City of Fairview
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018

PRESENT:
Vice Chair Bob Dolphin, Hollie Holcombe, John Sumpter, Deborah Aronson, Laurie Kreamier

ABSENT:
Chair Steve Marker, Councilor Natalie Voruz

STAFF:

Eric Rutledge, Associate Planner

OTHER ATTENDEES:
Councilor Brian Cooper

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Bob Dolphin called the meeting to order at 6:39pm.

2. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES – February 12, 2018

John Sumpter motioned to approve the minutes from February 12, 2018. Hollie Holcombe seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Bob Dolphin is attending a meeting/presentation by the East County/Springwater Parks Community Group on March 13. Councilor Cooper is also attending. The topic for the meeting is the formation of a multi-city recreational district, similar to that of Tualatin Valley Parks and Recreation District. A second presentation open to Fairview residents may be possible in the future.

4. STAFF UPDATES

Eric Rutledge, Associate Planner, reported that the City's Budget Committee will be meeting the second Monday in May and the PRAC meeting will need to be changed to another date. Based on the committee's input, the meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, May 10th at 6:30pm.

Eric provided an update on the Lakeshore Park Bank Stabilization Project. A barge was not required to excavate the soil/bank area. The excavation has started and most of the bank has been sloped. The next step is to complete the planting of native trees and shrubs. Bob Dolphin announced that a volunteer workday is planned for March 24 from 9am-noon to help with the planting. All PRAC members are invited.

Hollie Holcombe asked if any turtles have been observed during the project. Eric and Bob responded that no turtles have been uncovered to date.

Bob Dolphin requested that a "No Trespassing" sign be posted in the project area to discourage fisherman from accessing the site that is now cleared of vegetation. Eric responded that signage can be part of the larger improvements still needed at Lakeshore Park (e.g. removal of fence, etc.)

Eric gave an update on the Fairview Jail restoration project. Eric has met with Reed Rice, a metalworker and volunteer who will be making improvements to the jail entrance and cell doors. The Fairview Public Works crew will be restoring electricity to the jail and addressing stormwater/flooding concerns at the jail entrance. All work will need to be in compliance with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) regulations. An application will be submitted to SHPO and the project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2018.

John Sumpter shared a concern about the irrigation runoff from the Salish Ponds Apartments that is impacting the Salish Ponds Trail. Since the trail isn't paved with larger rock, the softer dirt turns to mud with water runoff. Eric mentioned he is not aware of any improvements to the trail that are planned, but a potential solution adding coarser rock where the runoff occurs. Another solution is to have the apartments reduce the watering levels near the trail.

5. LAKESHORE PARK NATURE PLAY DISCUSSION & MOTION

Eric introduced the item and requested feedback and a motion approving the location and budget for the new nature play center at Lakeshore Park. Eric reviewed the three location alternatives including the pros and cons. Alternative 2 is in a low-lying area and may have drainage issues, it is also located close to the water raising safety concerns. Based on a recent conversation with PGE officials; there is a perceived risk from the public regarding outdoor activities under transmission lines. This would impact Alternative 1 the most. The only issue with Alternative 3 is the impact the nature play center would have on the view of the lake towards the west.

Bob asked about the path to Alternative 1 and if it could be shortened. Eric responded that all three alternatives can be adjusted, and new locations can be proposed. Deborah Aronson was in alignment with PGEs comments regarding concern over Alternative 1's proximity to the power lines.

Hollie and Laurie suggested that the impact to the view with Alternative 3 is not a major concern. Members agreed and Alternative 3 was chosen as the preferred alternative.

Laurie asked if benches would be placed around the nature play center, Eric responded in the affirmative.

Eric reviewed the proposed elements for the play area and the costs. The quote includes the nature play elements, wood fiber chips, ground excavation, and equipment installation. The total cost for the proposed design is $87,779.40. In order to reduce costs, it may be possible to have the City's operations crew complete some of the ground excavation/installation. Eric will check with Allan about this possibility.

Hollie Holcombe expressed concern about the stepping turtles as play equipment, as this may teach children that it's okay to step on turtles or other wildlife. Bob said there are turtles at Lakeshore Park, near where play center will be located. There was discussion about additional tree slices replacing the stepping turtles. Laurie said she liked the turtles because they depicted local wildlife and provided some color and variety. Bob expressed concern about having too many tree slices, and not enough variety in play equipment. Eric said he can ask the sales rep about different options for the step equipment that will provide variety in the design but does not depict wildlife.

Deborah asked about the spacing of equipment, and concern over kids jumping off the boulders where other children are playing. The site plan was reviewed and adequate spacing is provided around the boulders.

Hollie Holcombe made a motion to approve the nature play area in the location of Alternative 3, as designed in the site plan, with the exception that the stepping turtles may be replaced with different stepping equipment if available. Deborah Aronson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. REVIEW & FEEDBACK OF PARK AND RECREATION COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2018-2019

Councilor Cooper reported that committee specific goals have not yet been developed, but that a dog park is getting more traction and could be a possible goal. The Arts and Community Events Advisory Committee is exploring the option of putting art in parks and PRAC may want to be involved. PRAC is welcome to submit priority goals, council is open to suggestions.

Deborah Aronson said she has talked to a lot of residents about the dog park option. She believes there is a lot of support for an off-leash dog park, because many of parks are heavily used by dog walkers now, especially Salish Ponds. She counted 62 dogs in a single day at Salish Ponds.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Dolphin adjourned the meeting.

Robert Dolphin
Bob Dolphin
Vice Chair

6/11/2018
Date

Eric Rutledge
Associate Planner/Code Compliance Officer

10-3-18
Date

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