

MINUTES  
PARK & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
February 3, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Hadley, Tim Henderson, Van Lindquist, Bob Scull, Crystal Thompson, Sheri Zimmer

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Elkins, Keith Johnson, Rod Johnson, Sharlene Mitchell, Lon VanDeusen

Enchanted Hills Open House

Lindquist indicated that the Committee was pleased with the Open House attendance noting the questions received at the meeting. He indicated that two comment sheets have been received as a result of the Open House. Lindquist advised the Committee that Godfrey has requested that the City not proceed with the acquisition proposal until the Homeowners Association has had the opportunity to address the replatting issue.

VanDeusen indicated that numerous comments were received regarding the rattle snake population in the area and the request that the City remove the snakes upon ownership transfer of the site.

In response to a question, Elkins recommended that should the Committee not be interested in acquiring the site that they finalize their recommendation and advise the Homeowners Association at the earliest possible date.

K. Johnson indicated that the majority of those he spoke with at the Open House concurred with the recommendation that the northern portion of the site not be included in the donation. He indicated that those attending also supported providing access to the site from outside the subdivision. K. Johnson expressed concern with accepting the land donation prior to securing access from the Department of Transportation site.

In response to a question, Elkins indicated that access to the site could possibly be secured through the Spencer site should it be subdivided. R. Johnson indicated that access is an issue should the City be unable to secure access from the Department of Transportation site.

Henderson entered the meeting at this time allowing a quorum to be seated.

Lindquist commented on the amount of time the Committee and staff have dedicated to the land donation proposal.

Hadley indicated that he did not feel the City should accept the liability associated with the site by acquiring the property prior to the access being secured and development funding identified. Hadley indicated that while this is an opportunity for the City to obtain additional park land the access and liability issues should be resolved prior to accepting the donation.

Discussion followed regarding the tax and fire liability associated with the site. In response to a question from Scull, Elkins indicated that the Homeowners Association has requested additional time to discuss the replatting of the northern area with the adjacent property owners.

**Hadley moved, Henderson seconded and carried unanimously to recommend that the City Council not proceed with the acquisition of the 52.8 acre Enchanted Hills Commons**

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**Area at this time pending resolution of the site access issues; and that the City Council express their interest in the future acquisition of the site when access is available noting that the area would provide both needed open space and alternative recreational uses.**