

City of Fairview
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2015

PRESENT:

Steven Marker, Chair
Darren Riordan
Lauri Kreamier
Councilor Brian Cooper

ABSENT:

Steve Kaufman

STAFF:

Allan Berry, Public Works Director

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Marker called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All present signed the attendance record.

2. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting are currently being prepared by the City Recorder. They will be available at the next meeting.

3. STAFF UPDATES

Director Berry reported the following:

- Apologies for the lack of minutes. Devree is preparing them as Sarale Hickson did not complete them prior to leaving for Gresham.
- Director Berry will be the staff representative to PRAC until someone is identified to take over the committee. We are considering Peter Armans for that role.
- Director Berry would like to meet with the PRAC chair 1 week prior to the PRAC meeting to set the agenda. The agenda for today's meeting was set by Director Berry.
- Director Berry reported that the proposed improvements to Lakeshore Park had been made a part of the PRAC work plan. The work plan still has to have a budget allocated to it. Director Berry suggested that we do a quick recap of the status of work on the park, and offered to show the presentation on the proposed work that had been given to Council. All present concurred that would be a good idea.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Public to be heard)

- No comments.

5. LAKESHORE PARK

Director Berry showed the power-point. The context of the original presentation was to inform council what was in the original plan and what had been completed, to discuss the results of a survey of residents, and the differences identified through that process. PRAC and Staff recommendations were made and council was asked to give direction to staff on where they wished the project to go. No specific direction was given but we are now at the point where we are ready to move forward

and a revised PRAC recommendation to council is likely needed. A copy of the council presentation is attached for reference. (*Exhibit A*) Following the presentation, a discussion was held on the options shown in the presentation, and other options for the park. These options were marked on an aerial photograph and the PRAC was invited to mark up the drawing with other ideas and to discuss their ideas. Ideas included:

- The west end of the park provides a view of Mt Hood and would be an option for a viewpoint
- Expanded parking
- Create fishing/viewing platforms at various locations on the lakeshore
- Provide a boardwalk
- Bird blinds
- Osprey platform
- Removal of fence and create trails to lakeshore
- Turtle nesting / platforms
- Limited play equipment to support the natural environment. Martha Gaty, a playground consultant, gave us some options for the park, and those options were provided to the committee for discussion. The committee perused those options and selected some for further consideration.

Further Discussion:

1. The ideal time for construction on Lakeshore Park is before Memorial Day while the water level is down. That means getting the design completed in the winter months.
2. The committee felt that some play equipment would be well received but perhaps needs to be more related to the natural aspects of the park. Residents do want to keep the overall look of the park, but some active play would be beneficial. PRAC did note that interpretive signage was not wanted by local residents.
3. PRAC felt that access for maintenance was a big concern.
4. PRAC liked the concept of platforms.
5. PRAC asked if staff could put the recommendations on 1 plan for review at the next meeting.
6. Need to ask PGE for limitations adjacent their easement.
7. Need to identify any issues pertaining to DSL.

Summary

Chair Marker put forth a motion to recommend that the committee accept the ideas put forth by Director Berry. Committee Member Riordan seconded the motion. Additional parking and informational signage will not be included. The motion passed. PRAC asked if staff could provide an aerial drawing at the next meeting to show the options. The committee will then do a tour of Lakeshore Park. After the plan is finalized, the PRAC should recommend it formally to council. Councilor Cooper will report on behalf of PRAC at the next council meeting to get the recommendation on the agenda.

6. SALISH PONDS FISHING

ODF & W have asked to meet regarding stocking of Salish Pond. We have asked them to give us alternative times, and have not heard back yet.

7. RECREATION PLAN

Councilor Cooper gave an overview of the concept for a 3 city recreational plan. The Springwater Group has been to the 3 cities council meetings to present the concept. This did not receive universal support and would require a serious work effort with the 3 cities needing to work together. Our Mayor and Council have stated that they do not want to expend time and dollars at this point. Fairview has 9000 residents and does not have the space or budget to provide the needed facilities. Councilor Cooper stated that he just wants to get the dialog started with the goal of creating recreational opportunities. The next task to be accomplished would be to perform a "Needs Assessment." These studies are not cheap. Councilor Cooper provided a copy of a similar document prepared to Chair Marker for his review and information.

8. TENTATIVE AGENDA – Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

- Lakeshore Park drawing review
- Update on Recreation Plan – work plan item
- Update on ODF & W
- Community Gardens - work plan item

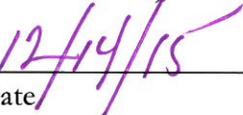
9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Marker moved to adjourn the meeting and Committee Member Kreamier seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM by consensus.



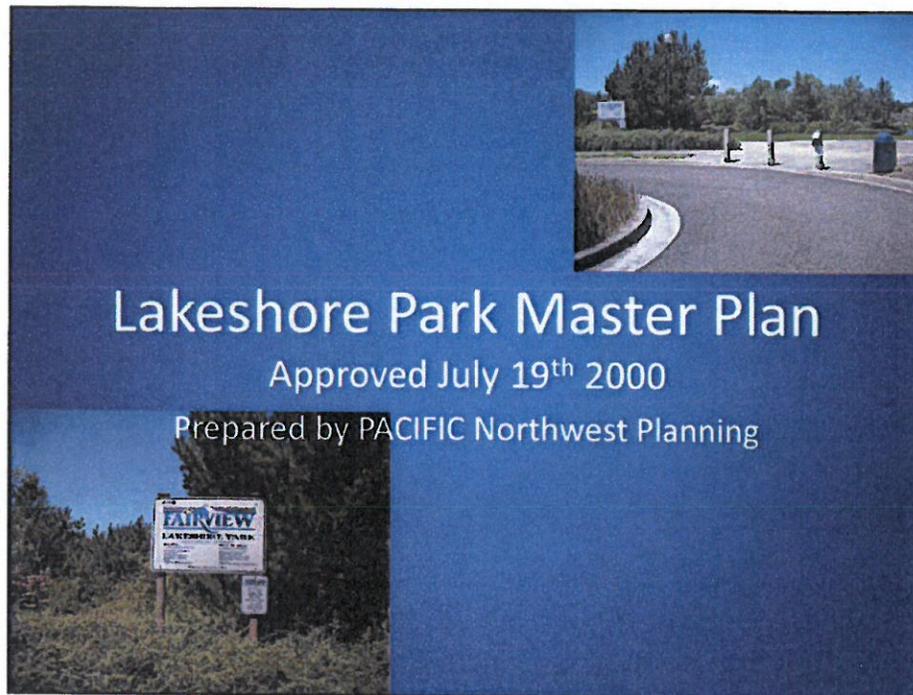
Allan Berry
Public Works Director



Steven Marker, Chair


Date

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Lakeshore Park Master Plan
Approved July 19th 2000
Prepared by PACIFIC Northwest Planning

The slide features a dark blue background with two inset photographs. The top right photo shows a paved path curving through a park with trees and a few people in the distance. The bottom left photo shows a wooden signpost with a sign that reads 'FAIRVIEW LAKESHORE PARK'.

Purpose of Presentation

- Inform Council of work already completed
- Present Current PRAC recommendations
- Discuss differences
- Provide recommendations
- Seek Council direction



Location & Context

- Bordered on north by Fairview Lake
- Other sides – single family development
- Access is from 227th Avenue
- 3 adjacent homes have windows into park



Environmental Conditions

- Site was generally flat
- Elevation 12-13 ft ASL
- Lake elevation in summer is 11.4ft ASL
 - unchanged
- Lake elevation in winter is 8.6ft ASL
 - unchanged



Soils

- Saturated throughout most of year
- Dry to a depth of 12" for short periods in summer
- Soil has a severe rating. Wetness a problem for:
 - Camp areas
 - Picnic areas
 - Playgrounds



Vegetation & Wildlife

- Ponded areas excellent for waterfowl in winter
- Common wildlife
 - Black-tailed deer, foxes, skunks, raccoon, opossum, rabbits, & mice
- Birds
 - Hawks, owls, vultures, jays, crows, woodpeckers, flycatchers, shore birds, blackbirds, larks, & starlings
- EMCSWC district report
 - osprey, bald eagles, & herons

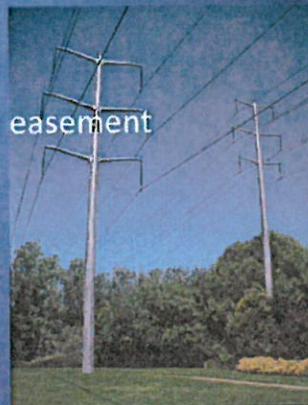
Potential for wildlife habitat

- Soil conditions and water proximity create food and habitat for
 - Beaver
 - Muskrat
 - Nutria
 - Mink
 - otter



Constraints

- Pacific Power & Light Easement
 - Crosses the eastern edge of the park
 - Easement is 100 ft across
 - Vegetation limited to small trees
 - No structures allowed within the easement



Opportunities

- Location
 - Public access to the lake
 - Eastern terminus of the Columbia Slough
 - Canoeing
 - Education



Opportunities

- Environmental
 - Restoration
 - Riparian habitat
 - Upland habitat
 - Nesting areas
 - Food sources
 - Resting sites for wildlife
 - Limited plantings limited that potential

Opportunities

- Import fill
 - Small open lawn areas
 - Playground
 - Low intensity recreation activities

Primary Constraints

- High water table
 - Standing water
- Needed additional fill to take site to 15-16ft ASL
- PP&L Easement
 - No large trees
 - No structures



Survey Performed

- 5 questions posed to 300 residents
 - Responses received from 38 people



Results

- Improvements mentioned
 - Walking paths (29)
 - Benches (28)
 - Open lawn area (22)
 - Canoe launch (23)
 - Shrub / flower beds (18)
 - Picnic tables (18)
 - Restoration areas with native plants (17)
 - Play equipment (12)
 - Interpretive signs (8)

Results

- Residents split on provision of parking
- Vast majority didn't have children under age of 18
- Those who expressed concerns voiced:
 - Traffic
 - Keep area natural
 - Maintenance / litter
 - Didn't want playground equipment

Results

- When asked how they would use the park:
 - Walking
 - Canoe launch
 - Picnicking
 - Bird / wildlife watching
 - Play areas
 - biking

The Master Plan Vision

- Park becomes the eastern terminus of the Slough
- Lots of visitors
- Birders enjoy lakeside viewing areas
- Generational use
- Benches to sit on
- ADA accessibility
- Strolling
- Picnicking
- Traditional neighborhood park

Proposed Design Goals

- Develop a neighborhood park
 - Used mainly for area residents
 - Some visitors by car
- Improve the wildlife value
 - Riparian areas
 - Existing ponds

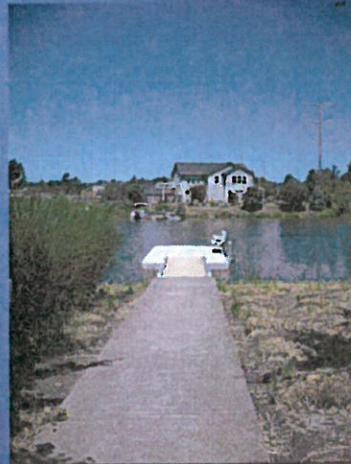


Major Features

- Playground for toddlers and older children
- Covered shelter
- Paved path
- Soft-surface path
- Lawn area
- Meadow area
- Interpretive signs

Alternative Features

- Paved parking lot for 8-10 cars
- Canoe launch



PRAC Findings

- Lakeshore Park has very good connectivity for pedestrians and bicycles
- Park is almost totally deficient in active recreation opportunities
- Lack of park amenities demonstrates unequal distribution of amenities across City parks

PRAC Findings

- As a neighborhood park there are limits on creating financial and operational partnerships. The addition of amenities may expand the interest in the park.
- Expanding opportunities within the park i.e. gazebo, may encourage groups to support the park
- Natural areas of park are well defined and fenced to reduce impacts on this area. Area would benefit from educational signage

PRAC Conclusions

- Make corrections based on:
 - Active recreation for children, families, and teens
 - Passive recreation for daytime users, seniors, and adults



PRAC Recommendations

- Capital Improvements
 - Playground structure at east end
 - Benches around park
 - Swings at east end
 - Garbage cans
 - Picnic area at west end on wood chips
 - Gazebo at west end
 - Doggie pots
 - Educational signage
 - Fence off playground equipment

PRAC Recommendations

- Maintenance
 - Clear out blackberries along the north and west sides
 - Limb up trees on the north and west sides
 - Replant native plantings that have been choked by the blackberries
 - Remove select invasive trees/shrubs along the lake
 - Correct park hours as needed
 - Relocate geo-cache to a more prominent location
 - Emergency information signage near the lake

Current Grant Application

- Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grant
 - Viewing platforms
 - Board walk
 - Trails
 - Interpretive signage
 - Benches
 - Hides

Comparison

- Major differences:
 - PRAC feel no need to expand access to the currently fenced natural areas
 - Masterplan has viewing platform and boardwalk to island

Staff Recommendations

- Perform an updated survey for the park use in this neighborhood
- Place the work on hold pending receipt of the results of the grant application and completion of Park Cleone
- Incorporate the listed PRAC recommendations into the proposed masterplan
 - Evaluate the needs for fencing based on survey results

Concurrence

- Does Council wish to proceed with the original Master Plan?
- Does Council wish to add PRAC recommendations?
- Does Council support staff recommendations?
- Does Council support additional funds?
 - With successful grant receipt ?
 - Without successful grant receipt ?