansion. We may choose to work with the timber companies, county, state and/or federal agencies to assume responsibility for other areas of interest in District 57. For instance we could reopen Gerlinger Park, tend to the Little Luckiamute Trail, develop the old dumpsite (Socialist Valley) for ATV trails, and we could refurbish our baseball field and bring Falls City sports back to life. We live in such a unique place with so many different outdoor characteristics that the possibilities are endless.

There are a lot of beautiful natural spaces out in the Falls City area and we could steward these magnificent places together and proudly nurture their use and protect them from harm while preserving our ability to access them.

The FCPRD could potentially absorb the responsibility for the up keep of other public areas, like the Community Center gardens, City Hall's landscape, the bridges, the right-of-ways and the stairs. I think that we all agree that we need to give some relief to our city workers, but also our parks eat up at least $10,000 of city funds every year. That's more that the city budget can afford and not enough for the jobs that need to be done. Designating District dollars for park upkeep and improvement essentially makes it pay for itself. The more the District does for the city, the less the city has to do. The money that we save them is money that can be reallocated for other things the city needs. That's called a win/win situation.

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Falls

The Falls will be the obvious focal point and attraction in this District If necessary, the District will pursue and negotiate for the reclamation of our town's Falls. If necessary, THIS WILL BE A PRIORITY. There are numerous routes that are currently being taken to obtain legal possession or access of the Falls property. Please believe we will never, ever give up the cause to Save the Falls. You can visit the Falls City Alliance website to get updates on the status of that case. Falls City Alliance. org

Security

The District will provide security through various techniques that will be revised as needed. This security may involve web cams, a security guard or both. The District will appoint a security board composed of community members and professionals. This board will oversee the performance of officers and the effectiveness of various law enforcement techniques.

Surveillance is cheap, easy to maintain and gaining ground in almost every law enforcement approach around. The age of digital imagery allows a camera to record continuously, in response to motion or with a zoom for clear identification. This kind of system would be a very cost efficient way to both detect and prevent criminal activities.

Additionally, policies geared toward protecting district 57 from vandals, violence, trespassing, poaching, dumping, starting fires, drug abuse and the like will be designed with input from people with the most experience and understanding of past criminal activities. In that way these policies will address issues in an anticipatory manner. Offenders will face prosecution, heavy fines and perhaps be kicked out of the District spaces.

Evaluation and good record management will be used as tools to develop future strategies. We can address new ideas and technologies as frequently as necessary. It stands to reason that this could be an on going and experimental avenue that will need to be worked out through trial and error. I will note, however, that we are a very small town, with only the minimum of criminal concerns. Just the same, security will be of utmost importance and take priority over profit or anything else.

Local Hire

The FCPRD will take its job very seriously and with a thoughtful intent to benefit Falls City people. We will give locals first consideration on all job opportunities and groom promising individuals for a future in the District. We foresee many job openings as well as avenues for education. In some cases the District could utilize FAFSA, other grants, scholarships and assistance to facilitate various educational programs.

There are schools available for those seeking education in Park and Rec Districts specifically. There is a natural resource management school in Port Townsend, WA. Sponsored by the International Northwest Parks and Recreation Association. It's a 2-week crash course in Park and Rec administration and stewardship. Anyone expressing interest in working in the FCPRD could take this class using FAFSA grants. We could offer a sponsorship program for kids who express a desire to become a part of our Park and Rec District. Education is one of the most fundamental goals included in our mission. Local budgets are failing our children's futures', this proposal promises to help out with that.

Community Development

The District would hope to work with the Falls City schools, FACES, the Parent Group, the Art Council, Master Gardener's and other community associations to provide classes aimed at teaching about the river environment, exploring all it has to offer and connecting that to our personal health and well-being. We will work with various entities to discover and foster individual talents and aptitudes in our kids. Ideally a youth education professional would sit on the District's Board and the kids themselves will be a part of developing and implementing various projects.

Other Park and Recreation Districts

Other areas of Oregon that have created Park and Recreation Districts are enjoying great success. Willamalane Park and Rec District is down in Lane

County/McKenzie River area. Voters passed it in 1944; it incorporated three school districts: Glenwood, Springfield and Maple.

Today it operates 4 recreation facilities, 11 miles of trails, 21 playgrounds, 19 sporting fields, 35 parks and encompasses 700 acres. Over the years, different individuals and entities have donated much of the land and most of the parks and a lot of money.

The Willamalane Park and Rec District started the very first Senior Center in the state. The seniors host day camps, they get awards for public service, and they built a teen center with the combined efforts of the teens and the adults. They put on festivals and created the "Children Celebration" and "Day on the Farm." This is something that we think is wonderful and inspirational.

We all know that Falls City has an issue with teen boredom. We think that a senior center with a desire to help kids learn is an outstanding idea. Budget cuts and other factors have left some of our kids without basic knowledge about simple, but important aspects of life. Our seniors could teach our kids home economics, woodshop, mechanics, fishing, arts and crafts.

These types of bonding activities could foster relationships between our youth and our aging baby/pre baby boomers. Who better to bridge the generation gap, then the grand parents?

The aging population is growing significantly. Over the next few decades, it will be more important then ever to offer programs aimed at keeping people active and healthy. By 2050, 22% of our population in America will be over 60 years old. Because of this and current health care issues, the World Health Organization, Department of Ageing and Life Course supports and recommends "age-friendly" cities. I would like to see Falls City meet that challenge.

There are many grants available to expedite these kinds of endeavors. The Oregon Park and Recreation Department emphasizes a focus on baby boomers, pre-baby boomers and our youth. All recreation and health agencies consider outdoor activity among the best sources of exercise and stress reduction.

For youth entertainment purposes, we can look at the Tualatin Hills Park and Rec District, (THPRD), in Beaverton. They partnered with the Beaverton School District to

build athletic fields, a 10,000 square foot skate park and a BMX jump area inside one of the parks. They hosted ESPN championships there.

Chehalem Park and Rec District at Newberg has an ABA certified BMX track, a skate park and a 10-hole Disc Golf Course. All in all they have 18 parks. They also received a lot of their lands and parks as donations and gifts.

America is home to 400 million people. That number is growing by leaps and bounds. Reportedly, people are migrating away from big cities and into smaller ones. We would be right to fear development of our scenic areas. One way to protect our wild and beautiful places is to make a strong effort now to secure them.

Benefits to Community

The FCPRD is a good thing. The benefits to this community are considerable. It will provide activities for all ages, education about our environment, protection for our wildlife, the watershed and scenic areas. It will create jobs and pride at home. It will generate income and provide for economic growth and opportunity.

Professionals in the Oregon Park and Rec Dept., Fish and Wildlife, BRMBA, Grant coordinators and other special districts already support the idea of a Park and Rec District in the Falls City vicinity.

Employment

The FCPRD will employ a full time administrator who would work for the District's Board of Directors. A full description of this job will undoubtedly grow with time, but to start with the individual hired for this position will be in charge of marketing, grant writing, fundraising and budgeting. This person would be in charge of various projects, volunteer services, promotion, project goal priority and sequence. We would accomplish these efforts expediently and effectively.

The District will also employ park personnel. In the beginning there would be two part time positions. One job would be labor intensive, a caretaker position that would maintain the grounds in our parks, remove invasive species and monitor facility use, among other things. Recall, this job would, in part, absorb some public work responsibilities as well as $10,000 worth of current city expenditures.

An individual with knowledge and experience with multiple levels of the environment and people would fill another position. This individual would work closely with the City of Falls City, State Land Board, OWEB, the EPA, The Luckiamute Watershed Council and other agencies as we develop plans for the betterment and protection of our natural resources and scenic views, particularly those associated with the Little Luckiamute River.

Elections and first orders of business

Members of the FCPRD Board would run on the same ticket as the Park and Recreation District. People would know who they were intrusting to fulfill this huge task when they vote.

The very first orders of business once established would be to have several board meetings with the community at large to discuss ideas, goals, priorities and desires. A volunteer list would be kept for future use and to keep track of in kind contributions for grant matches. Also, we would begin the process of filling the job positions mentioned before and define exactly what qualified candidates might look like. The expenditures for employment *might* look something like this.

Wage distribution

The initial hired positions would account for roughly 40% of the first year tax revenue. What this basically breaks down to is a $12,000/yr. full time position for the administrator, a skilled part time position at $6,000/yr. and a labor-intensive part time position at $5,000/yr. The remaining 60% of funding would go toward operations and projects.

We could decide to spread the administrative responsibilities and salary across the board itself. Community leaders and others who care about this town may be willing to work cheap at first just to get the District rolling. You can add your name to that list by speaking up or emailing explorethefalls@fallscityalliance.org or jillianof9@yahoo.com, (subject line: FCPRD).

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Additional Revenue

Remember this is the first year plan. We anticipate funding and revenue to increase dramatically over time. Revenues would come from things like non-resident user fees, membership fees, rentals, classes, activities, fieldtrips, events, donations, grants and fund raising activities.

We could develop an area for camping and charge competitively. Willamalane Park and Rec District charges for fieldtrips, summer camps and many other things. They rent out picnic shelters for $40 an hour. Tualatin Park and Rec District charges even more. Chehalem Park and Rec District charges nearly $30 for 1 hour of class.

Job positions would increase as needed too. The district board will give first consideration to local contractors for any construction projects. The same thoughtfulness will be given to all aspects of this plan; Teachers, instructors, designers, engineers…whatever is needed.

Fiscal Responsibility

Oregon Revised Statutes govern Park and Rec Districts. These laws, including fiscal responsibility statements and annual budget reporting, have oversight through the state. These laws also protect park systems from lawsuits and property taxes.

Other Business

Other first orders of business will include the formation of a security committee. As soon as the district passes we can start taking applications for potential members. This may be the most challenging issue we will face in the first year. However, I have confidence that we can work together with other committees and community members to address security issues.

Additionally, relationship building with agencies and grant pursuits will begin immediately. In fact, conversations with Oregon Park and Recreation personnel, Luckiamute Watershed Council, skate park agents and trail building organizations are already taking place.

Our Website and Support

A website and a newsletter are already under construction. This district idea is winning the support of professionals in the Oregon Park and Recreation Department, Fish &Wildlife, BRMBA, Grant coordinators, OWEB, WOU, Polk County Commissioners. Many folks have fond memories of Falls City and Valsetz. They like the idea of protecting and nurturing the area. While community support is not always instant, to date a mere handful express concerns about it after fully explaining the FCPRD design. We feel very hopeful about it, although we understand that its creation is still in the making.

Individual Comment Area

This area is left for comment. Please feel free to drop any comments at PO Box 32. You can email this author at jillianof9@yahoo.com; use FCPRD in the subject line.

The FCPRD will offer a variety of features, this is a list that includes, but is in no way limited to the following ideas that have been generated over the last 5 years by citizens in Falls City: (This list is wide spaced for comments, please add to it)

- A trail system
    - Railroad grade trails that connect all the parks together
    - Nooks along the trail for education and art purposes
    - Informational kiosks.
        - Species, geography, geology, heritage
- A skate park
- An ATV trail area
- Native Gardens and a sanctuary for protected plant species

- Wetland development
    - Species protection and attractions

- Concerts in the Park
- A Senior Center
- Sports
    - Repair the ball field
    - A Falls City softball team
    - Volley Ball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Soccer…
- Boys/Girls Clubs
    - Craft Shack
    - Guidance and education
    - Hiking, fishing, bird watching
- Educational Programs/Classes
    - Bug walks, river bug walks, habitat and species identification,
    - Geology and the river environment
    - Health Awareness
        - Preventative Care Exercise, yoga/healing movement
        - Nutrition
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