

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

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

Members Attending: Gary Jackson, Gary Parks and Peter Seitz

Members Absent: Richard Green, Susan Marceau, Julie Price and Jon Wood

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

Others Present: Eric Burdick, Billy Oncay, Eric Helie, Jordon Thompson; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes of September 17th will be held for approval at the first meeting of 2008.

Convene Tree Board

Final Decision on Citizen Appeal Regarding Care of Black Walnut Tree at 35th and Reindeer: Discussion was postponed due to a lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Master Planning Process for Central Dry Canyon Park: Jeff Powers distributed a "Boundary and Existing Conditions" map for the Central Canyon Community Park along with a proposed schedule for the Master Planning Process. Existing conditions will be reviewed, a needs analysis conducted and alternative draft master plans developed; resulting in a recommended final Master Plan.

Skate park Expansion Request/Issues -- Eric Burdick outlined the past history on request(s) to extend skate park hours. The last review resulted in a suggestion to build another skate park after the City Council rejected to extend skate park hours. While a canyon lot between the Skate Park and Kiwanis field is up for sale, Eric commented that if skate park hours are not extended that this location would not do well to serve skate boarders. Eric highlighted trends in skate park use and design using Portland, as well as Bend, for examples.

BMX Park Request Issues -- Eric Helie, of Trinity Bikes, is seeking a place for young people to ride BMX race and freestyle. The prior proposal to allow use of BMX bikes in the skate park was reviewed. Jeff Powers recalled that as a result of the discussion, it was recommended that a BMX users group be formed and promote their interests, similar to what the skate board users have done.

Jeff Powers summarized that through the Central Dry Canyon planning process, the need for another skate park and a BMX park will be considered for this area. Jeff suggested the skateboarders and BMX bicyclists organize into groups to help support any efforts.

Jeff Powers highlighted some of the issues surrounding existing structures in the Central Dry Canyon: Eggleston's and Dunn properties which have possession until March of 2008; Bantz House; and Hahn property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Park Project Update: 20-30 trees have been planted in the American Legion Park; turf and plants will be planted next spring; most of the concrete work is completed with the exception of the plaza for the three flag poles; City will apply for building permit on behalf of American Legion for the amphitheater.

Revised Meeting Schedules for January and February: Due to the national holidays, the Parks Commission will meet the second (rather than the third) Mondays of the months – January 14th and February 11th, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.