

MINUTES  
PARK & RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
August 6, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Campbell, Mel Dreyer, Van Lindquist, Robert Schlotman, Crystal Thompson

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Pelly, Doyle Estes, Roger Naber, Ken Woods, Betty Woods, Michael Bender, Michael Stanley, Jacqueline Allen

### Call to Order

Lindquist called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### Six Pillars of Character Location Recommendation

Pelly indicated that he has been working with staff to identify alternative sites for the project. He requested approval to place the project in the northeast corner of West Memorial Park.

Lindquist clarified that the Historic Preservation Commission had denied the Halley Park 11.1 Review and that the Planning Commission had tabled the application.

Bender indicated that the Commission felt the project would be an adverse impact on Halley Park, the City's oldest park. He continued that the Commission was also concerned with site accessibility noting the lack of pedestrian access and the high traffic volume in the area. Bender clarified that the Commission supports the Character Counts concept but can not support the Halley Park site. Discussion followed regarding the Halley Park site.

R. Johnson presented the West Memorial Park Master Plan noting the proposed location of the pavilion. Discussion followed regarding development of the Master Plan elements in conjunction with the Omaha Street reconstruction project.

In response to a question from Dreyer, R. Johnson indicated that the undeveloped areas of Sioux Park are floodway. In response to a question from Campbell, R. Johnson indicated that access to the proposed site would be from the Eighth Street parking lot via the bike/pedestrian path.

In response to a question from Allen, Pelly indicated that visual access of the structure was also a consideration in site selection. Pelly indicated that he would work with the Parks Department and the Beautification Committee regarding appropriate landscaping at the site.

Dreyer expressed concern with the West Memorial Park site due to the reconstruction of Omaha Street and suggested incorporating the project into Roosevelt Park. Discussion followed regarding the visibility needs of the project.

Discussion followed regarding the advantages and disadvantages of other locations.

Bender indicated support for the West Memorial Park site due to its proximity to the High School noting that the visibility of the location would help to deter vandalism. Discussion followed regarding maintenance of the drainage channel through West Memorial Park.

Elkins indicated that the City Council has authorized staff to pursue a TEA-21 grant for the Master Plan improvements to West Memorial park and that would likely be submitted in 2003.

She indicated that the Character Counts project could provide the necessary impetus to improve this major City entryway.

In response to a question from Elkins, Bender reviewed the Historic Preservation Commission's concerns with the Halley Park site. He indicated that the Commission has recommended requesting the City's permission to nominate the park to the National Register of Historic Places due to its status as the City's first park and its age at almost 100 years old. Discussion followed regarding the continued utilization of the park building at the Children's Science Center.

Pelly addressed the work of Character Counts with the K-6 grade levels noting the intent is to place the structure where it is visible in order to remind everyone of its message. He then addressed the advantages and disadvantages of other possible sites. Pelly indicated that the project is a cooperative effort of various groups and committees throughout the City.

The proposed six site locations were then ranked utilizing the following characteristics: visibility, central location, access, parking, kid friendly, ambience (noise), compatibility and educational value.

Characteristics	West Memorial Park	Halley Park	Wilson Park	Roosevelt Park	Old Frisbee Golf Course	Old BH Harley property
Visibility	+	+	null	+/-	+	+
Central Location	+	+	-	null	+	null
Access	+/-	-	+	+	null/-	null/-
Parking	+	-	-	+	+	+
Kid Friendly	-	null	+	+	-	-
Ambience (Noise)	-	null/-	+	+	-	null
Compatibility	+	+	+	+	+	+
Educational Value	null	+	+	null	null/-	null/-
<b>Final Ranking</b>	<b>2nd</b>			<b>1st</b>		<b>Eliminate</b>

Discussion followed regarding the project's visibility within Roosevelt Park upon completion of the Master Plan elements. Discussion followed regarding incorporation of the pavilion into the proposed pond project at Roosevelt Park.

**Dreyer moved, Campbell seconded and carried unanimously to recommend approval of Roosevelt Park as the preferred location and West Memorial Park as the second preferred location for the Character Counts, Six Pillars of Character pavilion project.**