



**City of Jordan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
January 23, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chair Donna Breeggemann, Council Liaison Thom Boncher, David Hanson, Lance Schmitt, Tim Bischke, Margaret Knutson

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Ed Shukle, Senior Planner Joe Janish, City Engineer Tim Loose, City Engineer Mike Waltman, Planning Intern Isaac Kerry

**Others Present:** Jim Holle, Bruce Pauly, Council Member Joe Thill, Mayor Pete Ewals, Terri Knox, Diane Langenbach, David Larson

**1.0 Call to Order.**

*Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.*

**2.0 Adopt Agenda.**

*Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson, to approve agenda. Motion approved unanimously.*

**3.0 Approval of Minutes.**

**A. November 28, 2011 Minutes**

*Motion Boncher seconded Knutson to approve the minutes with amended name change. Motion approved unanimously.*

**4.0 Presentations/Discussions.**

**A. MnDOT Report on Highway 21 Resurfacing**

Diane Langenbach and David Larson from MnDOT discussed resurfacing plans for Highway 21. Larson suggested reducing the width of the existing lanes in order to accommodate two 5' bike lanes on either side of the road. These would facilitate bicycle traffic as well as have a traffic calming effect.

Larson also suggested using colored concrete or pavers at the bump outs at intersections in order to fit in with the current aesthetics of the downtown area.

David Hanson asked if it would be possible to add bollards at the intersection corners. Larson replied that it most likely would, and due to the safety enhancements the state would likely shoulder the cost.

Knutson asked if it was possible to eliminate the curb entirely around the designated handicap access locations. She stated that her husband was in a wheelchair and during the winter it was difficult and dangerous to park and then move towards the curb cut.

Mike Waltman stated that it was possible, but truncated domes would need to be placed along the entire area that lacked a curb due to safety issues surrounding visibility impaired pedestrians.

Tom Boncher asked who would be paying for these improvements to the plan. Larson answered that as a general rule the state would most likely pay for safety related improvements, while the city would be responsible for aesthetic ones.

An audience member asked where the bike lanes would start and end. Langenbach stated that Water Street made sense as a start location and they would most likely end before the road splits. She stated that none of this was final, however, and could still change before the project moved forward.

The possibility of adding pedestrian islands to the project was brought up. Larson stated it was possible, although the city would be responsible for the expense and it would mean access to some roads in the downtown would be reduced.

## **B. Revised Highway 282 Landscaping Plan**

Waltman presented a revised plan for adding landscaping along the Highway 282 corridor. Pursuant to the Commission's requests from the last meeting, he put forward a plan that called for fewer trees, more incorporation of native grasses and shrubs, and located plantings in such a way as to minimize interference with sight lines to local businesses.

Boncher stated that he felt businesses would benefit by traffic slowing down in this area.

Jim Holle, representing Frandsen Bank, spoke on his feelings toward the plan, stating that he was concerned with any plantings along the north side of 282 from Creek Lane to his bank. This main concern dealt with ensuring motorists would be able to have a clear sight line to his new sign.

Hanson shared a series of photographs he took of the 282 area. He stated that he felt smaller boulevard trees along the roadway would best serve the Commission's goals.

Pete Ewals asked if it would be possible to incorporate planting trees on the northeast side of the bridge, an area which is currently bare.

Boncher asked Holle if he would prefer the city do nothing. Holle said that he is not opposed to trees along this area, but he is concerned with sightlines both from a business's perspective and due to safety concerns.

Boncher stated that he felt the real issue was whether or not business signs would still be seen and if maintenance costs would increase significantly. He said that he didn't feel safety was a huge problem, citing the fact that there are many trees along Highway 282 once it crosses the bridge and there have been no major safety concerns there.

Ed Shukle stated that the Commission should keep in mind that the state will not maintain the plantings. He also stated that the Commission should keep in mind the businesses comments from last meeting, especially the concern with sightlines and that he felt further input from the business community was needed.

Ewals stated that he did not feel that the sight lines were particularly important, as people already know the businesses are there. He stated he felt the businesses would be better served by slowing traffic along that stretch of road.

Isaac Kerry stated that he felt the Commission should make sure to hear input from all impacted businesses, as Jim Holle had brought up many specific concerns this evening.

David Hanson noted that the staff should meet with business owners along with one to two commissioners to sit in to hear comments from the owners in the area and provide notice to all members of the meeting. Hanson and Breeggemann noted that they should be able to make the meetings.

Lance Schmitt stated he felt the Commission need to come to a decision, yes or no, on this issue quickly, as it was currently being discussed for a lengthy period of time and costs continue to climb.

*Motion Knutson, seconded Boncher, for Bolton & Menk to further revise Option 1, focusing on smaller trees and moving the location of trees to adjust to the sightline requests put forward by Mr. Holle. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **C. CR 66 Trail Improvements**

Mike Waltman provided an overview of the current project to improve the trail system along CR 66. He informed the Commission that the city had been approved for \$100,000 in state funding for the network. The rest of the approximately \$700,000 would come from a combination of the developer fund and the capital fund.

Hanson asked if there was still a problem with the developer money. Shukle stated that the developer had not felt that improving the trail qualified as an urban section, but that it did and the city had the authority to move ahead with the project.

Tim Bischke stated that he felt, given the cost of the project, the funds could be used better elsewhere. Joe Janish stated that the developer portion of the funds are earmarked for this specific improvement and cannot be used in a different part of the city.

*Motion Hanson to indicate the Park and Recreation commission appreciates the work done by staff in securing the grant and supports moving ahead with the project as described, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knutson. Motion passed 4-2, Tim Bischke and Tom Boncher opposed.*

## **5.0 Old Business.**

### **A. Project Updates**

Kerry presented the current updates for Park and Recreation Commission Projects. The Commission directed staff to look into conducting the Winter Walkability Workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

David Hanson stated that there was a possibility that the Jordan Fire Department would contribute funds for the Wexford Square Park and that he would look into it.

## **6.0 New Business.**

### **A. Interviews – 3**

Donna Breeggemann, Margaret Knutson, and Tim Bischke were interviewed by the Commission.

*Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson, to appoint Donna Breeggemann, Margaret Knutson, and Tim Bischke to new terms on the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion passed unanimously, Breeggemann, Knutson, Bischke abstaining.*

### **B. Park and Recreation Commission Organization**

*Motion Boncher, seconded Hanson, to appoint Donna Breeggemann as Chair and Margaret Knutson as Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously, Breeggemann and Knutson abstaining.*

## **7.0 Planners Report**

### **A. PEI and Parkland Dedication Account Information**

Kerry presented the current fund levels. He stated that staff will create a spreadsheet breaking spending down by park and present it bi-annually to the Commission.

## **8.0 Commissioner Report.**

Bischke stated he was encouraged by the bike lanes presented by MnDOT.

Boncher stated he wanted to see an agenda item for the next meeting dealing with Holzer Park.

Hanson stated he will talk with the Commercial Club about a possible donation of park related materials to the city. He also said he wanted the Commission to think about creating an integrated Trail and Sidewalk Plan.

Knutson stated she wished to see a maintenance plan from the Public Works department. Kerry stated he will attempt to get this information for the next meeting.

Breeggemann stated that several street lights along 282 are currently out and should be replaced. She also stated that any improvements to Holzer Park should seek out funding with the Sioux tribe.

## **9.0 Adjournment.**

*Motion Knutson, seconded Boncher, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 10:17 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaac Kerry, Planning Intern