



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: 21 June 2011; 6:00 pm

Location: Redmond Fire Station, Conference Room

Commission Members Present: Gary Parks; Cyndie Bell; Andy Hoffman; Jeff Komer; Richard Lance; Shelly Neal; Gordon Wiseman

Public Works Staff Present: Chris Doty, Director of Public Works; Curt Petersen, Parks Operations Supervisor; Susan Bailey, Administration

Media/Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; AJ Fraties and Sheryl McKeirnan, Pickleball Ambassadors; John McKeirnan, Sherry Cupp, Pickleball Supporters

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(Items not on the Agenda)*

There were no citizen comments given at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lance made a motion to approve the minutes of 17 May 2011, seconded by Komer, motion unanimously passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parks Update

Petersen discussed recent vandalism at the parks and noted that some of the vandals had been caught by Police. He reported that the Parks staff has hung 112 flower baskets in the downtown area and at Centennial Park. Petersen provided an update for the Dog Park including the recent ADA drinking fountain at the entry, the Chamber Coffee Clatter and upcoming grand opening ceremony on July 22nd. He explained that they will be putting certified fall protection material in the large dog area and adding gravel in some areas. Petersen noted that maintenance at the Skate Park will close the park for 2 days after the July 4th weekend. Doty noted the specialty service contract for preventative maintenance.

PICKLEBALL PRESENTATION *(Sheryl McKeirnan/AJ Fraties)*

Sheryl McKeirnan and AJ Fraties, Pickleball Ambassadors, provided an overview of the sport of pickleball. Fraties explained that the sport is one of the fastest growing in the US and is taught in over 4,000 schools. Fraties provided information about the history of pickleball, the role of the USAPA, the equipment used and what would be required to convert local tennis courts into pickleball courts. He explained that currently there are courts at the Bend Senior Center, in Sunriver and Eagle Crest. Hoffman asked if local courts are dedicated or cross-use for tennis and Pickleball. Fraties noted that courts are used for both sports. Doty asked about the

type of surface required. Fraties explained that concrete is best followed by asphalt. Fraties suggested that the cost of a court could range from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

Doty suggested a trial period for setting up some courts and evaluating the facilities we have. He noted a minimalistic, non-invasive approach with the caveat of reaching out to the tennis community. Fraties suggested using temporary tape on a few courts to start. Fraties explained that 3 pickleball courts could be created from 1 tennis court.

The Commission agreed to allow McKeirnan and Fraties' pickleball group to utilize the tennis courts at Valleyview and tape off temporary lines for pickleball courts. Sam Johnson Park was also discussed for potential use.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

North Central Canyon Master Plan

1. Review Modifications from Prior Meeting

Doty reviewed the modifications to the North Central Canyon Master Plan and noted that the goal is to take the plan to the City Council on August 9th. Doty explained that some of the space has been removed from the community garden and that it could be used as a botanical type garden or a possible FFA urban farming project. Doty also suggested that NeighborImpact could use the space to grow crops for the food bank or other partnership opportunities could be developed. Doty noted long term vendor opportunities for a café. Other modifications discussed by Doty included the relocation of some of the disc golf holes that created obvious conflicts and safety issues. He noted that disc golf is gaining momentum.

2. Discuss Schedule for Public Review and Council Adoption

Doty explained that they would need to get Council approval before moving forward with construction of a parking lot. He clarified the process of getting public approval and suggested a date of July 24th, 2011 for an open house and presentation to identify the improvements. He noted that this would allow time to take the plan to Council on August 9th, 2011. Doty stated that the open house would be advertised with letters sent to adjacent property owners. He indicated that several avenues to accept comments would be provided including the City's web site.

Doty asked if everyone was comfortable with the plan as proposed, focusing on the near-term, low-cost projects. Parks asked if the parking lot could be completed by September with the proposed schedule. Doty noted that it would be possible to complete. Parks asked about the method for capturing feedback and Doty explained that paper feedback forms and the web site would be available. Lance suggested two meetings; one for the North Central Canyon and one for the Central Canyon. Hoffman asked about the proposal for the round-a-bout during this process. Doty explained that it addresses the pedestrian crossing and general access to the site, and that he anticipates that the round-a-bout would only be part of a larger development. Doty noted that Council is approving the master plan not an actual construction document.

Parks called for questions. Doty will make modifications to the Central Canyon map and remove the proposed parking area.

Lance moved to accept Doty's memo proposing a process to obtain Master Plan approval including holding an open house, and to have Doty refine the plan. The motion was seconded by Komer and passed by unanimous vote.

Parks noted that the City adopted the budget as presented. Komer noted that the Parks Foundation has provided \$1,500 for development of the bike track at Homestead Park. There were no other comments.

The next meeting will be the open house on July 14th, 2011, with a tentative meeting to review comments on July 28th, 2011.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 16TH day of AUGUST, 2011.


Chairperson