



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
October 25, 2010**

Members Present: Chair Jerry Langsweirdt, Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann, Thom Boncher, John Glynn, Margaret Knutson, Donna Breeggemann, Tim Bischke, Pete Ewals

Staff Present: Senior Planner, Joe Janish; Planning Consultant, Joanne Foust

Others Present: Liz Boyer

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Langsweirdt called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:01pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Motion Boncher seconded by Glynn to adopt agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

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Motion Boncher seconded Glynn to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions.

A. Master Park and Trail Plan

Foust provided an overview on the next items within the Master Park and Trail Plan. This involved an overview of Programs, Services and Administration along with Implementation. The Commission reviewed updated GIS modeling information and reviewed the current Tree Preservation Ordinance. An overview of the Minnesota State Statute related to Park Dedication was also reviewed.

Members of the Park Commission noted current and potential program partners which included: Jaycees, church groups, fireman, Sheriff's Office, 1000 Friends of Minnesota, along with many others. Programs also had been identified for open spaces and natural resources such as the Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA), Minnesota Land Trust, Minnesota Chapter of Nature Conservancy and Land Stewardship. Sources of funding had also been identified such as property, taxes and user fees, some numbers had been requested to be removed from the document since the accounts would fluctuate with time and would only be valid at a specified period of time.

Members discussed having an open house for the Master Park and Trail Plan at the Fire Hall in the meeting room, or having it at City Hall.

5.0 Old Business.

A. Project/Discussion Update.

Mr. Janish provided an update on past projects.

B. Holzer Park Survey

Mr. Janish noted the Park and Recreation Commission had discussed the potential of a property survey to be conducted at Holzer Park in order to determine the actual location of the property lines. Janish indicated the two options for a survey were estimated to cost \$3,540 to locate the property lines adjacent to the north and west sides of just the park area or \$13,540 including around the wastewater treatment ponds.

Members discussed the purpose of the survey in order to construct a fence which would then prevent children from playing on the Railroad tracks. Members then discussed if the money would be better spent providing some alternative for the kids instead of playing on the tracks and identified five goals for the park. The goals had been identified as follows: Stopping traffic from driving next to the concession stand; revamp the circle area for handicap parking which might be paved or unpaved; purchase play equipment for the children to play on, provide handicap accessibility to the park; and what if any grants could potentially be used to fund the projects.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded Knutson to table action on obtaining a survey. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded Knutson to pursue the five goals (noted above) with possible solutions or steps to meet the goals. Motion unanimously approved.

6.0 New Business.

A. Review Plat – Oak Terrace Senior Housing Jordan

Janish noted that the City of Jordan has been approached by Mr. Montag from Montag Development to construct an assisted living, memory care, and independent living facilities for seniors. The project would consist of 51 units with 56 beds. The development would occur across the street from Jordan Elementary School at the southwest quadrant of Beaumont Boulevard and Aberdeen. It would consist of 5 acres and include a trail along the west side of Aberdeen Avenue.

The site would be considered relatively flat, and according to the Comprehensive Plan the City has not identified the area for a park. Janish noted staff is recommending that the Park and Recreation Commission consider accepting the 10% cash dedication in lieu of land.

Members discussed the development and As part of the discussion it was noted that both Aberdeen Avenue and Beaumont Boulevard are classified as major collectors and would require a trail along the roadways. The applicant requested the requirement to install the trail along Beaumont Boulevard be postponed. He also stated that he was willing to sign an

agreement to accept future assessments on the property when the trail is installed in the future. The park commission noted that the front entrance would be located on Aberdeen Avenue and a trail will be installed in that location and the proposed trail on Beaumont Boulevard would dead end at this time. The commissioners agreed the segment of trail along Beaumont Avenue is not essential at this time but requested the City Attorney draft an agreement to ensure the developer would be responsible for the cost of its future construction. The Commission acknowledged the trail along the west side of Aberdeen is on the private property and a trail/access easement would be needed.

Discussion also addressed the park land dedication and it is recommended that cash in lieu of land dedication is accepted. It was stated that the dedication would be added to the park land dedication fund.

Motion Breggemann, seconded by Boncher to recommend to the City Council that the proposed Oak Terrace Senior Housing of Jordan plat provide (1) a fee in lieu of park land dedication to the City equal to 10% of the land value, (2) Construct a trail to City specifications along the west side of Aberdeen Avenue, as illustrated, provided a dedicated access/trail easement is provided over the trail and (3) that the City Attorney prepare an agreement for execution by the developer, Montag Development, agreeing to future assessments for the construction of a trail along the south side of Beaumont Boulevard. Motion carried 7-0.

7.0 Planners Report.

A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information.

Commissioners acknowledged the account information.

8.0 Commissioner Report.

Commissioner Bischke provided a map of the East Street Lot (Tax Forfeiture Lot) and noted that the location of his property lines. Mr. Bischke also suggested members take a walk up the hill prior to snow fall to get a perspective of the grade changes and the overall sightlines.

Commissioner Knutson questioned the timing of the tree plantings at Field 2 and noted that it might be appropriate to include some Ironwood trees in the area.

9.0 Adjournment.

Motion Breeggemann, seconded Knutson to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 9:40 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish
Senior Planner