

## Jeff Lamb

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**From:** Jeff Lamb <jefflamb02@peak.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 9:34 PM  
**To:** Jean & Charles Nelson  
**Subject:** Celebrate Philomath Volunteers

Jean,

As per our conversation this afternoon, I said that I would get you the contact information for Mayor Rocky Sloan. We were able to get his cell phone number tonight when we had dinner with Don and De, so it is 541-231-4238.

Don initiated the conversation with Mayor Sloan at the Meet'n Place and I joined in 5 or 10 minutes later. He informed both of us that he had no knowledge about the Volunteer BBQ scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at Marys River Park. We both explained to the Mayor that it was volunteers that purchased the park with the intent it would become Philomath's new civic center. That volunteers built the library, fire station, PCS, and much more, volunteers were the heart and soul of Philomath as we know it today. He was surprised that the committee had reserved the park in January (you informed us it was December) and the City was now cancelling the reservation. Don and I felt he was sincere and honest that he knew nothing about this upcoming event, he also acknowledged the significant and important contributions volunteers have made in Philomath's quality of life environment. He instructed both of us that if there was anything he could do to help resolve this issue that we were to ask you and Stella to call him.

Jean, I think it is important that you and Stella discuss this before you contact the Mayor. It's imperative that you are both on the same page. The issues that were raised by the Philomath Community Foundation if questioned, needs both of you to answer. I think Randy Kugler got to someone on the PCF Board and that's why they declined to be our fiscal agent. We don't want the Philomath Downtown Association to react in the same manner, Michelle was very supportive of being involved in this and I hope it stays that way. You also might want to talk to Don Gist and get his take on the conversation with the Mayor.

I think that the park as the host of the volunteer BBQ can be salvaged, but I think we will only have one shot at it and we need to make it our best shot. I suggest that you try and connect with the Mayor by the end of the weekend, and stress the talking points in the letter to Michelle.

The Mayor needs to know that this will reflect very positively on the City of Philomath and all of the service organizations that have tirelessly contributed to our community over the last 30+ years. To deny the volunteers access to Marys River Park could give the City a black eye, and we don't need that.

Much love,

Jeff and Debbie

P.S. Tell the Lord thank you for getting Jeff to dance to his tune! (from Debbie) ☺

P.S.S. A little fact to keep in mind, Don and De's son Darren is very good friends with Rocky. Then went to school together and Darren beat him up a few times, so if you need some backup we can always sic Darren on him!!!!!! (from Debbie) ☺