

**City of Jordan  
Park & Recreation Commission Minutes  
June 26, 2006**

**Members present:** Commission Chair Ron Beckman, Commission Vice-Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Commissioners Tania Branitski, Donna Breegeman (at 8:55), Ken Crane, Willy Pauly and Chris Schwingler, Council Liaison Ron Jabs.

**Members absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** City Planner Chelsea Alger.

**Others Present:** Paul Carey.

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**1. Call to Order:**

Commission Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes: May 22, 2006 and May 31, 2006**

Commission Chair Beckman inquired to any changes in the minutes. None were stated.

*Motion: JL/WP; to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2006 Park and Recreation Commission regular meeting and the May 31, 2006 special meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.*

**3. Stonebridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Neighborhood Park Proposal**

Alger gave a brief summary of the Commissions' discussion from the previous meeting. Paul Carey wrapped up the discussion, which was presented on-site prior to the meeting. Several Commissioners commented on the proposal:

Commissioner Langsweirdt stated that he liked the concept of a nature park and it was the opportunity to do something unique. He felt that it would serve a different function than that of a regional park, which he didn't anticipate in the next 5-8 years.

Commissioner Pauly stated he liked the idea of the cash donation, but would be willing to give it up.

Commissioner Crane stated he was concerned about a number of trees being removed and disturbing the wildlife, although likes the idea of a smaller natural park. He also stated he would prefer there not be a fountain as that would take away from the natural setting.

Commissioner Schwingler stated that she was very excited about the park, although not necessarily excited about the play structure, she understood the need for it.

Commission Chair Beckman stated that he likes the overall concept, but is concerned about the overall cost. He would like to see it more natural, than focused on a huge playground, however stated that he realized there wasn't much there right now for the kids. He felt that a smaller play structure with more emphasis on the natural features would be more cost effective.

Council Liaison Jabs agreed, stating he liked the site, but the play structure would take away from the natural features. He stated he would be more supportive if there were a smaller playground. He still liked the idea of the cash donation because the regional park cost would be aggressive and it was something the City felt was important.

Paul Carey stated he did not have any problems with proposing a different play structure that had a smaller footprint.

Alger stated that if the Commission felt the land in lieu of cash would be appropriate, they could make that recommendation now and work out the park details at a later date.

*Motion: JL/KC; to support a land in lieu of cash donation for the park requirements in Stonebridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, subject to the following conditions: 1) the details of the layout to be worked out at a later date, 2) the developer agrees to pay out of pocket for expenses above and beyond the required donation amount of \$126,746.94 and 3) should the improvement costs be less than the required amount, the developer will pay the City the difference. All ayes, motion carried, with Commissioner Branitski abstaining.*

#### **4. Skate Park Update**

Alger stated that Janish had been in contact with Kelly Bartz from Tru-Ride in regards to setting up a meeting. He was not able to meet until July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Commission stated they would like Staff to contact Tru Ride to see if another representative could come down before that. If not, the Commission felt it would be appropriate for Mr. Bartz to meet with the students at 5:00, followed by the Commission at 7:00 on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Comprehensive Plan: Park and Trails Outline**

Alger gave a summary of the Park and Trail component of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Highlighted areas included, park inventory, recommended facilities based on population, a Park CIP, dedication requirements and Commission and community involvement through the process.

Once the 2006 Comp Plan was completed, which was expected to be late summer of 2006, Alger stated, Staff would commence work on the 2008 Plan at which time the Commission would address this Section.

The Commission commented about the necessity for a CIP and how much it would benefit their planning process. They were anxious to get underway with the plan. Alger stated she would provide more information as the City got into the process.

#### **6. Memorial Tree and Bench Program**

Alger presented a draft handout with information regarding a proposed memorial tree and bench program the Commission had shown interest in at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Branitski stated she would like to see a “celebration” program instead of a “memorial” program so it would allow for a wider range of donation opportunities.

Commissioner Schwingler stated that the City should determine areas that would be appropriate for donated items so individuals would have something to choose from. She also stated that an

order form should not be included in the handout, but that those interested should be directed to contact the City.

Council Liaison Jabs indicated that he would like to see language added that stated the individual would work with the City on the final arrangement.

Commission Chair Beckman stated that it might be a good idea to provide examples in the handout of instances that someone would donate a tree or bench to the City.

Alger stated she would amend the handout and bring it back to the Commission at the July meeting.

## **7. Other Business**

Commissioner Crane inquired about flowers in the rain garden and whether they were included with the bid.

Commissioner Schwingler stated that an “adopt-an-area” for landscaping around the City would be something the City should look into.

Commissioner Breeggemann had noticed dead trees in the boulevard near St. John’s. Alger will have Dave Bendzick take a look.

Commission Chair Beckman inquired about the weed control on the Mill Pond.

Council Liaison Jabs indicated he would like to see more diversity amongst the trees in the developments.

*Motion: JL/RJ; to forward a recommendation to the Planning Commission to consider amending the Subdivision Ordinance to require a diversity of species in the boulevard trees. All ayes, motion carried.*

## **8. Adjournment**

Being no further business before the Commission, Commission Chair Beckman inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

*Motion: WP/JL; to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Alger  
City Planner