



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: 15 February 2011; 6:00 pm

Location: Redmond Fire Station, Conference Room

Commission Members Present: Gary Parks; Andy Hoffman; Jeff Komer; Richard Lance; Shirlee Evans, Council Liaison

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

Media/Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Ryan Lane, Disc Ventures, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

DECISION ITEMS

Approval of 18 January 2011 Minutes

Lance moved to approved the minutes, seconded by Komer, motion passed.
(Parks-Yes, Lance-Yes, Komer-Yes)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parks Update

Petersen noted that staff has been doing general maintenance at the Parks. He also reported that Kelly Ramey will be providing an update on the Dog Park at the next meeting.

Other

Doty and the Commission welcomed Andy Hoffman as a new member. Doty noted that additional applicants have applied to fill the vacant seats on the Commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Disc Golf Presentation (Ryan Lane, Disc Ventures, LLC)

Lane provided a history of his involvement with disc golf and discussed how the sport has evolved. He gave an overview of the rules and etiquette, and provided samples of the various types of discs. Lane noted several other courses around Central Oregon including COCC and Sisters. Komer asked if the goal of disc golf is to play through obstacles and Lane indicated that variation on a course is good. Lane provided a map of a proposed course near the Dog Park and stated that the area would be a perfect fit, with the only area of concern being to the north where there is a significant amount of debris (area 3 on map provided). Komer noted a conflict with the soft trail at the proposed holes 1, 2 and 3. Lane stated that a mixture of trails along a course are common and that the asphalt trail would be an out-of-bounds area. Lance inquired what would be needed to set up a course. Lane discussed the need for an improved tee area and various types of

surfaces as well as signage, limbing of trees and baskets. Lane described the various types of baskets that could be used and their approximate cost.

Lance asked about financial development of a course. Lane suggested community involvement through labor, donations and sponsorships as a means to construct a course. Parks asked if a course could be completed in stages. Lane indicated that a course could begin with natural tees and targets at a cost of approximately \$4,000. Lance noted concern about the proximity of the asphalt trail.

Lane provided a video and discussed the demographics of disc golf players. Lance asked about providing different levels on the course based on skill and age. Lane noted that the user base is very diverse. Parks inquired about the average amount of use that could be expected. Lane indicated that the course could expect up to 100 rounds per day in the summer.

Doty asked about the possibility of using pavers as an inexpensive surface for the tee boxes. Lane noted that pavers would be an acceptable surface. The group discussed compatibility with the neighborhood and determined it would have minimal impact due to the height of the canyon. The possibilities of concessions or events in the area, as well as alternative sites at the Caves property were discussed. Doty noted that any additional information that Lane could provide would be helpful if a decision to move forward were made.

Skate Park Review

Doty proposed that the Skate Park decision be revisited at the April 19, 2011 meeting. Staff will post a notification at the Skate Park accepting comments until March 31, 2011, as well as gather information from the Police and Fire Departments regarding incidents at the Skate Park. Staff will also provide all collected comments to Commission one week before the meeting. Doty noted that the Commission may want to hold another public hearing; however another hearing was not required. Doty stated the April meeting will be advertised and that additional public comment can be given at the time. Doty noted that the Commission has the ability to regulate skateboard use in the Parks system and their decision does not have to go before Council. Doty indicated that six comments have been received so far and that five were anti-scooter.

Evans noted concerns about increased demand and overcrowding at the facility if it is opened up to other user groups. Doty noted that there is no occupancy standard and that signage regarding etiquette has been discussed. Parks noted it should be self-controlling in terms of usage and that there would be no way of enforcing regulations for various users. Komer noted that he has seen significant scooter use at the Skate Park and noted no issues. Lance noted the possibility of having an active liaison with the skate group to continue to monitor activities.

City Council Goals 2011-2012 Relating to Parks

Doty highlighted the City Council goals specific to Parks and the Commission for 2011-2012. Doty noted *Goal 1(B)(i) Sustainable Operations: "Continue exploring the potential of expanding the role of Redmond Area Parks and Recreation District in developing, maintaining and operating Redmond parks."* Doty explained that he has been meeting with Katie Hammer of RAPRD for almost a year and evaluating what the future holds for the Parks District, an operating levy for the District and funding options. Doty noted that the Commission will need to discuss this in the coming months and evaluate if it makes sense to combine City parks with the Parks District.

Goal 2(H) Preserve and Enhance the City's Infrastructure: "Develop, through the Parks Commission, a central, north-central and north-end Dry Canyon park master plan with near-term and long range goals for development and use of the canyon." Doty reported that the Commission has been working on this already with the central area complete and work on the north-central area in progress. Doty noted the area north of the treatment plant will also need a future concept plan. Doty indicated that the plans will need to be part of a public process. Lance noted the need to clarify the terminology for the specific areas.

Doty discussed *Goal 4(A)(i) Community Enhancement: "Develop a comprehensive volunteer program in the Public Works Department to market and facilitate the use of volunteers in enhancement and preservation of*

the City." Doty cited that this is a general Public Works goal; however it resonates mostly with Parks. He indicated that a program is available on our web site and that it is important to market volunteer programs and get the word out.

Goal 4(I) Community Enhancement: "Continue to promote and develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities." Doty stated that we should continue to develop bicycle-pedestrian trails as part of the Master Plan.

Goals 7(B)(iv)(a) and (b): Urban Renewal: "Develop Farmer's Market in Centennial Park and Develop Seasonal Ice Skating Rink." Hoffman noted that he attended the meetings to select a vendor for the Farmer's Market.

FY 11/12 Budget Discussion

Doty reported that revenue projections from the property tax assessor are bleak, indicating a 12% decline in City-wide revenues. Doty stated that Parks is part of the General Fund. Doty noted that some larger projects were held back including Hathaway Park and Sam Johnson playground equipment, and that this strategy will continue into the next year. Doty suggested utilizing remaining project dollars for parking at the Dog Park, noting this would need to go through the land use process. Doty stated that without capital dollars in our budget we are looking at payment of debt service and sustainability. Lance stated that any capital development is going to have to be through donated funds.

Due to time constraints, the remaining items will be held until the next meeting.

Advertising Policy

City Code Updates

North Central Canyon Master Plan

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th, at 6:00 pm at the Redmond Fire Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 19th day of April, 2011.



Chairperson