City of Jordan Park and Recreation Commission October 28, 2002 Minutes

Members present: Ron Beckman- Chair, Jerry Langsweirdt- Vice-Chair, George Brandtner-Youth Representative, Chris Schwingler, Ron Jabs, Donna Breeggemann, Willy Pauly, Ken Crane

Staff present: Joe Janish- City Planner, Troy Bonkowske- Economic Development/Planning Director

I. Call to Order-

Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Approval of Past Minutes-

Member Breeggemann made a Motion; Langsweirdt second, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2002, meeting minutes with corrections. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Skate Park Location Survey-

Youth Representative Brandtner presented the Skate Park Location Survey. The survey had a total of 203 respondents ranging in grades 7 to 10. The Mini-Met location had 101 votes, Lion's Park had 77 votes, and other areas had 25 votes. Mr. Brandtner informed members other areas identified were Lagoon Park, next to the High School, and Minnesota River Valley Special Education Coop. Mr. Brandtner is also constructing a list of students who would like to assist with the design work for the new skate park facilities.

IV. Update on Current Projects-

Planner Janish informed members Public Works Department has been constructing the hockey rink boards over the summer and today installation began. A small fire hydrant was installed near the hockey rink to provide easy water access for the rink. Mr. Janish informed members Public Works Director Bendzick is hoping to have the rink ready within the first week of November.

Planner Janish informed members construction of the new garage facilities within Mini-Met Park was approved by the City Council, and construction is hoped to beginning in the next two or three weeks.

Planner Janish informed members City Council approved the .25% building permit fee for Park Equipment and Improvements to all residential and commercial building permits effective January 1, 2003.

V. Timberline-

Member Breeggemann questioned staff about the possibility of the Timberline Association acquiring the park areas within the Timberline Development.

Economic Development/Planning Director Bonkowske informed members the Timberline Association has been conducting research within the development to find out if it is possible for a homeowners association to receive land from a city and then sell portions to individual homeowners. The Timberline Association would use the funds generated from selling the outlining area of the park to maintain the interior portion of Timberline's Park.

Members questioned if it is possible for a city to dedicate parkland to a homeowners association in order for sale, and if the Park and Recreation Commission would support such a suggestion.

Director Bonkowske informed members the concept of the homeowners association is only in the preliminary stages and may be brought forward to the Park and Recreation Commission next month.

VI. Economic/Planning Department Reorganization-

Director Bonkowske informed members of the possibility of the Economic / Planning Department being reorganized. Currently, Economic Development, Planning and Parks are within one department. With the possible reorganization the department could become up to three departments.

Member Pauly made a Motion; Crane second, to have reorganization brought before the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Miscellaneous-

Commission Members directed staff to research costs of repairing the Mini-Met outfield fence.

VIII. Adjournment-

Member Jabs made a Motion, Crane second, to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish City Planner