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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA April 18, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – February 15, 2012 Advisory Board Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D-1 Work Session - McIntire Park East Side Master Plan

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ADJOURNMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – February 15, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of February 15, 2012 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 15, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at City Space. Members present were: Ruth Barnett, Byron Brown, John Foster, David Hirschman, John Kammauff, Sean McCord, Jennifer McKeever, Ned Michie and Dan Rosensweig . Member absent: Skylar Hughes-Lyon

Staff: Will Bassett, Doug Ehman, Vic Garber, Chris Gensic, Philip Seay and Rion Summers

Minutes

- Motion – December, 2011 minutes
Byron Brown made a motion to approve December, 2011 minutes, second by Ned Michie, motion was unanimously approved
- Motion – January, 2012 minutes
Ned Michie made a motion to approve January, 2012 minutes, second by Ruth Barnett, motion was unanimously approved.

Advisory Board Elections

- Nominations for Chair: Sean McCord nominated Jennifer McKeever
- Motion for Chair
Sean McCord made a motion to elect Jennifer McKeever for Chairman, second by Byron Brown, motion was unanimously approved.
- Nominations for Vice Chair: Jennifer McKeever nominated Byron Brown
- Motion for Vice Chair
Sean McCord made a motion to elect Byron Brown for Vice Chair, second by Dan Rosensweig, motion was unanimously approved.

McIntire Park - East Side Master Plan

- Chris Gensic – master plan meetings was an exercise determining land use
- Massive blitz - every address in City received notification by mail
- 1st meeting - September - staff presented process to public, dismissed rumors, explained purpose of meetings and held a slide show.
- October meeting – open mike night, find out what public would like to see @ McIntire Park, 11 organizations were represented including Botanical Gardens and First Tee.
- December meeting - shared what had been heard and seen, website lists all comments. Distributed blank maps to participants groups @ meeting, Land Planning & Design would be drawing and developing graphics from input. Goal to have 11 table maps boil down to 3 concepts.

- January meeting – showed concept diagrams on how McIntire land can be utilized
Common elements – 10 ½ maps had similar diagrams, three concepts were dominant: all golf, all botanical garden, divided use. Will hold another public hearing, February 28
- Skatepark will lose present location due to interchange installation
- Trying to get public to distinguish what kind of botanical park they want, to be like Maymont or Forest Hills Park
- Next meeting – everyone is talking apples to apples before decisions are made
- John Kammauff asked where 20 acres came from, it came from groups @ tables at prior meeting
- Philip Seay stated that there was a contract with the City & First Tee that lists certain requirements.
- Trying to get land needed down to needs, revenue to run program and making good neighbors
- Board members asked for copy of First Tee contract w/City
- Ned Michie asked if there was space to expand @ Pen Park. Chris Gensic replied that there was an expansion @ Pen Park in the 80's that took as much land that is probably possible, would have to re-master the park and lose some present facilities
- Ned Michie suggested if there was an aerial of the park, that it would help the public to look @ space.
- Byron Brown asked about aquatic 5 acres, should it remain, where location in park. Chris Gensic replied that they will look for feedback this summer from pool users
- David Hirschman asked about golf sharing uses
- Chris Gensic stated that they will zoom out on park system @ next meeting to 68% of park usage present is passive.
- Look at entire system @ McIntire Park
- Trail concepts – might want to bring a map to show how trails can accommodate.
- David Hirschman stated that he heard that for co-existence in the park that there would be 30 ft. fences and people hit by golf balls
- John Foster asked about interchange and effect on biking, trails and connectivity
- John Kammauff asked about security concerns, Doug Ehman replied that the police were involved
- One more session with updated concepts
- Discussion feedback, will feed to Advisory Board members with pros and cons
- First Tee contract expires 2019, will renegade with City before expiration
- Dan Rosensweig asked if a workshop was needed before the board's public hearing
- After public meetings, plan will then go to the Planning Commission which they will tweak and then send to City Council.
- Doug Ehman stated that staff has been very scrupulous not to steer comments
- Dan Rosensweig asked for existing topography of northern edge of park
- Ned Michie stated there is a need for rectangular fields, and the needs assessment stated that the City was one field short. Recently purchased Davis field, region is deficient in rectangular fields. Dan Rosensweig stated that the comprehensive plan differs from needs assessment for rectangular fields
- Jennifer McKeever asked about money for these plans.
- Chris Gensic stated that it will be about 1 ½ yrs. before interchange is completed, gives time for more input and planning. Doug Ehman stated that roughly two years from now should be looking @ a new interchange

- David Hirschman asked about phasing in improvements, would it help if master plan process had time dates?
- Plan should be front and center, starting point for conversation
- Jennifer McKeever encouraged as many board members to attend next public meeting on 2/28 @ Martin Luther King performing arts center
- John Kammauff asked about directives from City Council
- Dan Rosensweig strongly recommended a work session before the public hearing; public hearings tend to be a more formal affair.

Motion

- Jennifer McKeever made a motion to announce public meeting on March 26, 2012 as comments only, after meeting a 30 day public comment period will be held, to be followed by a work session on April 18 which is a regular scheduled board meeting with an option for more public meetings
- Dan Rosensweig second the motion, motion was unanimously approved.
- Jennifer McKeever asked for a format for organizations for the March 26th meeting.
- Suggested receiving the power point in advance, suggested Council Chambers as first choice, MLK as second, time: group presentations first, two days in advance, 3 minutes after public comment, announce end time as 6 pm on March 26.
- David Hirschman asked for rules if other organizations want to meet individually with Advisory Board members.

First Tee

- Philip Seay stated he would send an electronic copy of the First Tee contract and past presentations to Advisory Board members.

Chairman's Matters

- Jennifer McKeever asked about looking at fees for public facilities, and revisit/update policy, maybe put on May agenda. meeting
- Policy would be sent electronically to Advisory Board in conjunction with going to City Council

Board Matters

- Byron Brown asked for a status update on Tonsler Park
- Doug Ehman replied that they are looking for funding, \$230-240,000 is needed for the project, close to having everything lined up,
- In the interim, staff is working with City Utilities to work on man covers which are being done pro bono from City Utilities.
- There will be an 8-10 week delivery time for equipment, and can be installed within 4-6 weeks.
- Project could start approximately July 4, if funding is found in next couple of weeks.
- John Foster asked about lights out around the Omni, Doug Ehman replied that staff was working with Omni to get access because some are private lights.
- Sean McCord asked about budget cuts, Doug Ehman replied that staff will know March 5, budget submission included \$900,000 total in cuts, reported that budget staff have asked questions

- Dan Rosensweig welcomed David Hirschman to the Advisory Board. David Hirschman stated that he was looking forward to working with this group.

Motion:

- Byron Brown made a motion to adjourn meeting, Ned Michie second, motion was unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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DISCUSSION – 1

Work Session - McIntire Park East Side Master Plan

Staff will provide an update on the status of the Master Planning process for the east side of McIntire Park. Upon completion of the summary of the process to date, the Advisory Board will conduct a work session on the Master Plan.