

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2007 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Members Attending: Gary Jackson, Richard Green, Susan Marceau, Gary Parks, and Peter Seitz

Members Absent: Julie Price, Jon Wood

Staff Present: Jeff Powers, Parks Division Manager; Cynthia Hollerbach, Public Works Administration

Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD Director; Curtis Johnson, Parks Intern; Phyllis Kosanke and Brian Hole, RAPRD Board; David Olson and Crystal Hutchins, David Evans & Associates; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Susan Marceau motioned to approve the minutes of April 16, 2007 and Peter Seitz seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as written.

Presentation – Draft 25-Year Park Facilities Update and Park/Trails Master Plan:

Crystal Hutchins, David Evans and Associates (DEA), provided an overview of the Draft 25-Year Park Facilities Update and Park/Trails Master Plan. The plan is designed to serve 58,000 people, which is the expected population by combining current with that of the annexed land. A one-half mile radius coverage (park within ½ mile of all residents), rather than park acreage per 1000 people, was the standard used to propose new neighborhood parks. Based on this standard, six new neighborhood parks (3-5 acres) are being proposed in the draft plan; parks which would be funded by SDCs. Parks such as Umatilla and the Spud Bowl in the Central Dry Canyon are community parks, for which 4 acres per thousand people is the recommended standard. The plan proposes an additional 124 acres of community parks to meet the 2030 population needs.

Park amenities will differ per community, hence the purpose of the survey that was distributed via the utility bill mailing. Some future park amenities required to meet the 2030 population needs are:

34 additional softball/baseball fields

Additional community pool; standard is 1 pool per 20,000 people

11 additional miles of trails

Trails N/S – proposing 12 miles of off-street trails to include BPA (Bonneville Power Association) right-of-way, Dry Canyon Trail Highland to Quartz, COID canal lateral

Trails E/W- connections along sidewalks and bike lanes; already existing on Maple Avenue, Highland/Glacier Couplet, and Antler/Black Butte

Findings of the draft Master Plan were compiled and the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list was drafted. The CIP land acquisition costs are proposed at \$200,000 per acre and park development costs include only typical amenities such as restroom, trees, turf, irrigation and general utilities. Combining all the proposed park needs for the 2030 population into a CIP list results in a proposed SDC of \$3,252.

Gary Parks commented that the SDC value received review and input from the Parks Advisory Committee members, City Council, commercial representation, the School District and COID.

Dave Olson provided park SDC rates for other Oregon cities for comparison. They are as follows:

Tualatin	\$4000
Oregon City	\$2800
Bend	\$3300
Canby	\$4700
Creswell	\$1500
Cottage Grove	\$ 230
Madras	\$1700
Prineville	\$ 00

Jeff Powers thanked Crystal Hutchins, Dave Olson and the members of the PAC for all the hard work they have contributed to drafting the Parks Master Plan.

Jeff highlighted observations from the survey results of 326 responses. There are an additional 66 responses from the online survey, which have yet to be compiled.

- 47 % Age 55 and up
- 35 % Age 19 to 54

82% of respondents used a City park within the last year

Top five park amenities used:

- 1 Trails
- 2 Trails and walking paths
- 3 Open lawn
- 4 Picnic table and shelters
- 5 Play structures

Top five park amenities most like to see:

- 1 Walking trails
- 2 Natural areas
- 3 Places for outdoor events
- 4 Picnic shelter/tables
- 5 Water spray park

Jeff suggested the Commission take some time to review the draft report and CIP list and then provide recommendations on the plan.

Brian Hole suggested the survey results be compared to Redmond demographics giving the example that 47% age 55 and up responded, however Redmond's population of 55 and up may be less. Gary Jackson inquired about an indoor tennis facility. Crystal Hutchins responded that Redmond has more than the required number of tennis courts for its population and that funding an indoor tennis facility may be possible through a private source. Katie Hammer addressed questions about a community center. Gary Jackson asked if there is a need for more public golf courses. The standard is one public golf course for 50,000 populations. Gary Jackson inquired about the rate of inflation; Crystal responded that 4%/year, ENR index, was utilized in calculations. Brian Hole inquired about putting bike lanes on east and west streets that are not arterials. Crystal replied using streets other than arterials would require frequent stops due to stop signs at many intersections.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of May Park Tour:

Jeff Powers reported that the City is looking at alternative materials to use for the staircase at the Overlook Park at the Maple Bridge – staircase more costly than anticipated and the use of alternative materials (steel vs cement) could hold costs down. Trees and landscaping will be added this summer to make it begin to look like a park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Powers introduced Curtis Johnson, a graduate from Central Washington, and interning with the Parks Department through the summer. He also introduced Phyllis Kosanke and Brian Hole, RAPRD Board members.

Park Projects and Events Update: Jeff provided the following announcements:

- American Legion Park is going out for bid Monday June 25th
- Munch & movies have yet to be scheduled
- Music on the greens will begin in July
- Concrete rodeo scheduled within a few weeks
- Stack Park responsibilities will be formalized after the will comes before council
- Cadets are working the City parks this summer

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The meeting was adjourned.

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

July, 2007

Gary A. Dudas
Chairperson