City of Jordan Park & Recreation Commission April 22, 2002 Minutes

A workshop was held from 6:45 to 7:20 at the former Public Works site. This workshop was to discuss some possible locations of a new hockey rink site.

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

Staff present: Troy Bonkowske-Economic Development/Planning Director, Dave Bendzick-Public Works Director, Joe Janish-Planning Intern, John Breunig-Park Maintenance

I. Call to Order-

Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Past Minutes-

Member Breeggmann made a Motion; Crane second, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2002 minutes. Motion passed.

III. Public Works Site/Mini-Met-

The Board discussed the options of utilizing the former Public Works Building site as the new location for a hockey rink. Board discussed the options of re-grading the former Public Works Building site near the Mini-Met. Dave Bendzick reported this grading would solve the current drainage problems near the Mini-Met, more parking during tournaments, and would allow for the installation of a hockey rink to run in a north-south line near the railroad tracks. The north-south alignment would shorten the rink by 20 feet and would allow for a second driveway access at the southern corner of the old community center.

Board members questioned whether the old community center building should be demolished, and redevelop the entire area. Staff was directed to research the possibility of relocating the current items stored within the building.

Staff said they will provide stakes showing elevations and maps to try and illustrate how the site will look once re-graded at the next meeting. Staff will also provide a list of benefits for re-grading the Mini-Met area.

IV. Current City Hockey Rink Site-

Dave Bendzick informed members, Reverend Robert Bushaw, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, would like to have the city hockey rink removed from their property in order to market the site for a housing project. Member Langsweirdt made a Motion, Crane second, to recommend the demolition of the current city hockey rink and conduct a site assessment for a new rink. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Park Land Dedication Survey-

Director Bonkowske informed Board Members the predicted valuation of all building permits would be \$20 million for 2002. If the City were to enact a 1 percent fee for park dedication on the total valuation of a permit, it would amount to \$200,000, respectively a .5 percent fee would amount to \$100,000.

Chair Beckman was concerned how any proposal for increased fees would be received by the City Council. Member Jabs felt as though if the State were to cut aid to cities then there would be no reason not to raise extra money for the Park Land Dedication fund.

The Board recommended the survey should be expanded to include how Prior Lake, Chaska, Carver, Elko and New Market receive money for their park programs.

Staff will provide park survey information at next month's meeting.

VI. Miscellaneous Items-

Public Works Director Bendzick informed members that the remaining wrought iron fence sections will be installed in Lagoon Park to prevent vehicles from entering the Rushmeyer property.

Bendzick recommended adding a paved pathway linking the two shelters in Lagoon Park together and everyone agreed that this should be considered at a later time.

Member Breeggman recommended the amount of pea aggregate be increased in the city parks. Public Works Director Dave Bendzick informed Member Breeggman pea aggregate in all parks will be turned within a few weeks.

VII. Adjournment-

Member Breeggmann made a Motion, Schwingler second, to adjourn meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish Planning Intern