



MINUTES
Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 Remote 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Walker, Board Member, Don Robertson, Board Member, Michael Weinberg, Board Member, Susan Drew, Board Member, Makoto Lane, Board Member, and Sam Schroyer, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie Smallwood, Councilor and Sarah Richardson, Community Services

MEDIA PRESENT:

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment

2.1. **Note: The Parks and Trails Advisory Board will conduct this meeting electronically** using the Zoom video conference platform. Members of the public may listen, view, and/or participate in this meeting using Zoom. Using Zoom is free of charge. See the instructions below:

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3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Meeting Minutes - moved to May meeting

4. Changes to the Agenda

- 4.1. Michael Weinberg wanted to thank the City Council and the city for closing the parks and for keeping the trails open. Noticed when using the trail that people are paying attention to social distancing. Use of the trail is going well while the parks are closed. Thinks it was a good decision.

5. New Business

- 5.1. Development Services/Planning Director

Kelly O'Neil attended to answer questions about the planning process and the development of parks.

Topics included case law, need to update the city codes, park land acquisition. Discussion about the need to increase SDC's. Discussion about what to consider during the Master Plan update to help meet park development objectives.

Discussion about how to go about increasing SDC's, and about updating the methodology.

Planning wants to work with the Parks Board and noted that during the pre-app phase the developers want to know all the city requirements. This presents challenges with the timing of the Parks Board input. Need to clarify with developers that the Parks Board input is preliminary during the pre-app stage, and when their development plans are changed or updated there may be additional recommendations from the board.

Discussion about the challenges of providing meaningful input early in the process and about the challenges of purchasing land for future park development.

Discussion about Fee in Lieu and the costs of improvements/infrastructure.

Discussion about City Code language and how they will apply in the updated Master Plan.

Recommend the Parks Board review code 17.86.

Discussion about Storm Drainage Facilities. Noted that planning would like to

them to be more aesthetically pleasing and integrated into sub divisions and parks.

Discussion about Planned Use Developments. Required to give the city 25% of the land in addition to the park land or fee. Currently the 25% can include steep, wet etc. Discussion about the code language and what can be done to clean it up with regard to land dedication and the meaning of "outstanding" value/standard. Discussion about what the value is of the PUD's in relationship to the current requirements. Noted that PUD's go directly to council for approval or denial. Concerns about the subjective language in the code. Concerns noted about the acquisition of all the open space that will become the responsibility of the city. Some PUD's have provided valuable land. Example, PUD's along Tickle Creek Trail. Need to look at the trade-off and what the city is acquiring and update the language.

5.2. Sandy Woods - Phase II

Discussion about Sandy Woods Phase two application including the Power Line easement, tree retention, wetland area.

Identification of area that will be potential open space owned by the city.

Discussion about trail access through the development.

Question about protected areas and it was noted that those areas should not be within lot lines. Discussion about what is needed to make that a part of city requirements.

Board is in favor of the trail connectivity and fee in lieu. Pedestrian track is recommended along the power line.

5.3. Pad Townhomes

Discussion about access into the proposed development and impact on Meinig

Park and Fantasy Forest. Discussion about setback requirements and parking that impact Meinig Park.

Moved by Don Robertson

Move to prepare correspondence that identifies the boards opposition to the development based on impacts to Meinig Park, Fantasy Forest, the parking lot, and the intersection.

note - seconded by Michael Weinberg.

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6. Old Business

6.1. Master Plan Update

Discussion about the survey. Results are being compiled. No date yet for the next TAC meeting. Noted that the Longest Day Parkway has been cancelled and it was meant to be the next opportunity for Public Outreach. Discussion about the need for an alternate plan.

7. STAFF UPDATES

7.1. Community Garden

Sarah Richardson, staff liaison, updated the board about repairs at the Community Garden. The Ant Farm is heading up the project and funds from Parks Maintenance and garden fees will help cover the cost. Kathleen Walker may have some materials to donate. General discussion about utilizing volunteers to help offset the cost.

7.2. Moda Assist

Sarah Richardson, staff liaison, updated the board about the campaign. Although Sandy did not win it was great to see the community engaged. It was an opportunity to share information about the Parks Master Plan update and bring awareness to universal park design. Thank you to the board for helping to get the vote out and widely sharing the campaign.

8. Adjourn