

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

Present: Donna Breeggemann, Nathan Warden, Grant Tilus, Terry Stier

Also Present: Nathan Fuerst, Planner/Economic Development Specialist; Scott Haas, Public Works Director; Ben Schneider, Planner; Reeve Needham, Planning Intern

Absent: Becky Brewster

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Breeggemann at 6:31 PM.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Warden, second Tilus to add the discussion of Timberline Park and the Highway 21 underpass to the agenda and adopt as amended. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 26, 2020

Motion by Tilus, second Warden to approve minutes as presented. Vote all ayes. Stier Abstain. Motion carried.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Lagoon Park Shelter- Proposed Demolition and New Construction

Fuerst presented on the existing conditions of the park shelter, showing the issues of crumbling walls, flooding, cracked floors etc. Fuerst presented a timeline of the park shelter and its upgrades, with the last update to the bathrooms in 2011. Then, he showed a rendering of the proposed new shelter with a breezeway in the middle, the snack shack, restrooms including a shower, and storage for equipment.

Breeggemann asked where the new shelter would be located. Public Works Director Haas said it would be located in the same spot, but would be a bit bigger than the current building footprint. Breeggemann asked if the storage room door is sufficient for the winter rink equipment. Haas said a hose door is sufficient for public works' use. Tilus asked if there was a shower in the existing park shelter. Breeggemann inquired if the proposed restroom stalls would be sufficient. Haas said the shower is new and the orientation of the bathrooms is mostly the same as the current setup. Tilus suggested adding another restroom stall in place of the shower and moving the shower outside. Haas discussed the addition of an outside foot wash, but didn't think an outdoor shower would be a good idea due to potential vandalism.

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Stier asked about vandalism at the adjacent splash pad. Haas said there have been no issues. Breeggemann commented that sand in the splash pad from running around was probably the main issue. Stier suggested that the additional restroom stall would be better usage than a shower. Haas said the building footprint could easily be expanded length-wise. Breeggemann asked about the additional cost to add-on. Haas replied that the cost estimate for the whole shelter is \$150,000 but no bids have been solicited yet.

Tilus asked where the paddleboards will be stored. Haas replied that they will likely be stored outside in the summer towards the road but the decision has not been made yet. Tilus suggested the rental app for paddleboards used in Minneapolis, which doesn't require staff to supervise and thus increases the hours available. Haas suggested looking into this addition after the shelter has been built.

Tilus asked about the breezeway if it would include picnic tables. Haas replied that it would and there would be three service windows for the snack shack, citing a need to alert park users that the snack shack is open. Breeggemann suggested an "open" sign. Warden asked if the shelter would be open for rent, like other shelters. Haas said no. Stier suggested a pathway connecting the splash pad to the shelter. Haas suggested that concrete slabs are easy to add in. Stier asked when this would be presented to the City Council. Fuerst replied that staff wanted PRAC approval first.

Breeggemann asked where the paddle boards are stored in the winter. Haas said there is enough room in the Snack Shack. Tilus suggested having a service window for the Snack Shack facing the road to draw in customers. Haas replied that a window can either be on the inside of the breezeway or facing the road, given the limiting space with kitchen equipment. Breeggemann suggested adding in a high window for natural light. Commissioners agreed the breezeway service window was the best option.

Warden commented that this concept is similar to Chaska's Fireman's Park and pondered the addition of a rentable meeting room for winter usage. He suggested hard ice cream, as there are limited options in Jordan. Warden liked the improved shelter as a response to community desire for improved amenities. Tilus suggested adding on later with more walkways and chairs at the beach. Breeggemann brought up the rooftop patio at Caswell Park. Stier commented that this could be a liability issue for the City. Tilus suggested the breezeway provides enough visibility to see on both sides to watch your children.

Stier asked if the PRAC wanted to replace the shower with a bathroom or add an addition stall to the bathroom. Tilus suggested increasing the size of the breezeway as well. Warden commented the lack of shower usage at the CERC. Tilus suggested that families could use restroom stalls to change. Warden said the additional stall would be more valuable and that an outside shower would be sufficient. Fuerst recommended staff approval, deferring to Haas for more feedback. Haas will look into an outside shower and foot wash. Haas commented that they could reuse the existing bathroom equipment: toilets, hand dryers, changing tables etc. in the new building.

B. Holzer Park- Play Equipment Discussion

Breeggemann inquired if the batting cages were installed yet. Haas replied that they were not in yet.

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Fuerst presented that the City Council directed staff to research playground equipment for a younger demographic (ages 2-6) for Holzer Park, as current equipment is geared towards older children. There are many options for equipment involving both cognitive and physical development and a variety of projected costs. Fuerst asked the PRAC to discuss what improvements they'd like to make and if so, where to place this in the CIP.

Warden asked if this would be replacing current equipment. Fuerst replied that this proposal is in addition to current equipment. Breeggemann proposed setting the toddler equipment aside from the current equipment, noting the limitations of the concrete border around the playground impacting the fall zone. Fuerst commented there was room in the corners to add in some park equipment.

Stier liked the addition of multiple features such as a dome monkey bar, activity panels, and the toddler teeter. Tilus suggested avoiding options with tight spaces which could lead to conflict between users. Stier also suggested the addition of swings. Warden commented that the sensory elements of the activity panels, such as chimes, would be a nice addition.

Stier inquired how this improvement would fit into the budget. Fuerst asked if PRAC would like to see multiple features that best utilize the free space. Fuerst suggested adding this to the CIP in 2022, under broad improvements to Holzer Park. Breeggemann suggested adding this to the Parks CIP in 2022 or sooner. Stier recommended the continued effort to upgrade all the parks, tackling the older ones first. Tilus noticed the CIP had the Lagoon Shelter projected at \$250,000, whereas the proposed shelter is \$150,000, so the leftover funds could be used for this project. Staff will bring this item back for discussion in November.

C. GreenSteps Update

Planning Intern Reeve Needham presented on the City's recent accomplishment of Step 4 in the program. To achieve the next step, the City must demonstrate progress on some of the performance metrics.

Stier mentioned the City joined the program in 2015 and lauded the City's success. Breeggemann inquired about recycling at parks. Stier commented about recycling contamination and the additional staff maintenance. Haas added that recycling bins have been vandalized in the past.

Tilus asked about the new compost site. Haas said the project would be opening in the next few weeks. PRAC Commissioners discussed the need to educate the public about the new program and how to best incentivize usage.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Highway 21 Underpass Trail

Warden commented the trail looks like it will be a nice amenity to get to the dog park.

Tilus inquired when the construction would be completed.

Fuerst replied that the project is on track for completion in November.

B. Timberline Park Improvements

Fuerst reported that this project has been stalled due to budget concerns surrounding COVID and proposed moving the project to the 2021 CIP. Breeggemann commented the need for feedback from the public and the need to be inclusive of all ages in the proposed playground. Warden

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mentioned the desire to make the park more ADA-compliant. Breeggemann mentioned the need for a backstop for the basketballs. Fuerst asked when the PRAC would like to hold the open house. Stier commented the spring would be better. Staff will provide some options for the public to discuss at a spring open house.

7.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. Park Updates

Fuerst said a new development, the Dakota, will be entering sketch plan review and may look to be on the next PRAC agenda for feedback on the parks component.

B. Introduction of new Planner- Ben Schneider

Schneider introduced himself and said it's his first day.

C. Next Meeting- November 23, 2020

8.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Stier thanked the members of the PRAC for their hard work over the years.

9.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Warden remarked that Lagoon Park saw a lot of use this summer

Breeggemann inquired about a pedestrian crossing at County Road 9. Haas said he would find out more about the county's progress.

Breeggemann also discussed the speed signs needing new batteries and the need for the sign to face those coming out of Timberline park.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Stier, Second Tilus. Vote all ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.