

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2007 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Members Attending: Susan Marceau, Gary Parks, Julie Price, Jon Wood

Members Absent: Gary Jackson, Richard Green, and Peter Seitz

Staff Present: Jeff Powers, Parks Division Manager; Curt Peterson, Parks Operations Supervisor; Cynthia Hollerbach, Public Works Administration

Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Susan Marceau motioned to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007 and Julie Price seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as written.

Review and Approval of Current Fiscal Year Park Improvement Plan: Jeff Powers distributed a list of proposed FY07-08 Park Improvement Plan projects. High priority projects include completion of the following: American Legion Park for approximately \$850,000; Dry Canyon Trail Extension (Highland to Quartz) for \$548,256; and Valley View Park Master Plan for \$200,000. Staff will apply for grants from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for assistance in developing the American Legion Park. Staff also proposes to redirect \$75,000 budgeted for the Central Dry Canyon Park Master Plan to the American Legion Park for park access land acquisition and for a pre-fabricated concrete restroom at Baker Park. Medium priority projects include completion of the Maple Overlook Park with canyon access and to initiate development of the Central Dry Canyon in Spring 2008. Discussion was held regarding the condition at Fireman's Pond; Jeff Powers explained the issues and options being researched in order to sustain fish life. Jon Wood made a motion to accept the proposed FY07-08 park projects realizing there may be a need to be flexible. Susan Marceau seconded the motion; the motion passed and the plan was accepted.

Potential Land Acquisition along South Canyon Drive: The City has an opportunity to purchase a residential lot on the east side of the canyon and provide additional parking for the American Legion Park. Staff anticipates more parking will be needed given the volume of people expected to attend events in the amphitheater. Potential purchase of property is going before the City Council July 17th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Status of Stack's Park: The Stack family is in the process of preparing to turn the Park over to the City. When this process is complete, RAPRD will add the Stack Park to the list of City Parks for which they accept reservations. Until then, Mike Stack is still accepting reservations for the Park.

Proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement – Stonehedge Homeowners Association (HOA): Jeff distributed a draft of the Land Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Dry Canyon property owned by Stonehedge. The City is proposing to purchase 5.26 acres along the east side of the Canyon and also fence the entire east side of the Stonehedge Property. Stonehedge HOA is meeting this week to review the City proposal.

Schedule Workshop on Parks Master Plan/Capital Plan Update: Staff will hold a final workshop so that the commission has an opportunity to fully understand the proposed plan before being asked to approve it. Staff will arrange a meeting in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Park Projects and Events Update:

August 8th is the tentative date for placement of the sculpture on the North Y

“Welcome to Redmond” sign is being placed at the West Y in about three weeks

Skatepark concrete rodeo event went well and was also well attended

West Canyon Rim Restroom – lawn is in and shrub work is being done in the natural areas

Diamond Bar Ranch - curbing is being installed around the toy structure this week and sod will be laid around the restroom

Gary Parks asked about vandalism events; Curt Peterson said they are about as much as usual

Quince Park – the fence on the corner was damaged, so the sidewalk and fence were replaced

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 17th day of Sept., 2007



Chairperson