



CITY OF REDMOND

Exhibit A

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Location: Conference Room A, Redmond City Hall

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

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

Others Present: Katie Hammer, RAPRD; Shirlee Evans, City Council Liaison; Trish Pinkerton, Spokesman

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes:

Richard Lance made a motion to approve the October 14, 2009 Parks Commission meeting minutes, Jeff Komer seconded the motion. All are in favor and the minutes were approved.

Public Input Meeting:

R. Lance thinks it would be a good idea to invite the public to provide comment on the plans that the Commission has developed for the Canyon Master Plan. C. Doty agrees, but believes the Commission to be in a preliminary state. The walk-through of the canyon provided insight and ideas towards development, but a draft of those suggestions needs to be drawn up. Once this has been done and the plan is finalized for a presentation, a public meeting can be scheduled. This will be two or three months from now.

Deschutes County Scenic Bikeway:

Jeff Komer made a motion to approve the Deschutes County Scenic Bikeway concept which includes the Dry Canyon Trail. Cyndie Bell seconded the motion. All are in favor and the concept was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Memorials:

There are no new developments on the memorial benches for the canyon at this time. C. Doty and C. Petersen are still looking into the type(s) of benches that should be utilized in the canyon in order to ensure that the natural environment is preserved. Need to consider what is currently placed in the park system, other items such as water fountains and the placement of items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

American Legion

- The climbing boulder proposal was approved by City Council and will be awarded to Entre Prises. There will be a 4-, 7- and 10-foot boulder to cover all age groups. This amenity will attract many

climbers at all skill levels. A video of the boulders that Entre Prises built for the State Parks at Smith Rock is available for viewing at <http://www.smithrock.com/flash/news/bivy-boulder-movie.html>. Ian Caldwell of the State Parks worked on the project for Smith Rock and has extended volunteer consulting services for the American Legion Climbing Boulder project.

- The restroom facility is out to bid and has a deadline of April.

Off-Leash Dog Area

- Kelly Ramey is continuing the effort of coordinating volunteers and fundraising events. That support group met recently to discuss the project (slides from that meeting were shown). The group's focus is not just a fence, but all of the amenities involved in constructing a successful off-leash dog area.

Frank & Josephine Park

- Eric Heely from Trinity Bikes is helping with the BMX Pump Track by providing designs which can be seen in the staff report that was distributed. The staff report also delineates responsibilities of the support group and the City.
- A local citizen who used to be a landscaper is interested in contributing his expertise to the park project.
- S. Evans has suggested a name change for the park to Homestead Park in an effort to shorten the name. This suggestion will also be taken to the Historical Commission for consideration.

Paul Hathaway Memorial Overlook Park

- There are some funds in the budget for the development of this park; however, more is required for all of the planned amenities. City staff will apply for more grants to build a staircase. The plans for the park will have to accommodate stormwater infrastructure and go through a land use process. Parking will be scarce at this site, but it is believed that the usage of this park will be for short term visitors and pedestrians accessing the staircase to the canyon. City staff is hoping to turn their attention to this park in 2010.

Vandalism

- Report was provided.

Public Comment

Deschutes County is assembling a route for a scenic bikeway and has requested for each interested community to submit a scenic route for inclusion (total mileage is not finalized). The portion that passes through Redmond would include the Dry Canyon from the wastewater treatment plant to Antler Avenue. S. Evans provided a map for viewing. ODOT will support the project with signage and the State Park Department will post the route on its website. A handout with more information was made available. The proposal is due by January 31st. See Decision Items for more information.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this 19th day of January, 2010.



Chairperson