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PARKS COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Sam Johnson Park Pavilion, SW 15th Street and SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Gary Parks, Gordon Wiseman, Jerry Boysen (absent: *Andy Hoffman, Cyndie Bell, Richard Lance, Shelly Neal*)

City Staff: Bill Duerden, *Public Works Director*; Curt Petersen, *Park Operations Supervisor*; Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Perry Brooks, *Park Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Shirlee Evans, *City Councilor*; Katie Hammer, *Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD)*; Ed Petersen; Dalia Zimmerman; Trish Pinkerton, *Redmond Spokesman*

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after a motion title shows the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parks opened the meeting at 5:43 p.m. without a quorum present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduction of New Parks Planner

Mr. Duerden introduced Perry Brooks who will be working for both the Parks Commission and RAPRD. Mr. Brooks is a landscape architect and project manager with 16 years of experience in park planning and development. Past employers included City of Kent (Washington) and City of Boulder (Colorado). Ms. Richards said Mr. Brooks' time will be split among the City and RAPRD (40% each) and 20% to the Downtown Urban Renewal District. This ratio may change over time.

Mr. Brooks said that the relationship, synergy, and respect between RAPRD and the Parks Department was great to see. He's excited about the opportunity to help move the Parks Department to the next level.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 22, 2012

Postponed due to lack of a quorum.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Parks Tour

a. **Sam Johnson Project**

Ms. Richards presented the final design concepts for a park intended to serve citizens of all ages and abilities. She discussed proposed amenities, equipment, locations, bike path rerouting ideas, restrooms, play areas, and safety lighting. Funding for the proposed improvements (estimated at \$450,000) is expected to come from grants and private donations. She summarized the timeline

for the public process which will include four communitywide forums (September and October 2012). She will make presentations to Redmond City Council and to community organizations such as Redmond Kiwanis, Rotary, Redmond Service League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, Redmond School Board, and individual schools. Commissioners are welcome to attend any of these meetings. She met on September 18, 2012, with mothers of children with disabilities to explore ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility and circulation issues. Handouts included two articles from the *Redmond Spokesman*: "Public Meetings to Show Proposed Park Upgrades" and "Business Owners Reflect on Ice Rink, Splash Park" and a *Redmond Spokesman* photo entitled "A Painter's Project."

Commissioner discussion covered *fund-raising, Smith Rock theme, involving the public in the park planning process, ADA-compatible restrooms, parking, and volunteer assistance.*

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor Evans questioned the security of ground-mounted lighting fixtures (vandalism).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Petersen expressed concern about ADA-compatible surfacing (life expectancy, annual maintenance) and restrooms needed for special events such as Music on the Green.

Ms. Zimmerman presented a banner created by Friends of Sam Johnson Park and summarized their efforts to support this park to date. She reported that Terrebonne residents are also very interested.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. City Code Update for Parks
2. North Canyon Master Plan Considerations/Canyon Access Plan
3. Strategic Plan Goals and Tasks

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Parks invited those present to take a walking tour of the park and adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Parks Commission and SIGNED by me this 17th day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:



Gary Parks
Chair