

Linwood Minutes 4/14/05

Stewart Taylor, City Financial Director, introduced himself as our new City liaison. He should be a valuable resource, especially regarding any financial questions the group may have.

Brian Stegner, Milwaukie Covenant Church youth pastor, gave an overview of the proposed SK8 (skate board) Park on the church's property, anticipated to open to area youth on June 4th. The park will include portable equipment which will be removed when there is no supervision for park users, would include a \$5 annual fee, posted rules for use, be open 3-4 days per week and is designed to provide a safe place for youth to interact with adults in a fun setting.

Members of The Grove neighborhood voiced some strong concerns regarding issues that have affected neighbors in the past, including noise, foul language, vandalism, trespass, youth in the area at all hours with no supervision who appear to be experimenting with controlled substances and other such problems.

As an interim step MCC has agreed to move the tables/benches currently near the western boundary of the property to the east side of their area, which would provide better visibility from the street and to confine the proposed skating area to the eastern side as well. MCC will be contacting the City Planning Dept. to apply for the necessary permits in order to move forward.

The MCC has applied to the NDA for a grant of \$1,000 to cover the necessary insurance for this park for one year. Per motion, it was agreed that the grant request may be revisited at our next meeting.

Tom Connolly, Transportation Reaching People (TRP), gave several handouts and information about the opportunities to volunteer through the organization to help provide transportation to elderly and disabled folks. Using a volunteer's own vehicle and reimbursing volunteers for mileage, the program enables folks to remain in their own homes, when perhaps the only other alternative would be some sort of care facility. Drivers must be screened and cleared in order to participate. For more information contact 503-655-8208.

The meeting was adjourned.