



# City of Veneta PARK BOARD

## Meeting Minutes

TRESSA MILLER (CHAIR)  
CRYSTAL DONAGAN (VICE CHAIR)  
REBECCA COX  
DARLENE HARRIS  
CRAIG SODERBERG  
COUNCILOR ALEXA BENSON  
(COUNCIL LIAISON, NON-VOTING MEMBER)

TORY MACKLIN  
JOHN TRIBOLET  
BOB REEVES  
JOANNA RICHA  
KENDALL MOELLAR (STUDENT)  
AUBREE ROGERS (STUDENT)

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

#### Park Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 3:30 PM

Veneta City Hall — J.W. "Bill" Smigley Room 88184 8<sup>TH</sup> Street, Veneta, Oregon

### **1. CALL TO ORDER & REVIEW AGENDA**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

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### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Tressa Miller, Member Craig Soderberg, Vice Chair Crystal Donagan, Student Member Kendal Moeller; Council Liaison: Alexa Benson, Member Darlene Harris; Member Bob Reeves, Member John Tribulet, Student Member Aubree Rogers

**Absent:** Member Tory Macklin (excused), Rebecca Cox, (excused)

**Staff Present:** Community Development Director (CDD), Kevin Urban, City Recorder (CR) Jennifer Mirabile

**Guests:** Mayor Robbie McCoy, Heather Blake

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### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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#### **4. VENETA PARK RUN DEBRIEF**

Chair Miller read the debrief notes from Member Cox.

Liaison Benson stated there were some problems with Dairy Queen awards, registration needed to be in a different location, and there were challenges with the route as roads were not closed and volunteers had to wave cars to stop for the runners.

Chair Miller stated agreed a subcommittee meeting should be required before the event and a central point of communication should be established.

Liaison Benson asked if they could get a list of runners next year with contact information. She shared some of the runners left and did not finish because of the heat

Chair Miller was not impressed with the data provided by the vendor Eclectic Edge.

Discussion ensued about Eclectic Edge services and other vendor options.

Member Donagan entered the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Chair Miller shared that the 5K bib and the 10K bib should look different; it was critical for event volunteers to be able to differentiate between these two races.

Member Soderberg asked if the Park Board should do this race next year; this year seemed much harder than in the past.

Liaison Benson stated there was no help/volunteers.

Member Soderberg shared the history of the Veneta Celebration Run and that it started with staff members who were passionate about running. He further stated there was not enough staff or board support this year.

CDD Urban asked if it was possible the Park Board took on too many events this year.

Discussion ensued about Park Board events and how grant award could help to fund these events.

Chair Miller shared that she liked the run because it brought in sponsorships.

Bob Reeves entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Discussion ensued about the role of the Park Board; was it a working board or policy board.

CDD Urban believed that the board could be a hybrid of both, a working and policy board.

Member Donagan shared her concern with outsourcing.

Member Soderberg shared his concern that he solicited 80% of donations for this year and he wondered if other members would be able to do that kind of canvassing next year.

Liaison Benson shared her concern that members were not volunteering to lead or assist with events and the board needed to decide what this meant for the future of the events.

## **5. VENETA 4<sup>TH</sup> DEBRIEF**

Chair Miller shared the Veneta 4ths event was very well attended.

Liaison Benson stated the water slide and dunk tank were hit and helped make the event successful; she reported the Veneta Boy Scout Troop was a big help.

Discussion ensued about the age of the participants and which events cater to kids, teens and adults.

Darleen Harris entered the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Heather Blake entered the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Kendal Moeller entered the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Member Soderberg believed that the community wanted to engage with both events: Veneta 4ths and Veneta Haunts.

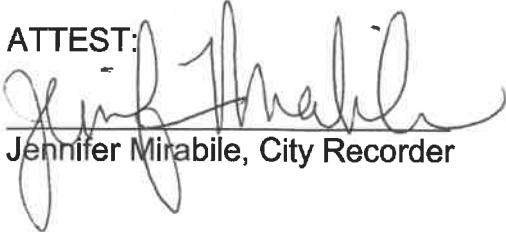
CDD Urban believed that there could be other ways the Board could support events with funding and allow event organizers to be responsible for the volunteers.

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## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to convene the regularly scheduled Park Board meeting.

  
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Tressa Miller, Chair

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Jennifer Mirabile, City Recorder