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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA August 15, 2012

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – July 18, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of July 18, 2012 meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
July, 18, 2012

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

Staff: Brian Daly, Vic Garber, Chris Gensic

Minutes:

- Ned Michie made a motion to approve minutes, second by Ruth Barnett, motion was unanimously approved.

Tonsler Park Playground

- Brian Daly reported that one set of playground equipment has been received (school age units), second set should arrive by July 27. \$210,000 – cost of playground equipment
- Demolition tentatively set for the week of August 6; installation of new equipment to begin August 13 and last approximately 4-5 weeks. Hopeful for grand opening in mid-September
- Construction fencing will be installed surrounding the site for patron and worker's safety.
- Jennifer McKeever stated that she didn't like shutting down a playground during the summer months.

Rives Park Renovations

- Brian Daly reported that the scoping and sequence planning is underway. Earth works, grading, playgrounds and shelters will be first, any asphalt work and trails to follow in spring.
- Estimate work beginning in the fall and going through June, 2013. Staff will be performing work in house.

Azalea Park Renovations Progress Report

- Brian Daly reported that the new Dog Park is in place and open, old dog park has been demolished.
- Staff in discussions with neighborhood park task force on composition of play equipment, anticipate a possible fall installation.
- Bio filter in front of park is complete.
- All asphalt work (widening of road, turnaround, parking and new basketball courts) will be accomplished over the remainder of summer. Color coating and striping of new courts will follow after 30 day asphalt curing time.
- Wetland storm water feature in east end of park is still in design. 100% construction drawings for review were received today.
- Work in progress, should be done by end of calendar year, except for storm water
- Next phase FY 14 funding – concession, flipping fields,
- Ned Michie asked about a pump track, neighborhood is discussing, might move to another park.

Chairman's Matters

- Jennifer McKeever stated her concern about Onesty Aquatic Center in need of repairs; Brian Daly replied that there were mistakes by the subcontractor. He stated that the general contractor was in failure of warranty, and they have documented proof of failure of construction, will be suing, could wait to be reimbursed or fix in fall.
- Smith Aquatic Center still has issues, very complicated, very technical system
- Asked about dog issue @ Washington Park, felt a sign should be installed about dogs having to be on a leash.
- Asked about Greenleaf Park spray ground, main water supply line cracked and began leaking, 30-40 ft., has been back in operation since Monday.

Board Matters

- David Hirschman distributed maps, tax map – 25 parcel 7, reservoir area called Blue Hole, rope swing, asked if City was liable for injuries. City should negotiate with national park on the area called the tongue. Chris Gensic stated that they would look @ survey to determine who owns what.
- John Kammauff asked about storm damage? Brian Daly replied that there was hardly any.

Directors Matter

- Brian Daly reported that at City Council meeting the following was discussed and asked board members for their input:
 - McIntire Athletic field - that there was no support for a lit athletic field or for non-synthetic turf field and not much support of athletic fields in general. There was support for perhaps a flat open play area within the Family Activity Center.
Recommendation – include a lit athletic field, synthetic turf preferred. Importance of athletic play areas endorsed by Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, incorporate into the Family Activity Center
 - Pasture Golf - seeking an acceleration of the 1/1/20 date – perhaps through “trigger” mechanism that would align with the opening of McIntire Road extended and the interchange.
Recommendation: Adjust date to 12/31/2016
 - Aquatic Feature - support for firm inclusion of an aquatic feature in the Family Activity Center.
Recommendation: Eliminate “possible” from narrative description
 - Water: Pond/Lake - support a water feature like a pond or lake within the Botanical Garden Core area.
Recommendation: Include water/pond/lake within narrative description of Botanical Garden core area.
 - Parking - concern that parking is inadequate to support all planned uses. **Recommendation:** Include additional parking just north of Skate Park and add a vehicular crossing of the railroad.
 - Transit Access - concern that public transit access will not be immediately available.
Recommendation: Work directly with CAT and YMCA to ensure transit access to south side of park, perhaps bring closer stop on Melbourne Road

- Jennifer McKeever stated that there was support for two acres for Skatepark, but not additional parking or bridge.

Design Elements

1. Support the engagement of a renowned Landscape Architect to perform a holistic design of the park
Recommendation: to engage such an architect, however, to allow final programmatic elements of Family Aquatic Center and Skate Park to move forward – allowing access to new improvements sooner
2. Note on the master plan that this plan is illustrative in nature and that final precise locations of uses may be altered.
Recommendation: To include such language

Programmatic Adjustments

- Support for creating “golf free” days or time within the park immediately
Recommendation: Staff will work through an appropriate schedule that will allow for existing programming to continue as well as provide general use.
- Expansion of Golf opportunities @ Pen Park
Support the studying the expansion of golf opportunities at Pen Park to support First Tee
Recommendation: Staff will develop a schedule for such a study as well as a timeline for a Master Plan process for Pen Park.
- Brian Daly stated that he would like to go back to City Council to say that Council recommendations have been discussed with the Advisory Board. If comments can be put together by 8/6/12, would be on 8/20/12 City Council agenda, if not, would be on a September agenda
- John Kammauff stated that he opposed to moving things to another park, ex. Pen Park or Tonsler Park.
- Ruth Barnett asked about the First Tee’s contract with the City through 2019, Brian Daly replied that the First Tee organization was very aware of relocation.
- Donation of land by Auto Zone – below retaining wall, 2 ½ acres may be by river.
- Land @ Jefferson Park Circle – transferred, conservation easement has been issued.

Motion

- David Hirschman made a motion to close meeting, second by Byron Brown, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 pm

.Respectfully submitted, Linda Daly

Secretary to the Advisory Board

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DISCUSSION – 1

McIntire Park (east side) Final Draft Master Plan

Staff will share with the Advisory Board the final draft master plan that will be presented to city Council on September 4, 2012.

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Tonsler Park Master Plan Meeting Schedule

The first three meeting for the Tonsler Park Master Plan have been scheduled:

September 27, 2012	6pm	Tonsler Park Center
November 8, 2012	6pm	Location TBD
December 13, 2012	6pm	Location TBD

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Meadow Creek Stream Valley Master Plan Meeting Schedule

The first three meeting for the Meadow Creek Stream Valley Master Plan have been scheduled:

September 6, 2012	6pm	Greenbrier Elementary School
October 4, 2012	6pm	Greenbrier Elementary School
October 30, 2012	6pm	Greenbrier Elementary School

INFORMATION – 3

Azalea Park Renovations Progress Report

Staff will provide a report on the work done to date as well as the upcoming schedule of improvements.

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Meadow Creek Stream Restoration Construction Report

Staff will provide a report on the work done to date as well as the upcoming schedule as work continues downstream in Meadow Creek.

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Carver Recreation Center Construction Report

Staff will provide a report on the work done to date, including anticipated construction completion, programming and projected reopening.

