

MINUTES
PARK & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE
March 5, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Campbell, Van Lindquist, Crystal Thompson, Sheri Zimmer

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Elkins, Keith Johnson, Rod Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Pelly, Nancy Troutman

Call to Order

Zimmer called the meeting to order.

Six Pillars of Character Pavilion Proposal

Michael Pelly presented the proposal to develop a Six Pillars of Character Pavilion in a City park. He requested the Subcommittee's support for the project in order to proceed with project planning. Pelly clarified that the Character Counts Committee was not requesting a site commitment at this time, but was seeking project support.

Elkins provided an overview of her discussions with Pelly regarding the Subcommittee's role in making a recommendation to the City Council. Lindquist indicated his support for the project noting he would prefer to identify a special location where the pavilion would be a centerpiece of the park. Discussion followed regarding possible site locations including Wilson Park, the area across from the Parks Office along Canyon Lake Drive, the amphitheater location at Roosevelt Park or in conjunction with the proposed demonstration gardens and Halley Park. Thompson expressed her desire that the proposed pavilion location be highly visible.

Zimmer appointed a subcommittee consisting of VanDeusen, Lindquist, R. Johnson, Elkins, Campbell and Zimmer to review possible locations for the pavilion and to work with the Pelly. In response to a request from Pelly, Zimmer also appointed Glen Barber to the subcommittee. Zimmer tabled formal action on a motion to support the concept of placing a Six Pillars of Character Pavilion in a City park due to lack of quorum.

Financial Report

R. Johnson provided a brief review of the Financial Report. K. Johnson indicated that the Phase I Memorial Park Project and alternates have been awarded including the alternate for widening the sidewalk to 5th Street. Discussion followed. K. Johnson indicated that the Memorial Park project completion date is May 31, 2002. In response to a question from Zimmer, K. Johnson indicated that colored concrete would be utilized for the area in front of the amphitheater.

Discussion followed regarding the status of the North Middle School project. K. Johnson indicated that the project funding reflected in the Financial Report includes Community Development Block Grant and Parks & Recreation funding.

In response to a question from Lindquist, R. Johnson indicated that the Public Works Committee continued the McKeague Field Light Project discussion to explore the possibility of securing financial participation from the organization for the project. Discussion followed regarding providing a recommendation to the City Council in support of a multi-year commitment from the McKeague Field organization.

Other Business

K. Johnson reviewed the progress on the Canyon Lake Park Chimney improvements project. Discussion followed regarding proceeding with the preliminary design work for the project.

Zimmer recommended that the Friends of Mary Hall Park be kept advised of the status of the project prior to commencement of any additional work. Lindquist suggested that the Kiwanis keep the neighborhood informed and updated on the project throughout the construction process. K. Johnson indicated that he would send a letter with that request to Jim Kissel with copies to Jim Keene, Jim Bell and Ed McLaughlin.

Discussion continued regarding providing the Subcommittee members with a map of all the City parks. R. Johnson indicated that current City Park maps would be provided to the committee members.

Zimmer suggested that a park site tour be schedule for the summer. Lindquist recommended that the June meeting be a tour of those parks that might be improved or might be discussed in the next three to five years. The Subcommittee concurred to tour those parks that may be discussed within the next few years at the June meeting.

In response to a question from Elkins, Thompson indicated that she would accept reappointment to the committee.

Zimmer recommended that funding for the purchase of future park lands be identified. Discussion followed.

R. Johnson indicated the need to phase the funding for the improvements to the Memorial Park irrigation system. He indicated that irrigation improvements are required on the north side of Rapid Creek in the park. R. Johnson clarified that funding for the irrigation project is currently identified as Vision 2012; however, he expressed concern with the availability of funding from the 2012 program. Lindquist commented on the discussions with the South Dakota Department of Transportation staff regarding right-of-way acquisition and disruption of the existing irrigation system. Discussion followed.

Five Year Plan

Discussion followed regarding the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan. Lindquist expressed concern with the scheduling of the Star of the West parking lot expansion project and suggested moving the Polo Field project back one year and the Star of the West project up one year. R. Johnson indicated that in his opinion the Star of the West parking was adequate at this time.

Discussion followed regarding taking formal action on the Five Year Plan for presentation at the March Capital Improvements Committee meeting. The Subcommittee scheduled a special meeting for Monday, March 11, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room to take formal action on the Five Year Plan and the Six Pillars of Character project proposal.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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March 11, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Campbell, Tim Henderson, Van Lindquist, Robert Schlotman, Bob Scull, Crystal Thompson, Sheri Zimmer

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

Call to Order

Zimmer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Six Pillars of Character Exhibit

Elkins indicated that the Character Counts Committee is seeking support for the project from the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee. Elkins indicated that a committee has been selected to assist Character Counts in reviewing project sites. Elkins requested that the Subcommittee take formal action regarding their support for the project to allow the Character Counts Committee to proceed with their fund raising efforts. Elkins indicated that previously the Subcommittee had indicated positive support for the project.

In response to a question from Scull, Elkins indicated that maintenance of the finished project would most likely be the City's responsibility.

Lindquist moved, Henderson seconded and carried unanimously to endorse the Six Pillars of Character project concept and to appoint Zimmer, Lindquist, Campbell, Elkins, R. Johnson and VanDeusen to work with Michael Pelly and Glen Barber in identifying an appropriate location for the project with the exclusion of Memorial Park.

Elkins clarified that the Character Counts Committee was not seeking funding from the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee but would do private fund raising for the project. Discussion followed regarding the project and the associated fund raising.

Five Year Plan

Schlotman moved to recommend approval of the Five Year Plan as presented. Thompson seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Lindquist, R. Johnson addressed the placement of the polo field conversion project within the Five Year Plan. R. Johnson indicated that the lease for the field has been transferred to the Soccer Rapid City Association. He reviewed the discussion with Soccer Rapid City regarding their efforts to secure grant funding to facilitate the conversion and improvement of the polo field noting the funding identified in the Five Year Plan could be utilized as match funds and would be beneficial in securing the grant.

Discussion followed regarding the improvements to be addressed in the conversion of the field. Lindquist commented on the field soil issues. Discussion followed regarding the grant application and the irrigation, drainage and parking issues associated with the conversion of the field. The Subcommittee concurred with the placement of the Polo Field Conversion project within the Five Year Plan subject to the Soccer Rapid City Association submitting the grant application. Discussion followed regarding other field improvements Soccer Rapid City would be installing.

In response to a question from Zimmer, R. Johnson indicated that there were no immediate safety improvements required at the Star of the West and Jamie Johnson fields. R. Johnson clarified that the quality of the field lighting is an issue at all Little League fields noting that the Leagues have not approached the City regarding lighting improvements at this time.

In response to Zimmer's concerns regarding providing ADA accessibility to Dinosaur Park, R. Johnson indicated that it is the goal of the Subcommittee to make all City facilities ADA accessible. Elkins addressed the timetable for provision of ADA access to City facilities. Discussion followed regarding the previous plan to provide ADA ramps to the dinosaur structures.

Schlotman moved a substitute motion, Thompson seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Five Year Plan as presented subject to the Soccer Rapid City Association seeking grant funding for the conversion of the polo field and with the revision of the Project Cost amount to reflect the Project Budget amount.

Discussion followed regarding renumbering the "project priority number" to reflect the year in which the project had been budgeted.

Other Business

In response to a question from Elkins, Schlotman indicated his willingness to accept reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.