City of Jordan Park and Recreation Commission November 25, 2002 Minutes

Members present: Ron Beckman- Chair, Jerry Langsweirdt- Vice-Chair, Ron Jabs, Donna Breeggemann, Willy Pauly, Ken Crane

Members absent: Chris Schwingler, Kathy Lindmeyer, and George Brandtner

Staff present: Joe Janish- City Planner

Visitors Present: John Mulcahy- Timberline Association, Troy Bonkowske- Timberline Association,

I. Call to Order-

Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Approval of Special Meeting Past Minutes-

Member Pauly made a Motion; Langsweirdt second, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on October 14, 2002. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Past Minutes-

Member Pauly made a Motion; Langsweirdt second, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on October 14, 2002. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Timberline Park Land-

Planner Janish informed members Timberline Home Owners Association members are present to continue the discussion of giving the Timberline Parkland to the Association.

John Mulcahy, Timberline Representative, informed members the Timberline Association would like the City to donate the parkland within Timberline to the Home Owners Association. Mr. Mulcahy and Timberline residents believe the City is currently unable to maintain the park to the resident's expectations, and do not want a trail system from being installed in the "buffer" outlying parkland. Once the City turned the parkland to the Association the abutting property owners would be able to purchase the "buffer" parkland at a cost per square foot with an encumbered deed. The profits from the sales would then be used to maintain the central parkland and would also fund any improvements to the parkland.

Member Pauly questioned if the parkland were to be turned over to the Association and residents purchased the "buffer" property if the general public would be able to walk within the "buffer" area. Mr. Mulcahy informed members the property would become private property.

Members from the audience informed Commission Members debris has been within the buffer area creating an unsafe environment for all residents and the debris appears to have been there since the construction of the development. Commission Members expressed concern with the debris located within the "buffer" area and Directed staff to walk through the area and evaluate the situation. Many Commission members expressed concern with donating land to Timberline's Home Owner Association when the parkland was given to the City as a public resource for all city residents. Chair Beckman questioned if it would be possible to create an agreement stating the city would not create any trails within the "buffer" are for "x" years. Chair Beckman further stated this would allow time for the City to review the situation and then the Park and Recreation Board would be able to hold a workshop with Timberline's Home Owner Association to evaluate further solutions. Most audience members agreed this would probably be sufficient at this time.

V. Adjournment-

Member Langsweirdt made a Motion, Jabs second, to adjourn meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish City Planner