

GRANTS PASS PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2016 at 3:30 PM
City Manager’s Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Dick Matti (Chair)
Cliff Kuhlman (Vice Chair)
Jan Battersby
Gary Still
Marian Szewc
Robert Cartmell
Rick Chapman
Bill Reinert

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Valerie Lovelace (City Council)
Lora Glover (PCD Director)
Jeff Nelson (Parks Superintendent) - Absent

Guests:

Julie Imhof (COPA)

I. Business – Continuing:

- A. Approval of Minutes:** January 14, 2016 meeting

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Cartmell moved and Board Member Kuhlman seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the January 14, 2016 meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Matti, Kuhlman, Battersby, Still, Szewc, Cartmell, Chapman, and Reinert. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

II. Business – New:

A. Status – Future Projects - Lora

1. There was a service line break at Gilbert Creek; an emergency contractor (Copeland) was called in to fix the break underneath the parking lot.
2. There was a meeting held with public works - Jason Canady - to do the irrigation at Reinhart Park. It was determined that there might be a need for a new 6” pump instead of a 4” pump in order to have enough pressure. The 4” would cost \$74,000 in system development charges, the 6” would cost \$142,000 in system development changes.
3. If the 6” pump ends up being necessary Lora may look at stalling the Fruitdale park improvements, possibly do some of the ground work and pickle ball, but put off the restrooms until next year and use the money to do the irrigation at Reinhart.

MOTION/VOTE

Board Member Chapman moved and Board Member Still seconded to move forward with the proposal to spread the Fruitdale Park improvements over two years and move funds to the irrigation improvements at Reinhart Park. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Board Members Matti, Kuhlman, Battersby, Still, Szewc, Cartmell, Chapman, and Reinert. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

4. Fruitdale might be able to be completed earlier dependent on funds that come in. Currently there is about \$100,000-\$150,000 set aside for Hillcrest Trail and

walking path. Jeff thinks that the project will be a little bit more expensive. If there are remaining tax funds available they will go to Fruitdale after the Hillcrest project. Hillcrest is a very visible spot from the freeway and executive staff would like to see the area landscaped.

5. Some people are interested in the area for a motocross/BMX track, however there are concerns about whether this is really best location visually or for the neighbors due to noise. A committee member also brought up that this might not be the ideal place for the kids to ride due to the roadways not being the safest area.
6. These areas are still under County control. Through the IGA where the urban growth boundary is adopted or amended the City immediately takes control of the small local access streets but the larger collectors remain County until they are brought up to City standards.
7. Looking at identifying Urban Renewal District – there is a committee and a consultant that will take it to Council for approval. There are focusing on some of the industrial areas - the 6th and 7th Street corridors, down through the Redwood Hwy area, Industrial Spaulding Park. The City doesn't have full utilities in that area - incomplete streets, sewer, water and storm drains. We may be able to leverage those properties for manufacturers to go in, they have to have services but it's too cost prohibitive for them to put them in on their own. This turns into a redevelopment agency which pays out over a 20-30 year period. This money could go to possible façade renovations for 6th and 7th Street, Spaulding infrastructure, and a potential rehabilitation of the fairgrounds.
8. A committee member asked where the council is at with SDC Fees. Lora said that they are out for a while. We're back on with basic transportation and park fees but we're down to about one third percent less than what we were charging before. They won't review transportation until the new transportation plan is updated and that's probably about a year out.
9. Meetings will be held in Courtyard Conference moving forward.

B. Goal Discussion – Riverside Park

1. Next project will be Riverside Park. Lora is giving a presentation on Monday at the council workshop. We received a \$500,000 grant due to the active club. The city attorney advised that we will need to treat this project like any other capital project, which means we won't be able to turn the money back over to the Active Club. It could be a lawsuit/liability.
2. There is talk of putting in a platform-bandstand-multiuse area, some sort of community center, and possibly a splash pad area.
3. Property on the west side of 6th Street will be re-landscaped with possibly a screening hedge to give additional privacy to the neighbors.
4. Unfortunately with the project needing to be treated as any other capital project the money will need to be taxed at the 10% rate.
5. The committee decided that it needs to be found out what was different at Reinhart Park that allowed it to be done without going through the city coffers.
6. Community center will probably go where the old Izaak Walton building was. Jeff is going to draw up maps.

C. Report on results from GP Council Goal Setting

1. Allen Creek Sports Complex was item number two on the Council's goal list. It received 112 dots. We still need to go through budget process, but once that is complete we can send out RFPs to get the engineered drawings.
2. The Youth Shelter received the most dots.
3. Ausland group is under the impression that they have a contract for the entire project. The professional services agreement says that the services will be amended to the agreement. Mark is looking into whether the claim is valid.
4. Applying to County for west side of the project. We won't need to have the Allen Creek Rd project done yet and we don't need sewer/water put in place yet. We can move the sewer/water infrastructure and the restrooms to phase three.
5. Still looking for property.
6. Hold up on phase one was working out the detail with the little league fields at Garrison. At the last Allen Creek meeting a representative of Little League suggested that they might be okay with putting baseball in on the west side. This could be a great solution for all involved as the school wouldn't move forward unless baseball was satisfied as they have a previous agreement.
7. Baseball might help with fundraising now that they're happy. Lora and Jeff need to find somewhere for little league to play during construction.
8. Caveman bridge will be worked on by ODOT, the staging area by diskgolf will be needed for 12-15 months due to them performing the construction without closing the bridge.
9. There will be a meeting with the neighbors to discuss the Allen Creek Rd extension between Denton and Harbeck. The city will need to buy right of ways. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 4-7pm at the County Public Works. Lora will give a report of this meeting in March.

III. Next meeting: March 10, 2016

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