

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

Rapid Valley Park Land

R. Johnson presented the conceptual development plan for the Rapid Valley school site and the adjacent metering dam. He indicated that the Committee directed staff at the May 6, 2003 meeting to pursue the joint use agreement with the Rapid City Schools.

R. Johnson indicated that the joint use proposal has been presented at the monthly Mayor and School Superintendent meeting and that both entities have expressed an interest in pursuing the joint use proposal.

R. Johnson recommended utilizing a consultant to address the drainage and traffic issues associated with development of the site. R. Johnson suggested that the park land acquisition funding be utilized to support the master plan development.

In response to a question from Scull, R. Johnson indicated that the School owns the land and that the master plan would be utilized to identify infrastructure costs. In response to a question from Thompson, Hadley indicated that the City has annexed the school site. Discussion followed regarding the need for both active and passive recreational space. R. Johnson commented on the opportunity provided by the shared resource concept noting that the City would provide site development and the School would provide site maintenance.

Discussion followed regarding the advantages of the multi-use concept and the issues to be addressed in the master plan process.

In response to a question from Lindquist, R. Johnson indicated that the joint use facility master plan should review the entire site to identify what uses can be developed and the impact of area streets (Anamosa Street) on the overall project. He indicated that he anticipated the cost of the master plan to not exceed \$20,000.

Lindquist commented on the future recreational needs of the area. Noting the benefit to the School with the City's development of the site, Hadley suggested approaching the School regarding participating in the design costs. Discussion followed regarding the City outgrowing the existing park land and the need to acquire additional park land.

R. Johnson clarified that the Master Plan can also be used to address additional land acquisitions and shared design/maintenance costs.

Hadley moved, Thompson seconded and carried unanimously to recommend that the City Council request that staff enter into negotiations with the Rapid City School System for the development and funding of a Joint Use Facility Master Plan for the Rapid Valley School site including both the design of recreational facilities and land acquisition.