



MINUTES
Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 Virtual Zoom
Meeting 7:00 PM

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sam Schroyer, Board Member

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

MEDIA PRESENT:

1. Zoom Meeting Info

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2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

Laurie, a Sandy resident living near Bornstedt park attended to comment about the Pesticide Policy. Concerned that currently only one entrance at Bornstedt Park gets notification when there is spraying in the park. Don Robertson noted that there will be more signage once the policy is adopted. Laurie feels pulling weeds is a better solution than spraying but recognizes this would take a volunteer effort. Susan Drew noted that in the Community Garden the members have been trying to pull the weeds

around the outside of the fence to help reduce the need for other solutions. Makoto Lane noted that they are trying to keep the community safe while also being cost effective.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Meeting Minutes

5. Changes to the Agenda

5.1. Discussion about where to put Bathrooms and Porta Pottys in parks. Wrap up on the discussion. Focusing on the existing parks.

Sarah Richardson reviewed that it was discussed at a past board meeting but that no formal recommendation has been made.

Kathleen Walker remembers that the board was trying to identify a conceptual policy about where we put bathrooms and porta potties in parks. Talked about the expense of building and maintaining. Remembers from the earlier discussion that if it is in an area with a destination feature like a splash pad, it would be good to plan for a permanent restroom facility going forward for new parks. There are also existing parks where we have provided seasonal porta potties, which is a great way to meet the need, while how they look could be improved with a 3-sided surround structure.

Don Robertson agrees that there should be some sort of enclosure for security and to make it look nicer. Would like to see a permanent restroom someday at Bornstedt. When there is a feature that encourages a longer visit it would be ideal. Sarah Richardson noted that Don Robertson mentioned in another meeting that it could be possible to utilize the garage at the house on the property to create a permanent restroom. Kathleen Walker noted there is a plan near Fantasy Forest to make a more permanent restroom as well.

Discussion about the Community Campus fields and Skate Park and what is provided for restrooms there. Discussion about the need to collect fees to cover costs, especially once the property is developed and improved. Sarah Richardson noted there is a fee structure in place for groups that want to guarantee use and reserve the area, but currently groups are using it on a first, come, first serve basis just as they would in other city parks.

Kathleen Walker suggests that we want to recommend for the future having permanent restroom facilities at Bornstedt and Fantasy Forest, and three sided structures for current Porta Potty locations. Susan Drew asked about providing one along Tickle Creek. Knollwood is a possible location. Makoto

Lane mentioned that he likes it natural and would not want to accommodate the homeless issue. Other board members thought it might be nice to have one at Knollwood.

Sarah Richardson asked if the board would like this put into a memo for the consultants - ESA, and Nancy Enabnit. They agreed that would be recommended.

6. New Business

6.1. Tickle Creek Village

Sarah Richardson reviewed the board's past recommendation for a Fee in Lieu for the Tickle Creek Village.

Tracy Brown who represents the developer was in attendance to discuss another proposal on behalf of the developer.

Kathleen Walker discussed what appears to be the final order for the property. Confused by the order as the board recommended a Fee in Lieu because there is an existing park close by.

Concerned that the alternative is that we would be accepting the wetlands instead.

Tracy Brown clarified that the final order does provide two options, one which reflects Councilor Exner's desire to see that property acquired by the city.

Laurie Small and Tracy Brown noted no action has been taken.

Tracy Brown described the trail that has also been proposed to help connect Sunset to the Tickle Creek Trail as part of the proposal.

Kathleen Walker requested that in the future if the Parks Board recommendation is not accepted that they are notified. Sarah Richardson said that they would work to close that loop so the board is notified when a recommendation is not acted on by Council or the Planning Commission.

Don Robertson asked if the board wants to modify its recommendation.

Tracy noted this is a Type II application.

Tracy shared his screen to show the potential trail connection. Noted the final order asked that a trail be put in from Dubarko to Sunset Street. There is an existing right of way to the east.

The wetland boundary gets very close to the proposed development. Staff has requested the trail connection, and the developer doesn't have a problem with the easement but would want some level of compensation otherwise it is a taking of the property.

The developer would also like to sell the portion in the wetlands if there is interest from the city. There has been no appraisal and Tracy Brown advised the developer that he felt it was premature.

Don Robertson said it comes down to whether the board wants to change their recommendation and Don feels the original decision was the right one. Doesn't see the pond/wetlands as having a huge benefit at this time. Doesn't disagree that a boardwalk and trails could be nice but also knows they are expensive and more difficult to deal with than meets the eye. Asked for board input.

Susan Drew is concerned about what will happen to the wetlands. A trail would be good to have on the edge.

Tracy noted the developer is willing to do the trail connecting Sunset to Dubarko but not excited to have it public. He would like to keep the trail private and provide an easement. If he doesn't get something out of it, there may not be a trail.

Kathleen Walker asked if this is getting developed under existing zoning. Tracy Brown said yes and believes it is a split zone, part R2 or 3. Medium to high density. Kathleen Walker asked if there is some requirement for a improvement. Tracy noted that it will be platted as a condo project and it is reviewed as an apt. complex. Requirement for common outdoor area as an amenity for the residents. 200 sq feet per unit is required for common outdoor space in an apt. complex.

Kathleen Walker asked if the trail is required to be dedicated, Tracy Brown said no. Not intended to be public space. It is private for the owners within the complex.

Kathleen Walker agrees with Don Robertson on the wetland acquisition. Feel confident that its going to continue to serve as wetlands and not in the best interest to acquire that land. Regarding the trail connecting Sunset to Dubarko, trying to understand where it links. It links at the end of Sunset St.

Tracy Brown brought up a aerial picture of the area to share where the trail connector could go. Kathleen Walker noted that there is a proposed trail between Bluff and Sandy Heights (north of Nettie Connett Dr.). Kathleen Walker does not have an objection to the trail providing access, and getting people down to Tickle Creek trail seems like a good opportunity. Can support the trail easement.

Tracy Brown clarified that the developer would additionally like to sell (in the form of a credit toward Fee in Lieu) the northern part of the property (wetlands) so that the city could build a trail/boardwalk in that area.

The final order references a trail through the property connecting Sunset St. to Dubarko and the developer would likely want compensation for that trail to be a public easement.

Developer wants to work with the city. Don Robertson asked if he is proposing that if he gives the trail and the wetlands that would be in place of the entire Fee in Lieu amount. Tracy Brown noted it would be based on an appraisal, so amount to be determined.

Kathleen Walker could see getting a credit toward Fee in Lieu for the trail easement connecting Sunset to Reuben or Dubarko. Would nix woodchips and would suggest packed gravel trail 4-6 feet wide. Might want to consider asking him to complete the Sunset portion as well. Tracy Brown thought it might be possible for additional credit.

Tracy Brown noted in the final order it talks about providing a cost estimate. Tracy advised him that it is premature until they know if the city is interested. The trail will meander around. There are a lot of trees in the area. Developer prefers the wood chips because he will have them already on the site. If he is compensated for putting gravel on the trail he may be ok with it.

The developer is proposing it as a private trail, maintaining ownership, but providing an easement and maintaining it. Talked about pros and cons of dedicating it to the city. If compensated for the easement he prefers to maintain ownership. Kathleen Walker thinks it is about 800 feet of trail or 1400 feet if taking in the Sunset right of way. Tracy Brown thinks the final order also includes benches. Would need to be worked out where they would go because of the restricted area. Not a lot of room outside the restricted area. Could be figured out later.

Makoto Lane asked about the cities liability for the easement. Don Robertson

explained Recreational Immunity.

Kathleen Walker noted traffic through there would also help deter the homeless camps.

Tracy Brown noted the easement would need to be wider than the trail itself. Kathleen Walker thought a 10-12 foot easement would be needed.

Tracy Brown clarified what can be done in the restricted area. Would be a scenic and nice path.

Makoto Lane asked about the trees. Tracy Brown noted they can't remove trees in restricted area. It is currently a blackberry patch. Once cleared it will be easier to note where the path can go. Tracy Brown said they would walk with the city planners to determine details. Makoto Lane noted it sounds like a win/win for the city and the developer.

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Makoto Lane

Consider acquiring an 10-12 foot easement through the proposed Tickle Creek Village development for the trail alignment connecting Sunset to Dubarko and providing a Fee in Lieu Credit.

Additionally:

- ***Providing an SDC credit to the developer for constructing the 4 foot packed gravel trail along the easement.***
- ***If the developer is interested, extending the packed gravel trail construction to the Sunset right of way, in exchange for additional credit.***

CARRIED. 5-0

7. Old Business

7.1. Master Plan Update

Kathleen Walker reviewed the meeting about SDC's. Looked at level of service and we want to be sure we will be able to use as much SDC's as possible to achieve objectives for parks and trails development. We currently have a surplus of natural and open space land, small surplus of tot lots. Deficient in

neighborhood parks, and things like sports fields. Identified conceptual locations for future neighborhood parks and trails.

Sarah Richardson reviewed the Virtual Open House and will send out the summary to the board.

Kathleen Walker noted there was some discussion about a dog park at Ponder Lane and the concern with the lack of parking there.

Don Robertson reminded about the request to have Nancy Enabnit attend a future meeting to provide an overview of the Master Plan. Important to bring the full board up to speed. Invite departing members to attend.

7.2. Pesticide Policy Update

Michael Weinberg noted that we still needed to make the change to read "no pesticides, except herbicides, are currently in use in city parks".

Makoto Lane shared concern about the area around play structures, sand boxes etc. Hopes there will be another solution sooner than later for management in city parks.

Michael Weinberg noted this is a start, and if we find we need a stronger policy that is a next step.

Kathleen Walker asked for clarification about the border area of the playgrounds. The policy does prohibit spraying the defined border of the playgrounds.

Thanks to Susan Drew and Michael Weinberg for bringing this issue forward.

Moved by Michael Weinberg, seconded by Susan Drew

Move that the board recommend to council the adoption of the policy as presented, with the noted change.

CARRIED. 5-0

8. STAFF UPDATES

8.1. Board Member Send Off

Sarah Richardson asked the board if they could get together one more time to do a proper send off of the long term board members.

9. Adjourn