

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2007 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Members Attending: Gary Jackson, Gary Parks, Richard Green, Peter Seitz, Jon Wood

Members Absent: Susan Marceau, Julie Price

Staff Present: Jeff Powers, Parks Division Manager; Curt Peterson, Parks/FM Operations Supervisor; Rick Torassa, City Arborist

Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD Director; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman; Susan B. Torassa, Citizen

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: The motion was made to approve the minutes of January 8, 2007 and the motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Prefabricated Concrete Restrooms – Site & Design Approval: Jeff Powers distributed pictures of pre-fab restrooms. Staff is proposing to evaluate alternatives to the type of restrooms constructed at Diamond Bar Ranch and West Canyon Rim Parks, since the cost of those restrooms was approximately \$122,000 each. CXT is a company out of Spokane, Washington, who supplies pre-fabricated restrooms which are constructed at the company site, shipped to a destination and dropped off on a site prepared with stub outs; it is basically a 'key-turn' operation. Several of the vendors have products available on the state contract list for approximately \$73,000. Jeff stated that these restrooms are sturdily built. Jeff said staff was looking for a general consensus from the Commission that this was an alternative way to look at options which are more cost effective.

Proposed Dry Canyon Prescribed Burn & Restoration: City Council is holding a workshop to review the proposal for a series of small prescribed burns in the Dry Canyon. Central Oregon Community College Wildland Fuels Coordinator proposed a series of controlled, training burns to be carried out in conjunction with Redmond Fire and Rescue training. The area of focus is north of the Maple Avenue Bridge. Following the burn, the Parks Division will control the proliferation of cheatgrass and noxious/invasive weed growth over the course of the summer and carry out fall seeding of the burned areas with bunchgrasses and/or wildlife habitat grass mix. Gary Parks motioned to accept the proposal for a series of small prescribed burns in the Dry Canyon as described in the staff report for City Council; Jon Woods seconded the motion and it was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parks Master Plan/Capital Improvement Plan Process Update: Gary Parks updated the Commission on recent Parks Master Plan Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings which began in December 2006. David Evans and Associates (DEA) is the project consultant. Committee members include Katie Hammer (RAPRD), George Endicott (City Council), Doug Snyder (Redmond School District), Steve Johnson (COID), Chris Doty, Jeff Powers, economic and financial consultant for the System Development Charge (SDC) structure, as well as DEA. Project goals are to evaluate the existing conditions, conduct a needs analysis, create the new Parks Master Plan and Trail Plan, and draft the Capital Improvement Plan and SDC structure. To date, the Committee has evaluated the standards being use to create parks in Redmond. The standards being evaluated are: a) level of service with respect to how many parks of what types to

have per 1000 of population (mini-parks, community parks, neighborhood parks, sports parks, regional parks, and natural areas) and compare it to a national standard; b) a park within 1/2 mile of every residence; and c) types of amenities (basket ball courts, etc.) per 1000 of population and compare it to national standards. Redmond City parks rate good overall. The consultant has prepared a list of other cities SDC's and it appears as if Redmond is at the low end. Staff has prepared a Park Facility questionnaire and will make the survey available on line and also mail it with the next utility mailing. The survey results will be incorporated into this process.

Central Canyon Land Acquisitions & Proposed Master Plan:

The Dunn and Eggleston properties have been purchased (Measure 37 claim) and each resident has been given a year to live on the property before the City takes physical ownership. The Central Canyon can now be evaluated comprehensively from Highland north to these properties; staff will begin the planning process this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bureau of Land Management will be erecting a "Redmond Caves" sign on the site within the next three weeks. The sign informs the public that it is a Natural Community Park managed in cooperation with the City of Redmond.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved the American Legion Park Conditional Use/Site Plan.

Arbor Week is the first week of April and will include planting trees and Sam Johnson Park, Diamond Bar Park, Fireman's Pond, and Spud Bowl.

Approximately 40 new street trees will be added to the downtown area to replace damaged or missing trees.

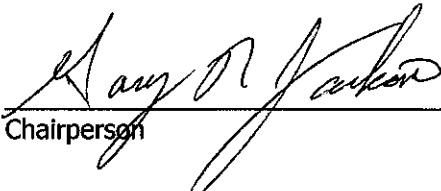
Earth Day activities are being scheduled for April 28th and will include clean-up of the Dry Canyon areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 16 day of

April, 2007



Chairperson