

# City of Jordan Park and Recreation Commission July 25, 2011

**Members Present:** Chair Donna Breeggemann, Council Liaison Thom Boncher, Margaret Knutson, David Hanson; Tim Bischke

## Staff Present: Senior Planner Joe Janish

Others Present: Lance Schmitt, Nancy Murray, and Pete Ewals

## 1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:02pm.

## 2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Janish noted that he was waiting for the estimate for the flushing sensors for Lagoon Park Restrooms so no other formal report was available on item 5.0 (C)

Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson, to approve the agenda as presented.

#### **3.0** Approval of Minutes.

## A. June 27, 2011 Minutes

Motion Boncher seconded Hanson to approve the minutes as presented with the correction of Tim Bischke not being present. Motion approved unanimously.

#### 4.0 **Presentations/Discussions.**

## A. Interviews

Senior Planner Janish indicated the Park and Recreation Commission had two individuals to interview for tonight's meeting. The two individuals who applied where Lance Schmitt, and Nancy Murray. Janish also noted that the questions within the packet are draft only and meant to provide a template for the discussion during the interviews.

Members of the Park and Recreation Commission interviewed the two candidates.

Motion Hanson, seconded by Knutson to recommend appointment of Lance Schmitt and Nancy Murray to the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

Members also discussed advertising for the Youth Representative position in order to obtain a high school student to help keep a "pulse" on what the high school population is looking for within parks and recreation.

## 5.0 Old Business.

# A. Project Updates

Park and Recreation Commission members reviewed the project updates.

Members directed staff to include trimming of trees to the Mini-Met list.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded by Hanson to include striping and signage as an option during the feasibility report. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **B.** Cannon Dedication

Janish stated he had a conversation with Dave Holzer about the possibility of conducting the rededication of the Cannon at Lagoon Park as part of the Heimatfest activities. Mr. Holzer indicated that it is possible to conduct this event at 3:00 p.m. and the Mayor would be able to note that the event would occur during his comments during the celebration.

Park and Recreation Commission Members thought it might be possible to work with a civic organization like the Legion and hand out flags or pencils during the dedication. Janish indicated that the Legion has a meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, and they would have a discussion to determine if they would also like to participate with the rededication.

Members requested the Mayor and staff to develop the language for the speech.

Motion Boncher, seconded by Hanson, to authorize up to \$250 for ice cream treats for the event. Motion approved unanimously.

## C. Holzer Park and Lagoon Park Restrooms Improvements

Discussion did not occur on this item.

#### 6.0 New Business.

## A. Review of Walkable Communities Report.

Janish noted that members have a copy of the walkable communities report. Janish noted that staff is looking for direction from members on any projects they would like to pursue.

Commissioners provided direction to staff to contact MNDOT to determine if the length of the walk light could be extended, repainting of the crosswalk, painting of the signal posts, and also an overhead notice could be install at 169 and 282 intersection.

Members also indicated that some of the trail areas around town need to have bushes and tree limbs trimmed in order to be able to utilize the full trail. Janish noted that if individuals can forward the location of the issues, the items would be forwarded to Public Works. Park and Recreation Commissioners also indicated they would like to review the Public Works maintenance list in order to determine if some items would be added onto the list.

# 7.0 Planners Report.

#### A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information

Park and Recreation Commissioners acknowledged the report.

#### 8.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Knutson indicated she would like to have an item added to the agenda on what the City Council action was on PRC items.

Commissioner Hanson indicated he would like to plant some "big picture items" into the folks minds:

- It is his understanding that funds have been set aside for future upgrades to 190<sup>th</sup> street and the city should consider constructing a trail to Timberline Residential development with these funds.
- The Mini-met is difficult to see from Highway 21 and would like for members to consider "selective" pruning and tree removal in order to "open" the view to the Park.
- Would like to see a different type of material placed at Lagoon Parks play equipment such as mulch, rubber mulch or something else.
- Highway 282 in the Triangle Lane area could use some streetscape. This could be planting trees, installation of benches.

#### 9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Boncher, seconded Bischke to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish Senior Planner