

City of Fairview
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018

PRESENT:

Chair Steve Marker, Vice Chair Bob Dolphin, Hollie Holcombe, John Sumpter, Deborah Aronson, Laurie Kreamier, Councilor Natalie Voruz

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Eric Rutledge, Associate Planner

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Councilor Brian Cooper

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Steve Marker called the meeting to order.

2. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES – March 12, 2018

Chair Marker motioned to approve the minutes from March 12, 2018. John Sumpter seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No items for discussion.

4. STAFF UPDATES

Eric Rutledge, Associate Planner, reported that the Salish Ponds Restroom proposal will be brought to PRAC at the next meeting. The planning and engineering is set to be complete by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2018.

5. LAKESHORE PARK NATURE PLAY DISCUSSION

Chair Marker asked about the current nature play proposal and how it compared to past proposals that PRAC and Council have considered. Eric responded that three alternatives were originally considered: a design-build nature play, a pre-manufactured nature play, and a conventional playground. The design-build and conventional playground alternatives were over the \$100,000 budget, and the pre-manufactured nature play was considered the most cost effective option to achieve the project goals. Chair Marker asked about the specific pre-manufactured alternatives that PRAC has reviewed in the past, and how they compare to what was approved at the last PRAC meeting. Eric responded that the quote from GameTime which was approved at the last PRAC meeting is the original nature play proposal that PRAC reviewed.

Chair Marker explained that early in the nature play discussions, he toured Nadaka Nature Park and Westmoreland Park with Allan Berry and others to explore different equipment alternatives. Nadaka and Westmoreland both feature real wood and other natural materials. However, the cost to engineer and certify this type of equipment was cost prohibitive.

Councilor Brian Cooper expressed concern over the design and aesthetic of the pre-manufactured equipment from GameTime, because it does not look like natural material. He worked with staff to obtain a second quote from Nature's Instruments, which is a nature playground that contains only natural material (wood, rock, etc.). The quote and photos were included as a separate package. Chair Marker responded that originally the proposal for Lakeshore Park was to keep the park as natural as possible, with informational signs about the plants, etc. However, after a community survey was completed, it was clear that the public wanted more than just new signage in the park.

Chair Marker asked the committee to review the GameTime and Nature's Instrument's quotes and make a decision on the preferred equipment. Vice Chair Bob Dolphin asked about the timing of the equipment order. Eric reported that the GameTime installers are already booked for spring and summer projects, and City crews will need to perform the installation. This will reduce costs from the last approved quote. Eric presented an updated quote from GameTime, including removal of the installation/excavation costs and a 4% increase in equipment due to the recent steel and aluminum tariffs. The goal is to complete installation on either proposal by the end of June 2018.

Eric walked the committee through the Nature's Instruments quote. The play area is the same size as the GameTime proposal, at approximately 2,800 SF. Vice Chair Dolphin expressed concern over the natural material at Nadaka Park that is deteriorating/weathering. Hollie Holcombe expressed support for the large tree climber in the Nature's Instruments proposal, and suggested wood chips instead of the DuroLawn. Laurie Kreamier said there are companies that may deliver free wood chips on-site. There was discussion about the standards for wood chips and other play material.

Councilor Voruz recommended that council see both proposals, and voiced support for the GameTime quote due to the variety of play options for younger and older children. Hollie Holcombe expressed support for the Nature's Instruments quote. Laurie Kreamier said that the equipment should facilitate play opportunities for all ages. Vice Chair Dolphin raised a question about the boulders in the Nature's Instruments quote and the ability for children to climb the boulders. Eric said there is a rope addition that can be added to the boulders to facilitate climbing, for about \$2,000 each.

The committee discussed ordering equipment from both companies, and all agreed this was a good idea and should be pursued. There was discussion about different play equipment from each company and the tradeoffs between the two. Chair Marker asked if the decision could be pushed to the next meeting because the meeting was running late and members needed to take a closer look at the proposals. Chair Marker made a motion to have each committee member take a closer look at the proposals offline, and email Eric with their preferred play equipment. Hollie Holcombe seconded, the motion was passed unanimously.

6. SALISH PONDS GRAFFITI

Chair Marker reported that there has been recent graffiti on the rocks near Salish Ponds Apartments and on the park bench. Deborah Aronson said that she has talked to families living in the apartment complex and that there has been theft and vandalism in the complex. Deborah also said there have been reports of needles left behind in the park. Chair Marker requested that this information is shared with council at the next meeting. Chair Marker asked if the volunteers are still conducting patrols on the Gator. Councilor Cooper said volunteers are not patrolling the park, and is unclear if Multnomah County Sheriff is patrolling. Councilor Voruz said we can request information from

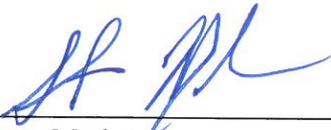
Captain Smith about how much time the sheriff's office is spending in the park, including crime statistics.

7. SALISH PONDS FISH STOCKING

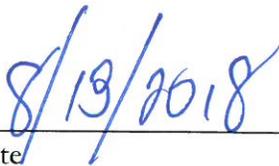
Chair Marker asked for an update on the fish stocking, specifically about the fishing derby for the children. Chair Marker said that the recreation department was planning the fishing derby last year and would like to see if a derby is possible this year. Councilor Voruz said Catherine and the recreation department has handed the fishing derby planning back to PRAC. Vice Chair Dolphin said that usually the fishing derbies are scheduled on the free fishing days, so that parents do not need to have a license to participate. Eric reported that he has talked with Todd at ODFW regarding stocking, but productive communication has proven difficult. Eric will reach out to Todd again.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Marker adjourned the meeting.



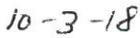
Steve Marker
Chair



Date



Eric Rutledge
Associate Planner/Code Compliance Officer



Date

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