

## PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: May 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Location: Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

Members Attending: Richard Lance, Gary Parks, Jeff Komer, Peter Seitz

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

Others Present: Shirlee Evans, Councilor; Trish Pinkerton, Redmond Spokesman;

### **DECISION ITEMS**

*Minutes:* Richard Lance made a motion to approve the March 17, 2009 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Jeff Komer seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*American Legion Restroom:* A notice to proceed was granted by OPAR. In addition to the grant for Phase II, Rotary has a \$30,000 grant to contribute to further development of the park.

Phase II will see the construction of a restroom facility with the possibility of a concession area. Renderings were provided for the Commission to review. One included a concession area, the other did not. Both plans are comparable in cost. The plan that includes a concession area is a prefab structure from a non-local supplier. Since restrooms are individually locking stalls, the parks staff would have the ability to open restrooms on an as needed basis, thereby reducing vandalism and maintenance. R. Lance moved to approve the second concept (multipurpose structure), Peter Seitz seconded the motion. All are in favor and the second concept was approved.

Two concepts have been identified as priorities for the Rotary grant. Vandalism of the stage area is prevalent; therefore, a surveillance camera option is being considered. (Tagging takes place during all hours of the day and night.) Quotes were previously researched and estimated costs are around \$4,000. The other concept is a split toy structure (2-5 year old section and 5-12 year old section). Other concepts that have been mentioned are sand volleyball courts and basketball courts. Some projects lend themselves to volunteer opportunities.

A future project is a roadway leading out of the canyon.

*Parks Foundation:* The Parks Commission is the nucleus of the Parks Foundation, but there is the ability to also have 2 to 4 community members serve on the foundation. Does the commission have the energy to reactivate the foundation?

RTS is a group that is interested in partnering with the Parks Commission, Parks Foundation and RAPRD for current and future projects.

There are many questions that need to be addressed by the city attorney prior to any further discussions. C. Doty will address with the city attorney.

Foundation meeting will be scheduled at the end of the next commission meeting.

Budget: Projects designated in the budget were discussed at the last meeting. Budget Narratives were passed out to Commissioners. Funds were not cut, but were moved from one line to another, as necessary. The budget lines were not included at this time, but will come back with that information in the future. ODOT paid the city for the old Ray Johnson Park and is reflected in the FY 2006/2007 and FY 2007/2008 budgets.

Public Space: R. Lance presented a powerpoint presentation of various parks with different types of amenities from all around the world. Paper icons were provided and are to be used as an exercise with the map (drafted by engineering, previously provided) to concept placement of various amenities.

If the Commission is interested in entertaining the idea of a climbing structure, Entre Prises USA, a locally owned company that builds such structures, would be willing to attend a meeting to provide more information.

See pps.org for more information on public spaces.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Earth Day: The event was successful and encompassed litter patrol, weed pull and trail restoration from Highland to Quartz. Since that time, the head of COTA advised against lining the soft trail with rocks since it is a hazardous distraction for cyclists. A better option is to have a path that is obvious enough that a perimeter does not need to be delineated. This coupled with signage should help direct trail users. There is still some concern about not putting out markers.

Project updates: The trail extension was completed in the south dry canyon. The trail is now 3.8 miles in length. The trail was built up at American Legion to meet the grade requirements in the area for future purposes. Staircases at Obsidian are finished. The Spruce staircase on the east side is almost complete. The last set of stairs and hand rail are to be put in.

Pump Track/BMX Park Concept: City Council was receptive to the concept and encourages moving forward. BOR was present. This will be a volunteer project, currently led by S. Evans. Costs can be kept at a minimum since the track is dirt (with clay to provide a sturdy surface) and other materials are from salvaged goods.

ODOT approved the use of the land at the F. & J. Redmond Park for this concept; however, there are still some steps to go through before the approval is finalized. It must also be approved by COID, who is waiting on a piece of legislation to be passed before a decision can be made. Neighbors of the park will need to be notified and provided with an opportunity to provide input. A site and design approval is not necessary.

Resignation: Parks Commission Chair, Gary Jackson has stepped down from the position. Richard Lance nominated Gary Parks for the position of Parks Commission Chair. All are in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 16 day of June, 2009.

  
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Chairperson