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Next Meeting: Tuesday January 21, Noon

Location: Tillamook Ice Creamery, 12890 NW Cornell

Agenda: update on Cornell Road improvement plan;
CPO #1 President Bruce Bartlett reviews current
issues

Tualatin Hills Parks Board approves new Jordan Park plan, rejects Bluffs Park plan

In their regular meeting on January 6, the Board of Directors of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District approved the plan for the Jackie Husen/Jordan Park development, but rejected a plan to develop The Bluffs Park, both in the Cedar Mill area.

The Husen/Jordan plan calls for a small parking lot to be added to Husen Park with an entrance on Reeves, and a trailhead for a trail that will lead along the upper level of the park. Maps are available on the THPRD website: www.thprd.com/Facilities/Planning/planningdefault.htm.

The Bluffs Park is a little-known park property in the Bonny Slope area. The property has belonged to the department for years but went largely unused. The largest parcel is directly behind The Bluffs condominium complex. There is an additional, unconnected area on North Road.

District planners conducted a series of neighborhood meetings and sent out a survey to residents living within 1/2 mile to collect input. A number of neighbors were opposed to park development, citing increased security concerns among other reasons. Most of these were

condo residents, who were used to seeing the park as a secluded area.

Residents to the north of the park expressed concern that although they were within the geographical area for the park, they were unable to reach the park since there was no access except from North Road.

As a result of the meetings, park planners recommended a trail leading from the east section of the park on North Road, down behind homes and ending up at the flat area. A loop trail would circle that, with a swing set and future plans for a playground.

Park Board members expressed concerns about the safety of a playground where the public couldn't see it, and also the wisdom of spending park funds when some neighbors opposed it. They voted to reject the plan and sent it back to the planning department for further study.

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