

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2006 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Members Attending: Susan Marceau, Gary Parks, Julie Price, Peter Seitz

Members Absent: Gary Jackson, Richard Green, Jon Wood

Staff Present: Jeff Powers, Parks Manager; Cynthia Hollerbach, PW Admin Assistant; Curt Peterson, Parks/FM Operations Supervisor; Rick Torassa, City Arborist

Others Present: George Endicott, City Councilor; Katie Hammer, COPRD Director; Quentin Stanko, Steve Ratliff, Britney Frye, Brian Hole, Scott Selover; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Minutes: Julie Price motioned to approve the minutes of April 17, 2006 and Susan Marceau seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Concrete Rodeo at Skate Park: The City has been approached by Jamie Kimball and a Reedsport citizen to have the Redmond Skate Park included in the "Concrete Rodeo 2006 Tour." This event is sponsored by Mainstream Marketing, Salt Lake City, Utah, and will include 16 stops in 7 states between May and September, 2006. An entrance fee of \$25 covers the cost of operating the event (e.g., site preparation, portable bathrooms, etc.). Five sponsor booths consisting of vendors marketing skateboard equipment and supplies will provide prize money. Approximately 50 participants and 200 spectators are expected. Scott Selover shared his experience when he and his son took in several locations on last year's tour; the event is well run and kid friendly; this is an amateur event. George Endicott spoke with the Redmond Police Department and they are not objecting to the event. Jeff Powers reassured Quentin Stanko that sufficient insurance coverage is standard procedure for these events. Helmets are required, pads are recommended. Peter Seitz made a motion to approve the event if the organization meets the necessary requirements and Julie Price seconded the motion; the motion passed. The date set for Redmond is July 12th, 2006.

Tree Planting/Visibility Issue at Quince Park: Mr. Quentin Stanko brought his concern to staff that the newly planted trees along 12th Street at Quince Park will grow large enough to block the mountain views for him and the neighbors. Ten trees were planted along the west side as part of Arbor Day activities. This location was chosen so when the trees mature they will help block the sun during soccer events. Photos of the area were displayed via powerpoint and Jeff asked if the photos represented Mr. Stanko's perspective; he replied yes. The back yard of Mr. Stanko's property lies on the north side of Quince Park in Bella Vista subdivision. CCRs for this subdivision state that views will not be impinged upon and shrubs and trees cannot exceed 6 feet. Mr. Stanko believes that as these trees mature they will be detrimental to the value of the properties along the north side of Quince Park. Mr. Stanko recognizes that the CCRs only apply to Bella Vista owners and not to the City.

Jeff said any decision regarding these newly planted trees at Quince Park will impact future planting of trees in City parks. Discussion was held regarding the expected growth height of the trees (25-40 ft) in relation to the roof tops (approx. 24 ft single; approx. 35-38 ft two-story) and also in relation to the trees planted on the west side of 12th Street (Maple tree expected growth 30 ft) as part of the subdivision development. Mr. Stanko's preference is to remove the trees and plant some lower growing trees. Rick Torassa, staff arborist, said it is in the best interest of tree health to not remove the tree, if this is the decision, until next Spring. Parks Commission will visit this site on the Parks tour in June and discuss it during July's meeting. Viewscape is not presently in the City Code per George Endicott (past member of the Planning Commission).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Tour of City Parks: Meet at Sam Johnson Pavilion on Monday, June 26th, 5:30 p.m. for dinner; tour to begin at 6:30 p.m. Stops along the tour will include the Undercrossing, South Dry Canyon, Maple Bridge, Maple overlook park, Quince Park and other City Park sites.

Earth Day Activities: Removed 1.39 tons of litter and weeds from the Dry Canyon. Approximately 200 enthusiastic Obsidian 7th and 8th graders cleaned up the South Dry Canyon on Friday, 4/21, and approximately 60 people met on Saturday, 4/22, to clean up the Central/North Dry Canyon.

Dry Canyon Activities: Fire Dept. staff is scheduled to conduct a training session on June 23-25 regarding fire prevention for the East side of the Dry Canyon north of Maple Avenue. Fire Dept personnel will help in clearing this area. A contractor will be hired to clean up the West side of the Dry Canyon.

Capital Improvement Project Update: David Evans and Associates is close to completing the draft master plan for Ray Johnson Park. Contracts have been signed with Colamette Construction, Sherwood, Oregon, to construct the restrooms in West Canyon Rim Park and Diamond Bar Ranch Park. Colamette recently completed construction of the new COID building next to Fireman's Pond.

Budget Review: Parks and Cemetery proposed budgets for FY06-07 were approved by the Budget Committee. Jeff Powers distributed copies of the budgets and please contact Jeff if you have any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Endicott suggested inviting the Arts Commission to come in and talk with the Parks Commission regarding the outcome of their survey of open spaces and public art since some City park space is on their list.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this

17 day of July, 2006


Chairperson