

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2008 – 6:00 PM – Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

Members Attending: Peter Seitz, Gary Parks, Susan Marceau, Gary Jackson

Staff Present: Chris Doty, Public Works Director, Curt Petersen Park Operations Supervisor, Jeff Powers, Park Division Manager

Others Present: Tim Brown, Kiwanis; Michael Thille, Rotary; Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Gary Parks moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2008 and Sue Marceau seconded the motion, the minutes were approved as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Rotary Stage

Michael Thille of Redmond Rotary provided an update on the Stage to be built within American Legion Community Park. Rotary and the Parks Division are finalizing details associated with obtaining the Building Permit. The Plan Review process required Rotary to obtain a Special Inspector during construction and the Parks Division was required to address ADA and restroom capacity issues associated with events within the park. Michael said that Rotary has \$100,000 in pledged and in-hand contributions. They are hoping to raise another \$50,000 in contributions and the rest of the facility will be built with in-kind contributions and labor. The goal is to have the stage built by the end of the year.

Rotary expressed gratitude to the Kiwanis Club for their willingness to undertake the terraced seating project associated with the stage and club member Tim Brown discussed this project further. Rotary plans to involve Redmond High School in the production of 4'x 2'x 2' pre-cast concrete blocks which will then be placed in the excavated slope in front of the stage to serve as seating. Details such as texturing, coloring, grass strips between the terraces, and donation plaques were discussed. Tim stressed that the plans were not final and they were open to suggestions on design and construction.

Commission members indicated that they liked the design of the facility and expected the facility to be well used.

Proposed Capital Improvement Budget for 08/09 and American Legion Park Phase I Improvements

Jeff Powers reviewed the Phase II improvements planned for American Legion Park plus reminded the Commission that, given the priority to finish this park, there was little room in the budget for other Capital Improvements in the park system. Jeff told the Commission that the Division is submitting an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Application to fund the flush restroom and aquatic play spray ground master planned for the park. Peter also suggested potential sponsorship as another funding source for the spray ground. Gary Jackson asked if the restroom would

provide individual stalls as discussed previously. After discussion of pros and cons, it was left that this option should be explored further prior to final construction.

There was further discussion about the site details in Phase II; Susan suggested a second bike rack, the lighting detail was reviewed and it was relayed that the American Legion had sold roughly 230 of the total 580 bricks in the Plaza.

Chris Doty reminded the Commission that \$160,000 will be carried forward in the Parks CIP budget to build the park features associated with the Hathaway Overlook, while grant funds are being sought to fund the staircase which is part of this master plan.

Central Canyon Community Park Master Planning-Infrastructure Requirements

Jeff Powers started discussion about parking and access issues associated with the newly acquired Central Canyon parkland between Black Butte Avenue and the Fir Avenue staircase, and said that the intention was to at least establish a small gravel parking area on the footprint of the Bantz house in order to accommodate initial park amenities such as a dog park. The plan is to create a trial dog-park just north of the Bantz house. Chris emphasized the need for Site Plan and Council approval prior to proceeding with a dog park. Once issues are clearer about longer term on-site amenities such as ball fields, the parking lot can be expanded and paved.

The potential for a four-legged roundabout and a bike/pedestrian tunnel were also discussed in relation to pedestrian and traffic safety.

In response to a question from Gary Jackson, Chris emphasized that all the tools were in place in house to begin the planning process on this site.

Adopt-a-Park Program Review

Jeff indicated that he had been contacted by 4 groups interested in Adopting City parks.

Currently only one group, T-Mobile at Sam Johnson, is active in performing park maintenance activities through this volunteer program. As a reminder, there is also a section of Dry Canyon Trail which is currently adopted. Staff will update existing program forms and work with interested groups to get parks assigned.

Announcements

Planned Downtown Park – The park planned for downtown across from city hall is planned as a potential replacement for the existing plaza and funding is being sought through DURAC. An RFP for its design is incorporated in the RFP for the design of the new City Hall.

Park Commission Vacancy – Richard Lance has submitted an application for the Parks Commission and he will be interviewed by Councilor Endicott on February 26.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 19 day of May, 2008.



Chairperson