

## PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2007 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

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

Members Absent: Gary Jackson

Staff Present: Chris Doty, Public Works Director; Jeff Powers, Parks Division Manager; Curt Peterson, Parks/FM Operations Supervisor;

Others Present: George Endicott, City Councilor; Katie Hammer, RAPRD Director; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman; Greg and Jean Congleton, (eagle sculptors)

### **DECISION ITEMS**

Minutes: Julie Price motioned to approve the minutes of November 13, 2006 and Peter Seitz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

5-Year Parks Capital Improvement Prioritization: Jeff Powers distributed a summary outlining the Parks Fund 5-year Forecast. He asked the Commission to review it over the next month to see if their line of thinking fits with what staff has put together and then bring comments back to the next meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Vandalism Report: Curt Peterson distributed the 2006 Parks Vandalism Report and reviewed the data including a four-year summary of vandalism expenses. Pictures depicting the vandalism damage were presented in Power Point. Standard procedure is to identify the graffiti tag, photograph the damage, and report the incident to the Redmond Police Department. Frank Ribich, Juvenile Services Director of Redmond Police Department, is often contacted to lead a group of juvenile detention crews to assist in repairing some types of vandalism damage. Majority of this year's repair costs were attributed to graffiti removal, fence repair at the Skate Park, and repair of the timed lock at Hayden Park. Total vandalism costs from 2003 to 2006 were \$41,573. Jeff concluded that tracking several years of data will serve to determine the recurring types of damage and locations, information which in turn will be used to focus on improving construction methods, mitigation, and budgeting expenses.

Maple Overlook Park Design Options: Draft plans for the Maple Overlook Park were presented for the Commission's review. OBEC Consulting Engineers drafted the plan with elevations showing paths and the stairway to the Dry Canyon and then staff overlaid the plan with park features. Greg Congleton presented his observations regarding placing the eagle sculpture in the park. He said it would need to have approximately a 15-foot base underneath it to sit up high enough and still be seen while crossing the bridge. After much discussion, it was decided that the eagle sculpture may have better visibility at some other location. Jon Wood and Peter Seitz agreed to serve on the Art in Public Places subcommittee to make recommendations on a proposed location for the eagle sculpture.

Regarding the draft plan for Maple Overlook (Paul Hathaway Memorial) Park, the Commission recommended the following:

- Fence the park/canyon rim interface

- Incorporate the bike gutter into the staircase to the Canyon Trail

Jon Wood made a motion to accept the Overlook Park site design with any necessary minor modifications as presented; Susan Marceau seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ray Johnson Park Plan Status Report: The site design has been submitted to CDD; public notice has been posted on site. Staff is working with the utility company to bring 3-phase power to the amphitheater and preliminary surveys are being conducted for the Dry Canyon Trail from Highland to Quartz Avenue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Fire Station - Meeting with the Dry Canyon neighbors to talk about what has been accomplished and what needs to be done yet with regard to fire prevention and noxious weed control.

January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 a.m., Council Chambers – A joint workshop between RAPRD and City Council will be held to review the Parks Special Events Permit process.

West Canyon Rim and Diamond Bar Ranch Park restrooms are 90% complete; Diamond Bar Ranch Park play equipment has been ordered.

The next PAC for the Parks Master Plan is January 30<sup>th</sup> and information will be presented by the consultant, Dave Olson of David Evans & Associates.

RAPRD is sponsoring a fundraiser for scholarships to fund RAPRD participation fees for low-income families; Dinner is at the Juniper Golf Club, February 10<sup>th</sup>, \$55 per couple; kids swim free at the pool.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 19 day of

March, 2007

  
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Chairperson