

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2006 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Members Attending: Gary Jackson, Richard Green, Susan Marceau, Julie Price, Peter Seitz, Jon Wood

Members Absent: Gary Parks

Staff Present: Jeff Powers, Parks Manager; Chris Doty, Public Works Director; Curt Peterson, Parks/FM Operations Supervisor; Cynthia Hollerbach, PW Admin Assistant

Others Present: David Olsen, David Evans & Associates; Joe Cunningham, Walt Winter, American Legion; Gail Wood, Allen Pearce, Michael Thille, Rotary Club of Redmond; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DISCUSSION & DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Jon Wood motioned to approve the minutes of July 17, 2006 and Richard Green seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Ray Johnson Park Master Plan: David Evans and Associates (DEA) were retained by the City to prepare a master plan for the new city park south of Highland. David Olsen, landscape architect with DEA and lead designer for this project, presented a master plan to the commission for their review. The plan marked out areas for multi-use sports fields (softball, soccer, and open play), basketball courts, restrooms, landscaped parking lot, amphitheater with terraced seating, dry canyon trail, a legion plaza, a future tot lot/spray ground, and entry signage.

The park will also be the proposed home of the Rotary performing arts stage which had been considered earlier for location in Sam Johnson Park. The American Legion representatives were in support of the stage, however, they would like to see the stage be used regularly and for family events versus being singled out for one type of event. The American Legion would also like to see the stage be pleasing to the eye. In response, Michael Thille said the stage was designed in a manner so that we wouldn't come back and wished that we had built other necessary features into the stage. He added the architectural design would match the other structures in the park.

There was agreement among the participants to name the park the American Legion (Community) Park/Ray Johnson Post No. 44. Jon Woods made a motion to approve the draft master plan with the performance stage as placed, Susan Marceau seconded the motion. The motion passed.


Jeff Powers distributed a preliminary construction cost list totaling approximately one million dollars. A little more than \$600,000 is readily available to construct Phase I of the park. Jeff distributed a spreadsheet delineating items earmarked for Phase I. Peter Seitz made a motion to proceed with the land use approval and construction plan with items noted for Phase I improvements; Julie Price seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Process for Reviewing Park Proposals from Citizens: Jeff Powers reported on the increase in the amount of citizen proposals for special use parks (i.e., dog parks, disc golf, etc.) and for special events to be held in our City parks. He requested input from the commission on their preference for processing these proposals. Jeff suggested the process could range anywhere from staff reviewing the proposals and ferreting out the information first to having a full open door policy and bring all proposals directly to the commission. Jon Woods commented and Gary Jackson agreed to rely on staff expertise to review incoming proposals and make a recommendation. Richard Green added that he would still like the proposals brought before the commission. The consensus was to have staff review the proposals first to gather and clarify information and then follow up at the commission meetings to keep the members informed of these proposals.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this

16 day of October, 2006



Chairperson