

Olympia Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)

June 7, 2012

The Olympia Center Room 200

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Benson, Robert Dengel, Jesse Dwyer, Joel Hansen, Gerry Hodge, Dave Hughes, Jim Nieland, James Reddick, Lynn Scroggins, Brian Tomlinson

Members Absent: Rob Ahlschwede

Staff Present: Jonathon Turlove, Tammy LeDoux, Dave Okerlund, Kip Summers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approve Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda was presented and approved. The May 1, 2012 meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Jim Nieland, Vice Chair, introduced the new members to the committee: Robert Dengel, Jesse Dwyer and Brian Tomlinson

II. Public Comment Period

Bob Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens, stated that strong pitches for parks were made at the City Council's Budget meeting and some concern was raised regarding the violation of voted funding measure commitments. Mr. Jacobs also stated that the City needs to honor its commitments to maintaining infrastructure, as the costs only magnify over time.

Paul Brewster stated that cycling is very popular in Olympia. Various organizations have partnered to produce the Thurston County Bike Map, which is in its 4th edition and produces 25,000 copies. Mr. Brewster encouraged the Committee to explore the feasibility of a bike skills course. The course would enable people to learn basic skills and can be used by a variety of ages. The City should work with the community to talk about possible features.

Christine Babb, 217 Rogers St, would like to see a bike skills park developed. The park would help improve bike skills and keep people active. The City should partner with the community for involvement and fundraising.

Jeff Cook would like to see a pump track in Olympia. The track could be scaleable to meet the size of available property.

Larry Leveen stated that a pump track is a good workout and can help meet physical fitness goals. PRAC can help by recognizing that the City should plan for BMX and trail riding in advance and endorse this idea to City Council. Work with volunteers to start mobilizing a community effort and work with volunteers for labor and maintenance.

III. 2013-2018 Capital Facilities Plan

Dave Okerlund, Planning & Design Manager, stated that the 2013 Preliminary Capital Facilities Plan starts with identifying which projects have not been completed from the Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan's Capital Investment Strategy and then matching those projects with funds available. The Department also looks closely at maintenance costs and project commitments to other departments, the State and grant requirements. Mr. Okerlund reviewed the proposed project list.

James Reddick asked about partnering with the Home Depot for the Priest Point Park shelter project. He also stated that the Boys and Girls Club should raise the funds needed for the Woodruff Park tennis court relocation.

CAMMP

Kip Summers, Park Project Engineer, reviewed the Condition Assessment and Major Maintenance Program (CAMMP) projects for 2013. The Department assesses 1/3 of the parks annually for condition and health and safety issues and failures. The Department asks for \$500,000 each year to address major maintenance. Mr. Summers updated the Committee on the current status of the 2011 and 2012 projects.

The Committee requested to see the maintenance rating schedule for the CAMMP items. Mr. Summers will forward.

IV. Comments to staff on Parks and Recreation Chapter of Comprehensive Plan

The deadline for comments on the "staff draft" is June 12. Mr. Ahlschwede asked that the Committee discuss whether they want to provide more feedback. Mr. Reddick stated that the Planning Commission will conduct more workshops and will take public comment up until the end of the year. Committee will discuss further at next meeting.

V. Annual Park Evaluation Kick-Off

Each member received a Park Evaluation packet and chose a park to survey.

James Reddick – Bigelow Springs

Lynn Scroggins – Burri

Gerry Hodge - Cooper Crest

Barbara Benson - Grass Lake Nature Trail

Joel Hansen – Harry Fain

Dave Hughes - Heritage Park Fountain

Brian Tomlinson – Kettle View

Rob Ahlschwede – McGrath Woods

Robert Dengel – Olympia Woodland Trail

Jesse Dwyer – Watershed

Jim Nieland – West Bay

VI. Report on Olympia New Off-Leash Dog Park Task Force

Lynn Scroggins gave background on the current off-leash dog park effort. The task force is looking at sites in different sectors of Olympia and discussing fenced and unfenced areas. Ms. Scroggins will forward the minutes from the conference call with Portland Parks.

VII. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- A. North Capitol Campus Heritage Park Development Assoc. (Rob Ahlschwede).** None.
- B. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Joel Hansen).** Committee is in process of making recommendations on Comprehensive Plan, i.e. bike parking, awnings, pedestrian habitat. Jesse Dwyer and Robert Dengel have volunteered to be the PRAC representatives, replacing Joel Hansen.
- C. Olympia Planning Commission (James Reddick).** None.
- D. PARC Foundation of Thurston County (James Reddick).** Joel Hansen has volunteered to be the PRAC representative, replacing Elisa Lyles.

VIII. Announcements

- Ward Lake and Park Impact Fees will be presented to City Council on July 24.
 - 5:30 p.m. Study Session Ward Lake
 - 7:00 p.m. Briefing to Council on Park Impact Fees
- Ward Lake Public Meeting #2 is tentatively scheduled for August 9.
- PRAC lunch with Parks Director and City Manager – July 26, Noon, Harbor House at Percival Landing

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.