

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: September 15, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Location: Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

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

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

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

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Richard Lance made a motion to approve the August 18, 2009 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Jeff Komer seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved.

Off-Leash Dog Area: C. Doty provided a handout containing the off-leash dog area code amendment and layout options. Since the area identified for the off-leash area is in a location that has not been master planned, it will reside there in the interim. It could be relocated in the future. There is concern over pedestrian safety with the off-leash area positioned close to the trail. J. Komer suggests a 5' minimum fence height rather than the previously discussed 4' fence. More research will be gathered to determine the best height. The estimated cost of a fully installed 5' fence is over \$20,000. Kelly Ramy is heavily involved with gathering supporters and is directing donors to the Foundation. There are currently no funds allocated to this project, but some capital funds can be allocated to fencing. The Commission concurs that a city match of \$5000 from the fencing budget be used to help stimulate donations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Letter: Victor Borghesi submitted a letter for review. He would like to see a dog park and Frisbee golf course developed in the Canyon. His suggestions for the dog park are consistent with the current plan that is progressing. However, there is still a concern over safety and location of the suggested frisbee golf course. This concept has been brought before the Commission before and it was mentioned that a minimum of 10 acres would be required. This amount of space may not be available in the Canyon. Also, this type of use conflicts with the desire to keep the Canyon natural. Although COCC's course is located on a natural area, it is the only use in that area as opposed to the various types of traffic that the Canyon experiences. The primary form of challenge for most frisbee golf courses is terrain, which the canyon does not have. But Mr. Borghesi believes that wind could provide enough of a challenge. Locating a frisbee golf course next to the off-leash dog area could pose a distraction for the dogs. There are other areas that could be considered for this amenity:

- Oasis park, 7 acres, 1.5 is a water reservoir and could offer terrain
- BLM lands, 40 acres, although it may not have the best potential, will have to request usage from BLM
- East 9th Street south of Antler is open space park reserve, owned by city, school and COID
- Old Juniper Golf Course, under FAA restrictions, owned by the airport

The discussion concluded with a desire of the Commission to review a layout provided by Mr. Borghesi and a continued dialog. C. Doty will contact Mr. Borghesi for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project updates: C. Petersen provided a powerpoint presentation of the following:

- All but three structures have been demolished in the Canyon north of Antler. The old school house still exists and will be relocated at a future date. The other remaining structures are a stone structure and a wood shed that can be used for storage.
- There are at least 5 dead trees that will be removed. As many of the others will be saved as possible. The Parks Division has been manually watering the trees in an attempt to salvage them and long term solutions are being discussed.
- Trees on 5th Street will need to be removed and new ones replanted for several reasons. One, they have nearly reached their life expectancy. Two, the contractors working on the reconstruction project are trying to work around the trees, but is unable to avoid the root balls. Trees will be replanted as part of that project.

Next Meeting: The next meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 14th.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 14th day of October, 2009.



Chairperson