

City of Jordan
Park & Recreation Commission Minutes
July 24, 2006

Members present: Commission Chair Ron Beckman, Commission Vice-Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Commissioners Tania Branitski (7:05), Donna Breegeman, Ken Crane, and Chris Schwingler (7:04), Council Liaison Ron Jabs.

Members absent: Commissioner Willy Pauly.

Staff Present: Planners Chelsea Alger and Joe Janish.

Others Present: None.

1.0 Call to Order:

Commission Chair Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda

Commission Chair Beckman inquired to any changes or additions to the agenda. None were stated.

Motion: JL/RJ; to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2006

Commission Chair Beckman inquired to any changes to the Minutes of June 26. None were stated.

Motion: JL/KC; to approve the June 26 regular meeting minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

(Commissioner Schwingler arrived at 7:04, Commissioner Branitski at 7:05)

4.0 Old Business

A. Skate Park

Janish provided a summary of the meeting held on July 19th with the youth and various Commission members. Presented to the Commission was a copy of the plans for the skate park, drafted after talking to the youth members interested in the skate park, as well as an invoice for \$34,979.64. Janish was looking for a recommendation to the City Council to approve the purchase and installation of the equipment.

Commissioner Breeggemann inquired as to whether the City had found ways to cut cost, through donation of equipment or rooms for the workers to stay, that might allow another piece to be added. Janish stated that he had not heard back from anyone yet and wasn't sure whether the cost savings would allow the purchase of additional equipment, specifically the Jersey Barrier.

Motion: JL/DB; to recommend approval of the layout, purchasing and installing the equipment, with potential negotiations for the Jersey Barrier, while staying in the budget of \$35,000. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Celebration Tree and Bench Program

Alger presented a revised version of the pamphlet, per the comments provided at the June 26th meeting. She stated that if the Commission was comfortable forwarding the copy to the City Council, they could do so, with any changes.

Council Liaison Jabs indicated that the language should indicate the City will “consider a suitable replacement” if the tree becomes diseased or damaged. He stated that of course the City would make every effort to replace it, but just in case there were budget or other issues that arose, the City would have some leeway.

Commissioner Breegemann stated that the language under the “BENCHES” heading should indicate choices “depend on location.” Staff will also make sure the cost includes the concrete pad.

Commissioner Crane stated that a date should be indicated on the form, that if someone picked up an old form a few years down the road, pricing would not be an issue. Council Liaison Jabs indicated a disclaimer about “prices subject to change” would be a good idea as well.

It was also indicated that the first letters on each word on the front page should be enlarged, similar to the style on the inside of the pamphlet. Alger indicated this must have been an oversight and that was the intention to begin with.

Motion: DB/TB; to recommend forwarding the Program pamphlet, with the recommended changes, to the City Council for their review and approval. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Play Equipment Options for Stonebridge Park

Tania Branitski excused herself from the Commission and presented an alternative layout for the play structure at the proposed Stonebridge Park. She stated the only differences from the picture that was presented was that the roof tops would be green-painted wood and the slides green instead of yellow. Also, there would be a baby swing instead of rope swing on the end of the structure.

The Commission felt the down-sized structure was much more appropriate than the one previously presented.

Motion: JL/RJ; approving the play structure with the changes indicated by Branitski. All ayes, motion carried. Commissioner Branitski abstaining.

5.0 New Business

A. Information on new legislation regarding park dedication policies

Alger provided background to the Commission regarding legislative changes affecting park dedication. Most notably, she stated, the City would need to come up with a definition for “buildable land” as dedication would now be calculated that way. The Commission discussed briefly what constituted buildable land. Alger asked whether the Commission would like to forward this on to the Planning Commission to address, or have Staff come up with a definition based on the discussion and present it at the next meeting for review and recommendation to the Planning Commission. The Commission decided they would like to see the definition prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

6.0 Planners Report

Alger reminded the Commission of the public hearing scheduled for the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 pm.

7.0 Commissioner Report

Commissioner Breegemann inquired about dead trees in the boulevard. She will send a list to Alger, who will forward them onto Dave Bendzick.

Commission Chair Beckman indicated that he would like to see the Commission revisit the regional park layout and have a discussion about what facilities will be appropriate there. Staff will prepare information for a future meeting.

Commissioner Branitski inquired about what the status of a community pool was. Council Liaison Jabs indicated that the pool committee had been directed to get more information. At this time, there had not been any decisions by the Commission or City Council as to how a request would be approach.

Commissioner Schwingler inquired about clean-up schedules in the parks, following an event or just routine cleaning. Alger stated she was not sure, but would get the information for an upcoming meeting. Schwingler also inquired about the rain garden and whether the quote included plantings. Alger will find out. Otherwise, there may be opportunity with the Scott County SWCD for funding and/or assistance with the project.

Council Liaison Jabs read aloud a letter from the Chamber in regards to money received from the Jordan Bike Tour to help fund future bike routes throughout town. He asked the Commission to keep this in mind as we work on the 2008 Comp Plan and trails portion of the Plan.

8.0 Adjournment

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

Motion: DB/CS; to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Alger
Planner

