

**City of Jordan  
Park & Recreation Commission  
May 13, 2002 Minutes**

*A workshop was held from 6:45 to 7:20 at the former Public Works site. This workshop discussed some possible locations for a new hockey rink site and regrading the Mini-Met area.*

**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

**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 April 22, 2002, meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**III.**    *Public Works Site/Mini-Met-*

The Board discussed regrading options for the former Public Works building site. Public Works Director Bendzick informed the Commission regrading would require 4 feet of fill over the former Public Works building site and would cost approximately \$14,525.00. The grading would involve the removal of several crab apple trees and one cottonwood tree. This grading would not impact the current Sand Creek shoreline. Bendzick recommended protecting the new facilities by elevating the future hockey rink and skatepark higher than the parking lot.

The Board discussed the possibility of demolishing the old Community Center in order to grade the entire Mini-Met site. According to Chair Beckman, Jordan Community Education is willing to relocate the items currently stored within the old Community Center if it were razed. Director Bonkowske informed the Board the Police Department is willing to vacate the building only if another site is found. The Board then discussed the possibility of tearing down the southern portion of the building that would be vacated by Community Education.

Member Langsweirdt made a Motion, Breeggmann second, to regrade Mini-Met site and remove as much of the old Community Center as possible. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the option of constructing a new hockey rink near the former Public Works building after grading is completed. Member Crane made a Motion, Breeggmann second, to construct a new hockey rink and skatepark pad in the North-South orientation parallel to the railroad tracks. Chair Beckman called a vote by roll:

Member Crane stated the need for a hockey rink is high. The past few winters have been warmer than normal and Mill Pond has been unusable until late in the season. A new hockey rink the ice will be more usable.

Member Schwingler stated she felt the same as Member Crane. The new hockey rink would allow for better ice to skate on and since the project would be a multi-use facility, uses for basketball and street hockey would also be provided.

Member Breeggmann stated the other members have made good points. Member Breeggmann further stated the hockey rink facility would show city residents the Park & Recreation Commission is willing to provide activities for children.

Member Langsweirdt stated his support for the rink stems from the other members' comments, and if the hockey rink is not built, it is just another item residents will add to the list of facilities Jordan does not have.

Member Jabs informed the Board he supports the grading and construction of the new hockey rink, but still concerned about state budget cuts. Once the state has balanced the budget then the Council should be able to approve the expenditures with more easily.

Chair Beckman felt as though the Board is rushing the new hockey rink too quickly after the site has been graded. Mr. Beckman was not voting for this motion because he felt other uses may arise once the site has been graded.

Member Crane amended the Motion to include the proposal of the hockey rink be brought forward to City Council at staff's discretion. Members Langsweirdt, Schwingler, Crane, Jabs, Breeggmann voted for approval of the new hockey rink. Chair Beckman opposed. Motion approved.

#### **IV.**     *Park Land Dedication Survey-*

Director Bonkowske informed Board Members the survey had been expanded to include how Prior Lake, Chaska, Carver, Elko and New Market receive money for their park programs.

The Board was concerned with the amount of money Jordan received for the developments (\$278,030.42) compared to other cities (\$789,366.90 to \$2,533,032.00). Discussion of how to increase the park land dedication amount Jordan receives followed. Member Jabs suggested this survey should be included in the City Council's weekly update.

#### **V.**     *Adjournment-*

Member Langsweirdt made a Motion, Schwingler second, to adjourn meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Janish  
Planning Intern