City of Jordan Park & Recreation Commission Minutes May 22, 2006

Members present: Commission Chair Ron Beckman, Commission Vice-Chair Jerry

Langsweirdt, Commissioners Tania Branitski, Donna Breegeman, Ken Crane, Willy Pauly and Chris Schwingler, Council Liaison Ron Jabs.

Members absent: None.

Staff Present: City Planners Joe Janish and Chelsea Alger.

Others Present: Paul Carey, Mike Dorsey, Ross.

1. Call to Order:

Commission Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2006

Commission Chair Beckman inquired to any changes needing to be made in the minutes. None were stated.

<u>Motion</u>: RJ/JL; to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2006 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Stonebridge 2nd Addition Neighborhood Park Proposal

Alger gave a background on the project, stating that Paul Carey of Carey Development was requesting the Park Commission consider land dedication and improvement of a neighborhood park in lieu of the cash donation for the 2nd Addition of Stonebridge. The park area would be located on the south side of Stone Creek Drive, just east of the Bridle Creek property. The majority of the area is a wetland, so the developer would be given credit for usable space plus any improvements done.

The Commission had questions in regards to how many lots would benefit from the park and where the parking would be. Alger stated there was no separate parking lot and that much of the traffic would likely be pedestrians and bikes. She stated that the only park on the west side of Aberdeen was the private park in Bridle Creek 6th Addition.

Commissioner Schwingler stated that she liked the idea of a natural park. Council Liaison Jabs indicated that he also liked the concept, but was concerned about the efficiency of "piece-meal" park areas. He also expressed concern about creating a park with funds that were originally earmarked to go towards the regional park slated for an area to be developed west of Stonebridge.

The Commission decided they would like to continue the discussion until the June meeting. The Commission will meet on-site prior to the meeting in June. In addition, Alger will research and come back with other park dedication policy information.

4. Skate Park Interviews

Interlock:

Ross, representing Interlock, presented the Commission with information regarding their skate park product. The Commission had a number of questions, including what types of changes they would make the Belle Plaine and why the Commission should consider using concrete.

He stated that it would take approximately 6-8 weeks to order and install the system. Other project areas include Aitkin, Osseo and Botno in Minneapolis.

American Ramp Company:

Mike Dorsey of Flannigan Sales, representing ARC, presented the Commission with information regarding their powder-coated steel, skate pro and X-series products for the proposed skate park. Nearby project area includes the Apple Valley Community Center. The Commission inquired as to the product they sold the most of. Dorsey stated it was steel. They also inquired about the noise factor compared to concrete. Dorsey felt it was fairly comparable.

Upon review of both products, the Commission felt that they would like to hear from True Ride as well. Since there was a traveling conflict that prevented the rep from being at the meeting, the Commission would like to meet with him early next week. Janish stated that he was available any day the following week. The Commission decided on Wednesday, May 31st. Janish will contact the representative.

5. Satellite Proposal in Neighborhood Parks

Upon review of the information provided by Staff, the Commission felt that there wasn't enough interest to warrant proceeding further at this time. They felt that providing the bathrooms may result in more complaints than anything.

<u>Motion</u>: KC/CS, all in favor; not to move forward with the placement of satellite restrooms in the neighborhood parks.

The Commission decided to table the rest of the items until the June 24th meeting.

6. Adjournment

Being no further business before the Commission, Commission Chair Beckman inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Motion: JL/KC; to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Alger City Planner