MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JORDAN IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT MAY 28, 2019

Present: Chair Donna Breeggemann, Becky Brewster Nathan Warden, Amanda Schuh, Grant Tilus

Also Present: Lucinda Meyers, City Planner; Lauren Walburg, Planning Intern; Scott Haas, Public Works Director

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Breeggemann called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Schuh, second Warden to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 25, 2019

Motion by Warden, second Schuh to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. CDA Brentwood Addition - Request for Cash in Lieu of Dedicated Parkland

Senior Planner Meyers presented Item 4A. CDA Brentwood Addition – Request for Cash in Lieu of Dedicated Parkland. The City has received an application for preliminary and final plat and preliminary and final PUD for CDA Brentwood Addition, which includes 59 senior housing units. The developer does not propose any parkland, but will contribute a cash payment park dedication in lieu of dedicated park land.

The commission discussed surrounding available parkland in the vicinity of the CDA Brentwood Addition. The discussion revolved around parks in the area that were accessible via path or sidewalk. The commission determined that Lagoon Park was likely the most accessible to the new development, and that other park options include Fireman's Park and Lions Park.

The commission discussed the usable open space available on site. Planner Meyers clarified that the developer meets the requirements for usable open space on site. There was also discussion of usable open space at the existing Brentwood Court development.

Motion Brewster to recommend approval of the request for cash payment to the City's park fund in lieu dedication on the CDA Brentwood Addition Plat. Second Tilus. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

B. Holzer Park Batting Cage

Planner Meyers presented the request to donate a batting cage to the City for installation in Holzer Park. The City received this request from the Jordan Area Youth Baseball Association, who would like to receive authorization to install the amenity at Holzer Park between fields 1 and 2.

The commission discussed this item with Public Works Director Haas. The commission concluded that there was not enough available information to make a recommendation on this item. This item was tabled pending further information from the JAYBA.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Donation Program Diversification Lauren Walburg, Planning Intern presented memo.

Breeggemann indicated that we used to have planters and trees. Public Works Director Haas stated that the planters are big and heavy, and that nobody wants to plant them. The City would also like the planters to be uniform and maintained.

The commission discussed diversifying the amount required for a donation, not just object and was in favor of having cheaper options for donation. Brewster mentioned Huber Park in old downtown Shakopee as an example of more affordable park donations.

The commission reached consensus on including picnic tables as a donated amenity, as well as exploring the options for a time-limited guarantee for all donations which would allow the City the ability to replace deteriorating donated amenities.

Brewster mentioned that it may be nice to see donated grills and limestone.

The commission discussed having a recognition board of donors (at and for Grassmann Park) and that donations could be separated by type.

B. Lagoon Park Bathrooms

Presented by Planning Intern Walburg.

Schuh inquired as to whether expansion of the building is possible in that location. Haas responded that expansion is possible, but that would likely require the removal of trees, specifically an Oak Tree

Public Works Director Haas stated that the area is increasingly popular, with - lots of birthday parties hosted at the Splash Pad.

Chair Breeggemann states that it would be nice to have concession on one side, bathrooms on the other with a see-through pavilion in the center. Haas stated that some type of pavilion would be user friendly and could be rented out by the City.

Commissioner Warden challenged the commission to think big in this initial phase of considering possibilities. He stated that there could be a meeting room, nice concession stand with seating, maybe two levels, locker and changing area downstairs, windows looking out onto the pond.. This park is the jewel of Jordan. Commissioner Warden was in favor of tearing down the existing building and adding an amenity to this park.

Breeggemann inquired to whether we could do something two-story with the similar building on the south end? Public Works Director stated that would be a possibility.

Schuh inquired as to how long the existing structure will last? Haas stated as long as we continue to invest in it.

The commission concluded that staff will research Chaska Fireman's Park, Cleary Lake Concession Stand, Caswell Park. Staff will also begin to research and assess sizing limitations.

C. Options for Mini-Met Hockey Rink

Senior Planner Meyers presents the reuse of the old hockey rink at the Mini-met Memo recaps the existing conditions at the old rink. Staff is looking for conversation given the water issue about what the City should do with the site. Should the City leave the boards and use them, or remove them for other uses?

Warden states it may make sense to tear it down and just use it for parking Tilus inquires whether there is demand for two rinks. Breegemann stated there are also neighborhood rinks. Haas states that the neighborhood rinks didn't work out so well. The old hockey rink leaves room for younger kids to play. They were both used regularly. Breeggemann states that we could put a neighborhood-style rink, and use the space for parking during the summer.

Tilus inquires whether there is a need for basketball? The commission discussed the drainage issues, and whether removing the boards would solve the issue. There was also discussion regarding the availability of basketball nearby in the area.

Schuh inquires whether there have been complaints from people about the boards? The commission discusses removing the rink at the Mini-met and coordinating with the CERC to ensure younger kids have ice-time. The commission concluded it is in the City's best interest to remove the boards, coordinate with the CERC for family skate nights, explore options for shorter courts for next season and use the space for parking in the off-season.

Motion Tilus to recommend removal of the boards, use the space for parking, coordinate with CERC and explore options for shorter court. Second Schuh. Vote all ayes. Motion Passed

Haas states that it is easy enough to pull boards out, it would be pretty simple to put short boards in there, perhaps make it smaller. Meyers states the City can explore reusing elements that it can, but make it more usable. Haas states that it would be better if the boards were a permanent feature. The boards are anchored now.

6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. Park Updates

City council approved updates for Sand Creek Dog Park with the addition of mature trees, modifications of structure and a water fountain. The obstacles were not approved.

B. Next Meeting- July 29, 2019

7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

8.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Brewster congratulations to Lucinda on getting Senior Planner! When is the anticipated open date for Grassman Park?

Meyers stated they are hoping for next spring opening. The rain is delaying the schedule. Schuh stated that the ninja park will be done this fall.

Warden stated that Mill Pond is very weedy. Would it be possible for the City to do a public education campaign to tell people how that happens? Meyers stated that staff could put something in the next city newsletter. Warden stated it would be nice to find options for natural preventatives.

Breegemann stated the water is coming from the school and through the wooded area in between. The public education campaign could be centered on educating people on how they have a part to play in water quality.

Haas stated that the DNR will only let you treat it 2 times per year and only so many

acres. Public Works treats the beach, the fishing pier and the dock by the paddleboat. Public Works also treats the pond above once per month hoping the treatment will run down into Mill Pond.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Brewster, Second Schuh. Vote all ayes. Motion Carried. 8:03pm

Tanya Velishek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Nikunen City Administrator