

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: November 18, 2008 at 6:00 PM

Location: Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

Members Attending: Gary Jackson, Peter Seitz, 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; Christina and Drew Dennis, BOR; Kent Barnes

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Richard Lance made a motion to approve the October 21, 2008 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Peter Seitz seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bikers of Redmond (BOR): This discussion was continued from the last meeting (in September). The City Manager discussed the idea with the Superintendent of Redmond Schools and the response was positive. The next step is to make a presentation to the school board. Since the site on the Hugh Hartmann campus meets all of the desired attributes, consideration of the other properties will resume after input from the school board has been received. If the Hugh Hartmann property becomes the site for a BMX park, most likely a partnership between the city and the school district would be formed. The school district would own the property, but the city would maintain.

The least amount of space to accommodate BMX bikes would be the size of the Skate Park. Any shape is workable, but something with a long dimension to build speed would be more suitable. The layout of the BMX park in Madras was not necessarily large, but was sufficient for the activities. They did have to dig to create the bowls. The Madras park is a multi-use space, allowing skaters and bikers.

Additional comments on areas discussed previously:

- Parcel south of the Skate Park: The close proximity to the Becky Johnson donation, which carries deed restrictions, could create obstacles.
- Kiwanis Field: The field is often used for overflow sports activities and is also adjacent to the Becky Johnson Donation.

Parks Master Plan: Central Canyon Planning: The parking discussion continued. Chris will coordinate with Engineering to draft sketches of these proposals for the next meeting. Richard's sketch was reviewed again. There were further discussions about parking close to the Sam Johnson pavilion (city-owned), on the rim at SW 17th (not city-owned) and west of Kiwanis field (not city-owned). Chris mentioned that flexibility is also prudent and that grassy areas such as Kiwanis field can be used as

overflow parking for events that occur infrequently. The opening of American Legion Park has added to the existing parking and new events will be encouraged to use that area in lieu of Sam Johnson. Parking that was included in the Master Plan can be modified to accommodate new solutions. Commissioners do hope to see the fire access road rerouted closer to the east side of the canyon rim when feasible.

The amount of tennis courts included in the Master Plan may be reached with the construction of the new high school. The new school will be adding 5 to 6 tennis courts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stormwater Swale: Chris handed out a stormwater plan. Previous discussions about directing the stormwater from 5th and 6th Streets to the south of Black Butte into Bowlby Field was not approved by Council. Therefore, the stormwater will be directed to the north of Black Butte. The plan includes building a line into Black Butte to direct the stormwater. The drawing shows two concepts. The first shows the line running to the driveway, out letting into a structure by the Bantz house and a swale that parallels the trail and outlets into the dog park area. The swale would accommodate most rain events. The second would be a 4-foot berm creating a triangular pond; however, this involves purchasing a property. This option allows for more stormwater storage and would not run over into the park unless it was a big storm event. Native vegetation would be used. It is expected that one of the options will be taken to council and a construction plan developed, if funds are available, by next summer.

Off Leash Dog Area: The dog park has been declared, but funds do not exist to proceed.

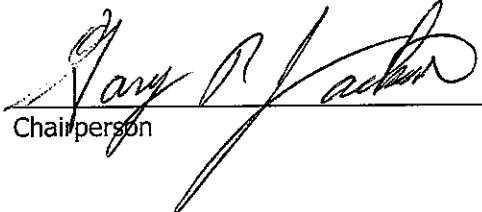
Frank and Josephine Redmond Home site: A site plan developed by Shirlee Evans in conjunction with Public Works staff was distributed. Shirlee Evans made a recommendation to make this a park site and Council has approved it. The park's purpose is to pay homage to the original home site of Frank and Josephine Redmond, the city's founders. There are no SDC funds allocated to this park, but there are downtown urban renewal funds for the trail. Volunteer efforts will be needed to develop the site over time. There is trail included that would be part of the master trail system and could possibly stretch from Evergreen to Home Depot. The Historical Commission would like to have kiosks installed and assist in getting a neighborhood effort together to maintain. Public Works is currently maintaining the lot, including the bridges. ODOT still owns the land, but permits the use. A similar agreement will have to be entered into with COIC for access to their ROW. The Parks Commission has consented. The plans can be submitted for land use approval.

Parks Commission Meeting: There will be no meeting in December. The Parks Commission will reconvene Tuesday, January 20, 2009

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 28 day of

JAN, 2009



Chairperson