



MINUTES
Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Virtual Via Zoom
7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Robertson, Board Member, Makoto Lane, Board Member, Will Toogood, Board Member, and Mary Casey, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David Breames, Board Member, Sarah Schrodetz, Board Member, and Rachel Stephens, Board Member

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

MEDIA PRESENT:

1. Meeting Format Notice

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2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Meeting Minutes

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. New Business

6.1. [Ten Eyck Rim Development](#)

Board discussed the Ten Eyck Rim proposed development. Developer proposed Fee in Lieu. Development is about 1.2 acres. Discussion about future trail connections proposed in the area of the development and about sidewalk improvements on the north side of this development providing access to the trails and assisting with connection.

Moved by Mary Casey, seconded by Makoto Lane

Motion to accept the Fee in Lieu of land dedication for the Ten Eyck Rim proposed development.

CARRIED. 4-0

6.2. Bee City Information - Shelley Denison

Shelley Denison attended to discuss the city's recent Bee City affiliation and to invite Parks and Trails Board members to learn more at a meeting on Tuesday, June 15th. Opportunity to advocate for pollinator species.

Councilor Exner and Shelley will be taking the lead and are forming a committee. Interested in members of the Parks Board participating and in having pollinator gardens considered for city parks. Will be back in July to provide a more comprehensive presentation. Shelley Denison noted Council is in support, and it is in line with the councils biodiversity goal. Currently estimating costs for project ideas, pollinator gardens, and having a coupon program with local nurseries etc.

6.3. Sustainable Park Design Discussion

Makoto Lane was at Bornstedt Park and noticed that the park is high maintenance. Lots of trimming, spraying etc. Is there a way to lower maintenance needs of our parks?

Don Robertson shared that these are issues that can be addressed during the design process. He has noticed things in Bornstedt Park that could have been designed differently. Discussion about spraying, and clarifying that the Splash Pad should be considered a playground in terms of the new Pesticide Policy. Don Robertson prefers that they not spray at this time of year when there are lots of children and other people in the parks. Makoto Lane interested in

knowing if there is some cost savings if we let the parks be more natural and less high maintenance. Don noted that it really depends on the public's desire and perceptions of how a park should look. As we move forward and start building new parks Don would like to see the board more involved in the design process and helping to identify ways to reduce cost and ongoing maintenance. It is expensive to build a park but even more expensive to maintain them. Spending more money up front can save money in the long term. Would like to see the board help develop some design standards.

6.4. Board Elections

Sarah Richardson, staff liaison, provided the board with an overview of the elections required annually by the board.

Makoto Lane announced that he will be moving back to Hawaii. We thank him for his service on the board and for serving as the Vice Chairperson for the last year.

Don Robertson was nominated and elected Chairperson for the 2021-22 Term
Mary Casey was nominated and elected Secretary for the 2021-22 Term
There were no nominates for Vice Chair.

Moved by Makoto Lane, seconded by Mary Casey

Move to elect Don Robertson as Chair for the 2021-22 board term.

CARRIED. 4-0

Moved by Don Robertson, seconded by Makoto Lane

Motion to nominate Mary Casey as Secretary for the 2021-22 Board term.

CARRIED. 4-0

7. Old Business

7.1. Tickle Creek Trail

Discussion about Tickle Creek Trail.

Makoto Lane understands the fire hazard concerns but that is a bigger issue than just the trail being maintained. Fallen trees are supposed to provide habitat. Don Robertson agrees.

Don Robertson is concerned about the explosion of berries on one section of the trail. Looks like trees coming down have led to more sunshine on the trail and that has given growth to the berries. That is a dry area and of some concern with regard to fire danger. Shade is the best defense but the loss of the shade is creating this issue. Will Toogood noted that Parks Maintenance has been there recently to trim back the berries.

Makoto Lane noted that there has been a lot of earth moving on the Trimble property. There has been some issues with trees being removed on that property. Councilor Smallwood has a recollection that the Trimble property is supposed to be stagnant for awhile and asked if they might be liable for the cost associated with work needed on that part of the trail. They were not supposed to remove trees in the first place. Can the city be compensated for work on the trail? Asked for follow-up. Makoto Lane does not agree with any use of Crossbow. Don Robertson recalls hearing that they had done some replanting in the area and it takes awhile for the new trees to make a difference. Will Toogood noted that Parks Maintenance had been there today to trim back the berries.

8. STAFF UPDATES

Community Garden has been repaired, looks great, and we thank The Ant Farm for working on the project and coming up with a solution.

Question about when the board might be able to meet in person. Possible by August/September. Staff working on a system to allow people to still participate from home but also in person. Council will begin meeting in person on June 21st. Once the system has been solidified the Parks and Trails Board can return to in person meetings.

9. Adjourn