

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2008 – 6:00 PM- Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

Members Attending: Gary Jackson, Chair, Sue Marceau, Richard Lance, Gary Parks

Staff Present: Curt Petersen, Park Operations Supervisor, Jeff Powers, Parks Division Manager

Others Present: Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Richard Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2008 meeting as submitted, Gary Parks seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Legion Park Seating Project: Jeff Powers informed the Commission that the terraced seating project associated with the Rotary Stage in American Legion Park, as proposed by the Kiwanis Club during the February Commission meeting, will be moving forward. Jeff distributed information about product materials to be used and the construction process. The Commission was also reminded that Kiwanis was organizing outreach efforts with the High School to provide vocational education opportunities and promote ownership of the project. To date three educational sessions have been planned;

1. Surveying students will assist in laying out the project
2. The Parks Division will sponsor an educational session on landscaping and irrigation for the project
3. Rock Solid Precast Inc., materials provider, will offer a tour of their facilities and the opportunity to observe the seating construction/installation process

The Kiwanis Club will provide the roughly \$40,000 to complete this project and the goal is to begin the educational sessions in May. Public Works/Parks will complete the excavation.

The commission had several questions about project dimensions & capacity, ADA seating, the need for a center aisle, lighting, and the merits of incorporating the grass strip behind the concrete seats and risers.

The Commission consensus was to move ahead with the project as proposed by Kiwanis, with H.S. involvement, keeping the grass component and including a center aisle if feasible.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Eastside Trail Section and Potential Linear Park: This item was brought forward as a follow up to the last meeting to determine if the Commission had additional questions. Additionally the Commission viewed photos of the area which were not available during the last meeting. Gary Jackson asked if the City had taken the form suggested action, through the CIP/PFP process to declare the subject neighborhood as being Neighborhood Park deficient, Powers responded that yes, the Planning Commission had made this a formal recommendation to City Council for incorporation into the Master Plan. Susan and Richard also had follow up questions/suggestions about the need for fencing along the perimeter of the park, especially on the Re-route side.

American Legion Park:

Restroom Design Considerations - Curt Petersen showed renderings of the proposed American Legion Park Restroom design and floor plan. The architectural features of the restroom are borrowed from the Stage design, and the floor plan is sized to meet building code requirements and ratios associated with the fact that 94 vehicle parking spaces are provided within the park. The Commission consensus relative to the design was very favorable.

Phase I Construction Status Report – Jeff Powers briefed the Commission on the construction contract indicating that the final shrubs have been planted and the grass seed was to be sewn very soon, pending good weather conditions.

Report on RAPRD's "Majestic Summit" Park Master Plan: Gary Parks, who sat in on the citizen design committee for this park, showed a draft master plan for the site. The site is constrained by its location under the power lines, i.e. no park features taller than 15 feet. Features of the plan include: irrigated turf, a water feature, play equipment and a trail which coincides with the City Draft Trail Master Plan. Gary asked for comments on the design from the Commission. Members generally liked the design and its features but some wondered about the potential maintenance costs associated with the water feature. Gary said that he would carry this concern back to the steering committee. He also said that he would try to make copies of the plan available to the Commission.

Report on Recent Park System Projects and Upgrades: Curt Petersen gave a PowerPoint presentation illustrating several park maintenance and upgrade projects, including work on the third Bowlby softball field, and irrigation system upgrading at Stack's Park, which have been accomplished over the last several months.

WORK SESSION

Park Staff and the Commission then spent time working with the Central Canyon Community Park Site Map and scaled representations of parking areas, athletic fields, and 2 & 3 acre dog park areas. Initial discussions about access, infrastructure needs, and the disposition of the on-site structures also took place. This initial session helped illustrate the capacity of the site to accommodate a variety of amenities and support facilities. Similar sessions will be incorporated into future Commission meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

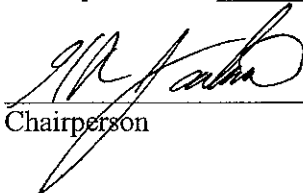
Earth Day Activities: will be held for the 3rd consecutive year in Sam Johnson Park on April 26th. There will again be information booths, music, lunch, giveaways and volunteer litter pickup in the Dry Canyon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 23 day of July, 2008



Chairperson