

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: August 19, 2008 at 6:00 PM

Location: Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

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

Staff Present: Curt Peterson, Parks Operations Supervisor; Chris Doty, Director; Tanya Swisher, Public Works Administration

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

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Gary Jackson made a motion to approve the July 21, 2008 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Sue Marceau seconded the motion, and they were approved as amended.

Community Center: Richard Lance motioned to approve the Community Center concept at SW Quartz Ave., Sue Marceau seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Off-Leash Dog Area: Richard Lance motioned to approve the Off-Leash Dog Area, Gary Parks seconded the motion, and it was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

RAPRD Community Center: Katie Hammer submitted 2 documents for review. They included a list of potential sites with pros/cons and a concept drawing of the Community Center at the preferred site, SW Quartz Ave. The purpose is to obtain a recommendation on location from the Parks Commission. RAPRD is scheduled to appear before City Council on August 26, 2008 to request permission to use the SW Quartz Ave. site for the Community Center. It will be going out for bond in November. The areas discussed are as follows:

Parking: A request for variance is needed to minimize parking regulations from approximately 1000 spaces to approximately 250-300 spaces. Gary Jackson asked if there were any regulations on having only one entrance for a parking lot of this size. The sketch includes an outlined area for overflow parking, but there would be no vehicular access from obsidian.

Location: This location is 8/10 miles from the new amphitheater at American Legion Community Park. The location is separate from the bond measure.

Boys & Girls Club: The Boys & Girls Club is shown on the concept sketch because they are looking to share space with the Community Center. They could also, potentially, be located across the street. Gary Jackson indicated that there may be some restrictions with the one-acre parcel across the street that may need looking into. It may have been dedicated as part of mitigation from development. The Boys & Girls Club would prefer to be next to a school, but this location provides close proximity to 2 schools. Katie explained that in any case the Boys & Girls

club is responsible for building their own portion. Gary Jackson mentioned that their building design should be in coordination with the Community Center and should also involve the Parks Commission. Sue brought up concerns over the financial health of the Boys & Girls Club and whether or not it has lasting potential.

Daycare: RAPRD was approached about having a daycare close to the center, which was also included on the concept sketch. It also is in keeping with the City Council's goals.

Aquatic Space: The decision to place the Natatorium at the entrance to the property is based on optimal energy savings. The space includes a 25-yard, leisure and therapy pools and spa; there is also a 50-meter outdoor pool.

Architecture: Katie would like to see modifications such as moving the outdoor space and community room from touching the parking lot to the back of the property where green space could be enjoyed. Katie has assured that the final designs will fit the natural setting. Gary Jackson suggests that a campus like setting would be more appropriate. The height of the building(s) is(are) a concern, would like for it to stay within the confines of the canyon walls. Katie indicated that a design committee would be formed to guide this effort, everyone strongly agrees that someone from the Parks Commission should be involved.

Design Requirements: Gary Jackson inquired about environmental impact statement requirements. None are required unless the funding source is federal or state. It does, however, require a site and design approval, conditional use permit and possibly a zone change. Chris believes that the Master Plan would not have to be revised.

Trail: The trail was not included on the concept sketch and should be included on any future sketches. It should be in a safe location not adjacent to the parking lot. Chris Doty thinks that a facility like this would accentuate the trail system. Richard has concerns over the paving of the canyon, he understands there are limited locations to choose from and that this location does not present as much opposition as the others. Although he agrees with Chris on accentuating the trail, he believes that this type of usage is a much more intensive use of canyon property.

Stormwater: It is an issue since there would be much more hardscape to contend with. Gary Jackson would like to see that it is managed in an environmentally responsible way.

The conclusion of this discussion is that the commissioners are in favor of a community center, but have strong reservations on constructing buildings in the Canyon.

Dog Park: Chris Doty passed out a sketch showing the boundaries of the dog park. It will be designated as an "Off-Leash Area" where water will be provided. The goal is to also keep it somewhat screened from neighbors. There will be no parking adjacent to this area. Patrons will have to park at the Spud Bowl/Skate Park lots and walk to the dog area. It will be placed 30 feet from the trail and will contain entrances (a double gate) at 2 ends. This initial phase will be temporary to allow for further information to be gathered such as how many visitors frequent this area, what types of amenities do they expect, etc. There is no budget for this temporary area. The next steps would be taking this to Council and getting community volunteers to donate materials and labor. This is the same area that stormwater would potentially be routed. A permanent "Dog Park" should be considered in the future and should be included in the Master Plan as well as the amenities that should be provided at such a park.

Curt gave a powerpoint presentation showing different types of fences and their associated costs. A 4-foot, no-climb fence is \$6.00 per foot; total costs would amount to \$10,000. If a wooden top is added to prevent sagging the costs increase to \$11.00 per foot; total costs would amount to \$20,000. Gates would be an additional \$250 per gate; total costs would amount to \$1000. Chainlink and cyclone fences are significantly more expensive and permanent than the proposed no-climb option. Large woven wire

could not be used as smaller dogs may fit through. However, a denser weave at the bottom graduating to a larger weave at the top is possible. Gary Jackson suggests that a combination of fencing may be the best option.

Parks Master Plan: Chris Doty would like for the Parks Commission to be more involved in implementing the Master Plan. This item should be discussed at each meeting. The commissioners will review the plan before the next meeting. A copy of the Parks Master Plan will be provided to each commissioner. The parcels that need to be developed or need some attention need to be clearly identified. Some of these areas include Highland to Fir/Greenwood, Bowlby to Tennis Courts, Becky Johnson donation and Antler to Black Butte. The initial step is to review the plan and determine relevance to our community. Some of the identified amenities are based on national standards and others are based on Redmond specifically. Gary Jackson would like to know, if possible, how the current amenities are being used, such as the tennis courts. SDCs are allocated for some items, but not all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tree Trimming: The Walnut tree on Reindeer was trimmed. No agreement to share the costs was finalized with the property owners.

American Legion Update: Curt gave a powerpoint presentation showing the progress at the park. Pictures included the terraced seating and stage areas.

Canyon Trail Update: Bids came in on August 7th, but were higher than expected. We are \$200,000 short. ODOT is reviewing to see if more funds can be contributed to this grant. Public Works is looking into modifying the project description such as taking out the stairs and trail connection at Pumice. The stairs and trail connection at Obsidian is SDC eligible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

September, 2008.



Chairperson

