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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training Room

5:15pm CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

Members Present: Susan Reese (chair), Hal Watson (council rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda

Gaulke, Patricia LaRue, Jim Nordgren and Dennis Zielski.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cindi Danke - *Recreation Manager;* Reid Wronski – *City Engineer;* Mike

Stifter - Operations Director; Amy Peterson - Development Services

Director; Tom Schwalen – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Others Present: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Dobbertin to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2017 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

City Engineer Reid Wronski shared updated information about the Glen Park Pavilion plan. The design is currently 95% complete. The current construction cost for the pavilion is estimated to be \$1.35 million, which does not include engineering. There are about \$75,000 in add-in alternates/add-ons, and about \$40,000 in items that could be removed from the project. The exterior includes cultured stone wall, beams, 3 overhead garage doors, many windows, steel roof, and historic pictures (1/2" high density plastic which are \$1200-1500 each and seven are needed). Outside there will be a stone wall to sit on, a grill, gutters to rain gardens on each end of the pavilion, and plants to keep the patio area more private. The floor will be a lightly broomed concrete with sealer. The pavilion will seat about 80 people inside, and many more

outside on the plaza. City Staff will ask designers about a deeper sink in the prep area, and having fans inside the pavilion, as there is not air conditioning in the rentable space (only in the storm shelter area). The City will buy the furnishings such as benches and tables.

Tentative upcoming dates to keep looking at this project include a bid opening March 15th, Park Board March 21st, and City Council March 27th. Hopefully City Council will grant approval to award a contract in March. Construction may start after Labor Day 2018. (Recreation programs will not be affected this summer.) Parts of Glen Park will still be usable in the fall of 2018. At least one, and possibly two, of the current playground equipment sets will remain. The pool and much of the west side of the park will not be usable during the remaining construction in 2019. By the end of fall 2019 the whole park should be completed. We may not have enough money to do the entire master plan in 2019, so some of the projects may need to be evaluated and possibility of not doing until a funding source is secure.

NEW BUSINESS

Reid shared results of citizens' priorities as indicated at the public meetings and the customer appreciation event. He then shared a sheet of costs for various parts of the project. The total preliminary estimate for five main areas (with engineering and inspection) is about \$4.6 million and we have a \$4.3 million budget, so ISG is looking for ways to reduce the cost. Naming rights may help with funding. There is not enough money to do the entire project at this time. Staff is recommending that the east side of the park will need to wait, until funding is available. Also, the aging pool will need to be re-done at some point, so the splash pad will be placed in such a way that the pool can be reached from the east side and replaced in the future. For next month, each Park Board member needs to come up with a list of their priorities. Focus on what you would buy for \$4.3 million. Also list 2-3 more priorities if additional funding was to become available. This information will be summarized and forwarded to City Council as the official Park Board recommendation.

The kayak entrance was discussed, but Park Board determined that they need to wait and see what the Kinni Corridor project decides. There is a concern about congestion and wonder if there is another location that kayakers can use. Park Board feels the current location needs to be managed until a new location can be determined.

The next Park Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 5:15PM

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Reese/LaRue to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant