

BIG TOY,

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"I have some ideas for scheduled posts for Facebook," Christopher said. "We don't have to do it every day, but I will have something up at least once a week. I will privately push it out to people as well. It just takes time and effort. I have a stream of consciousness, what I'd like to do over the next five months and things we can roll out."

Richard Walsh, co-chair of the project's fundraising committee, noted the various committees overlap somewhat.

"The thing we ran into with fundraising is a lot of it feels like public outreach," Walsh said. "We have set up meetings with every neighborhood association in the Salem and Keizer area and almost every Rotary club. That list is overwhelming with only four people on fundraising. We need to think of it as everyone's mission. It's just too big."

"What we need to get to is the local churches," he added. "We need to get them signed up. All of these things are in-



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Efforts are being made to ramp up public relations surrounding the Big Toy project.

termixed. We need to make the pitch for everyone. We've done all the groundwork, so we're all ready to go. We need to all be thinking about going out, not just the four of us on fundraising."

Caillier agrees word of the project needs to be pushed out more.

"With public relations, we haven't done some of the real basic stuff," he said. "We need to be on the Keizer Chamber calendar, on K23, in flyers at grocery stores. We need to do some real basic stuff. I came away (from last week's meeting) with the idea they have a solid handle on what we need to do. We need to get volunteers to help do it."

For good measure, Caillier made a joking reference to the controversial call at the end of Sunday's Super Bowl.

"We don't want to get to the half yard line and throw an interception instead of running it in for a touchdown," Caillier joked. "We need to make the right play calls. We need to take what Richard said to heart. We need to do all the jobs and leverage all the friends."

Also discussed on Tuesday was the idea of doing a video to publicize the project, as well as translating information to Spanish and getting basic information onto business cards that can be distributed easily.

Quinn also implored everyone to share pamphlets and project posters with three friends each, in an effort to spread the word about the play structure, which is scheduled to be constructed by community volunteers over a five-day period.

DOG: 'You should have heard the screams.'

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Strean said he and Alex Estrada approached the pit bull from opposite directions in an attempt to grab it and save the maltese.

"I was desperate to find something big to hit him with," Strean said. "I broke some bamboo poles over his head, but it didn't phase him. He moved around the yard with the other dog in his mouth."

Strean said the little dog somehow got away.

"I called 9-1-1 and we were trying to hold the dog in the backyard until the police came, but this dog got away," Strean said.

Strean said the Maltese had to be put down the next day due to the injuries, while Lim had injuries to her face and 17 stitches on her arm due to the pit bull biting clean through. In addition, the pit bull bit clear through Estrada's thumb.

Three officers with the Keizer Police Department re-

sponded and looked for the pit bull, but were unable to find it.

According to officer Andrew Phelps' report, Estrada noted a brown bulldog was running along with the pit bull, but did not attack anyone or get aggressive. The report noted both dogs were seen running south into a field.

Officers contacted a farmer in the field on a tractor, who reported seeing two dogs run south out of his field and a short time later saw a man in a silver Subaru looking for the dogs.

According to the report, there were no additional calls about the pit bull the rest of the day and no further action is being taken due to no leads.

Jeff Kuhns, deputy police chief with the KPD, has advice for dog owners.

"They should know that it's a violation to allow a dog to run at large such as the two dogs that were said to be running at large when this inci-

dent occurred," Kuhns said.

Those with information can contact the KPD at 503-390-3713.

Strean said the sights and sounds from last weekend will be hard to forget.

"You should have heard the screams (by Lim)," he said. "It was horrible. It was ugly."

Strean emphasized he's a dog lover who has had dogs most of his life and is currently looking to adopt one.

"I want this dog caught and found so (it's owner) can be found responsible," Strean said. "You have expensive doctor bills, plus this lady lost her little dog. I think the guy's got some explaining to do. This dog has to be euthanized. If that was my dog, I would say that needs to be done. This dog was crazy and will do it again if it gets a chance. I want to do everything I can to find the dog so the owner will be held responsible. If they don't catch this dog, very likely this will happen again."

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