

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 08/17/2006

Purpose: Regular monthly meeting of the Friends of Rathdrum Mountain and of the Board of Directors

Attendees:

- Directors: Wes DuCharme, Carey Kaplan, Toby Kaplan, Jim Ochenkoski, Deasa Stein, John Sylte
- Director absentees: George Holcomb
- Others: Pete Stoltz

Agenda:

1. Guest speakers:

- Mr. Chris DeForest, Executive Director, Inland Northwest Land Trust
- Mr. Roger McRoberts, Conservation Director, Inland Northwest Land Trust

Chris and Roger provided information regarding conservation easements, including processing requirements, costs vs. benefits, and tax advantages.

2. Old business:

a. Wes provided copies of the draft Park & Rec Comprehensive Plan that he received from George, who is a member of the planning committee. Several references to the City's property on Rathdrum Mountain can be found throughout the document. Attendees agreed to review this draft and meet again on August 30th in order to prepare comments for submission to the City by September 8th. A public hearing will be conducted by the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission on September 13th. A public hearing is scheduled to be conducted by City Council on October 10th.

3. New business:

a. Deasa provided information regarding planning for the FoRM booth at the Fall Heritage Festival scheduled for September 23rd and 24th. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was distributed.

b. A \$300.00 donation was received from Marty Frantz to be used for our 501c3 application fee. Thanks Marty!

4. Board of Directors:

a. The meeting summary from 07/20/06 was approved by vote in favor 6, opposed 0.

b. Treasurer's report: The \$60.00 reported last month as having been received from donations at Rathdrum Days was actually \$60.48. The additional \$.48 is reflected in the following table:

	Checking	NICSC	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	407.87	1200.00	1607.87
Income	.48	0	.48
Expenses	0	0	0
Ending Balance	408.35	1200.00	1608.35

Note: The \$300 donation reported in Item 3.b above will be reflected in the next Treasurer's report.

c. FoRM's 501c3 application remains in process. Toby is still pursuing info from the recent successful application of the Friends of Badger Mountain.

d. Action plan update:

GOAL	ACTION	WHO HAS THE LEAD
Encourage City to determine timber value of mountain property	Follow up with Ken Hayes	Wes; awaiting Comp Plan completion
Encourage City to resolve access to mountain property through survey pin placement and/or filing of "Quiet Title Action"	Follow up with Ken Hayes	Wes; awaiting Comp Plan completion
Learn about conservation easements	Set up workshop for board and interested citizens and City officials	Jim: Chris DeForest spoke at August 17 th meeting
Learn about noxious weed programs	Set up workshop for board and interested citizens and City officials	Kris: Linda Ely scheduled to speak at September 21st meeting
Arrange tours of mountain for City Council and others	Set up tour for Brett Boyer & Lance Bridges	Jim: Tour scheduled for August 25th with City Forester Chris Hansen
Hold public event on the mountain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine best option after board tour of mountain Publish info re: IEP and other properties 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Directors Jim: Get info from QSI and provide link on FoRM website; awaiting QSI website
Increase public awareness of our goals	Present plans and actions to City Council and to local newspapers	Deasa: Make presentation to the Chamber of Commerce
Educate mountain land owners about our goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop list of owners Send them an information packet 	Toby/Carey
Provide suggested guidelines to developers of mountain land	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Find source for information on new development activities on the mountain 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> John Stockton will look for source. Toby to develop; use Marty Frantz document

	2. Develop guidelines 3. Send guidelines to identified developers	as one potential source of ideas. 3. TBD
Encourage City to define “authorized use” for mountain property	Suggest to Ken Hayes	Wes; awaiting Comp Plan completion
Educate local business owners about our goals	Develop and deliver information packet	Deasa will speak to business owners
Create promotional items	Put our logo on T-shirts, ball caps	Deasa: T-shirts Jim: Ball caps
Pursue donation of 40 acres by Forest Service to City	Follow up with City Administrator	Jim: City action complete; pursue following Park & Rec Comp Plan publication
Pursue Trust for Public Land funding	Follow up with TPL	Jim: Awaiting visit from TPL’s Josh Alpert
Pursue conservation easement conversation with JD Lumber	Follow up with Marty Frantz	Jim: Marty awaiting call from JD Lumber when they decide to sell

5. Next meetings:

a. Special meeting to review Park & Rec Comp Plan: Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates.

b. Regular monthly meeting: Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates. Guest Speaker: Linda Ely from the Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Department.

FoRM LONG TERM GOALS (established 7 June 2006)

- Facilitate the process of obtaining a conservation easement on the City’s Rathdrum Mountain property.
- Help guide the development of a comprehensive park plan so that it supports our vision statement.
- Encourage the use of Quality Services, Inc. (QSI) on the City’s Rathdrum Mountain property.
- Encourage the City to accept donations intended to help protect and preserve the City’s Rathdrum Mountain property.
- Explore and possibly help initiate a levy or bond issue that the City could use to purchase more property on Rathdrum Mountain.