

City of Fairview
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2015

PRESENT:

Steven Marker, Chair
Darren Riordan
Lauri Kreamier
Steve Kaufman
Councilor Brian Cooper

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Allan Berry, Public Works Director
Peter Armans, Engineering Associate

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 meeting of the 20th August 2015 and the 24th September 2015 were tabled, read, and agreed. Chair Marker also signed previously approved minutes from the meetings of the 19th February 2015 and March 19th 2015.

3. STAFF UPDATES

Chair Marker reported that he had given his report to City Council and that the committee presentation was well received, although he felt that the council did not like the Lakeshore plan very much. He stated that Councilor Prom felt that the plan didn't have additional parking and that any improvements without additional parking would be a negative. Chair Marker also felt that council did not understand the concept of nature play. In summary, he felt that council were leaning towards not doing any improvements at the Lakeshore Park. PRAC are an advisory body, and have represented the results of the survey that was performed. It appeared to Chair Marker that council were not aware of the survey results. Council liaison Cooper reported that the current council goal was to improve Lakeshore, and that PRAC can make their recommendations to council, with council discretion on how to move forward.

4. WORKPLAN

- Lakeshore Park
- Recreation Plan

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

- No comments.

6. LAKESHORE PARK

The council will hold a work session Wednesday. At that meeting, the goal is to present the PRAC recommendations, along with supporting information that demonstrates concurrence with the masterplans, surveys, and PRAC recommendations. The plan for presentation at this Wednesday's council work session includes the following components:

- Gazebo at the west end of the park providing a view of Mt Hood and a view down the length of the lake – committee likes this option
- Gazebo at the main entrance to the park providing a view of Mt Hood and a sheltered space for people to picnic or for those with children in the nature play area – committee likes this option
- Expanded parking at the main entrance – PRAC think this would make council more receptive to the park improvements.
- Create fishing/viewing platforms at 3 locations on the lakeshore. These would be similar to the platforms at Salish – FLPOA have concerns at opening up the lake to visitors as it may impact wildlife.
- Provide a boardwalk to the island – committee likes this, but feel it may be expensive.
- Potential osprey platform – something that our parks department could install.
- Removal of fence and create trails to lakeshore viewpoints
- Limited play equipment to support the natural environment. This would be an area that would be revisited in detail by the PRAC committee.
- Community Gardens – PRAC feel that community gardens would be a good addition to the park, although that may make more people drive to the park because of the needs to carry tools etc. The committee feel that the city needs additional community gardens.
- Repair/mitigate bank erosion – committee support this option.
- Opening up the west end of the park to give park visitors a view of the lake – committee support this approach.

PRAC has visited parks (Westmoreland and Nadaka) that contain nature play and feel that it is a good compromise for providing play and maintaining the natural look of the park. PRAC do not believe that additional parking is necessarily needed as people will tend to walk and bike to parks. Typically in Fairview, there is limited parking at all city parks. If people do drive, and parking becomes an issue, on street parking would be the only option.

Council has indicated that PRAC should establish a vision for the park. The committee reviewed the survey results and thus discussed the vision for the park. The consensus for a vision for the park was that the park should be a neighborhood park with nature based activities providing quiet reflection and some active play.

Council have also discussed whether exercise stations could be incorporated into the design. These are easily included, but were not directly addressed as a desire in the survey. This would be an aspect that would support the city's position as a H.E.A.L. city.

FLPOA have concerns at opening up the lake for increased access. The committee believe that the lake should be available for the use of city residents. Fairview Lake is a great amenity within the city, and a good opportunity for residents to get a lake experience. FLPOA are entitled to their opinion as residents of the city. The committee don't believe that any one entity should be able to stop the project, but council will have to determine what actions to take.

To obtain good estimates of cost, a complete design is needed. PRAC agreed to support performing the design for the park in its entirety, and to make that recommendation to council. The current estimate of design costs is \$48,840. If approved to proceed, the engineer would attend meetings to fine tune the design and incorporate PRAC recommendations. Work below ordinary high water needs to be performed when the lake is lowered.

7. SALISH PONDS FISHING

Salish Ponds is a premier spot for fish stocking, and very desirable from ODF&W's perspective. We met with ODF & W, took them on a tour of the Salish Ponds, and they are eager to start stocking the west pond again. They also recognize that the pond has been improved and that any activities must not compromise the improvements. That likely means a regular patrol and/or ranger and the provision of a shelter/restroom of some kind to make the program effective. There has also been some mention that fishing may be limited to kids. All these details need to be flushed out. We will submit for an ODF&W grant for the provision of those items. Initially we would look at a 6 month pilot program to evaluate the success and to make the determination of whether to continue stocking once it begins. There is also the option of stocking the ponds ourselves.

The goal of putting on fishing derbies this coming summer was discussed. 2 derbies would be held in the summer of 2016. The committee fully supports that goal. We will try to get ODF&W at our next meeting to fully discuss the options. We need to discuss the stocking schedule, the fish size, and the options for receiving overflow stocking visits.

The next series of Nature in Neighborhood Grants is approaching. The committee support the concept of applying for one of these grants for Salish Ponds.

8. RECREATION PLAN

Councilor Cooper gave an update on the concept for a 3 city recreational plan. He has prepared this as a written document to be presented to council. Copy is attached. Councilor Cooper also reported that the 3 cities met with Reynolds School District this afternoon and they are very supportive of a 3 cities recreation plan model. There will also be an Intertwine Symposium in the spring time to discuss bike and pedestrian trails. Intertwine is an organization based on regnal trails and connectivity.

9. TENTATIVE AGENDA – Thursday, January XX, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

- Lakeshore Park drawing review
- Update on Recreation Plan
- Update on ODF & W

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Marker moved to adjourn the meeting and Committee Member Kreamier seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM by consensus.


Allan Berry
Public Works Director


Steven Marker, Chair
Jan 28th 2016
Date

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