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Meeting Minutes LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, January 23, 2012

4:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Park Commission was held on Monday, January 23, 2012 in Room 108, the Parks Division, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 108. Committee Chair Webster called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Present: 5 – William W. Barker; Grant J. Frautschi; Stephen A. Webster; Edward A. Jepsen and Joseph R. Clausius

Parks Staff Present: Kay Rutledge, Sarah Lerner, Kathryn Padorr

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jepsen/Clausius to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to comment on items not on the Agenda.

IV. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Committee for any item on the agenda.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2012-2017 Park and Open Space Plan

Two people registered to speak on the Park and Open Space Plan. Si Widstrand, former Parks Development Manager, noted staff had done a good job on the latest version and had addressed most of his concerns. He discussed the issue of localized park deficiency in acreage and facilities particularly on the isthmus and on the near west side.

Lerner said that the block census data they needed to do this analysis weren't available. They were supposed to be released at the end of December. Webster suggested that the Plan state the data were not available at the time of publication, and the analysis would be performed as the plan goes forward and the data are available.

The Motion was made by Clausius/Jepsen to adopt the plan and forward to the Park Commission.

Members asked for clarification on a number of specific points in the plan, and staff provided it.

An additional speaker, Sue Rosa, discussed community gardens for the Downtown Community Gardens Group. Her group would like to see the plan include the consideration of putting community gardens in any new park that's developed, particularly for downtown parks.

Rutledge noted that in the plan, community gardens are included in the list of potential amenities for neighborhood and community parks. The Plan also identifies edible landscaping the same way. It's not identified as a specific recommendation, but community gardens are included in several areas of the Plan.

Jepsen said he would like to see this put in the context of Master planning. As parks are planned, they could be considered for community gardens, as appropriate. This would be broader than just downtown. Barker said he would like to see a good strong recommendation for community gardens and edible landscaping, and not only in new parks.

Rutledge explained that NRPA guidelines establish how many acres of parkland a municipality should have per 1000 people, including how many acres per 1000 of mini, neighborhood, and community parks. The 2005 standards, which were adopted as part of the previous Park and Open Space Plan, were for new parkland. In the 2012-2017 Plan, parkland is reclassified to more closely match the NRPA guidelines. After reclassifying all of the parks in our system, the acreage of each park classification was then compared to the 2005 standards. Staff used this information to develop the 2012 standards to continue the level of service previously established for our park system. Long-term projections using the 2005 standards showed the city would gradually fall behind the standard in community park acreage.

Members did not like having a standard of 0 acres per 1,000 people of future growth for mini-parks in the Plan; instead, they asked that the plan state that mini parks would still be acquired, "as appropriate."

A vote was made on the motion to advance the Park and Open Space Plan to the Park Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Committee Assignment Updates

Chair Webster said, now that they have completed most of the work on the plan, they will be back to their regular agenda items. The issues they will return to include: policies on memorials; promotion of ice for skating; alcohol in parks; a behavioral use assessment; review and reduction of unneeded unenforced rules and regulations; non-compliance parking; master planning; and a revisiting of the Vision and Mission Statement.

Barker noted that he intends to propose a park named in honor of Charles E.

Brown, a former State Archaeologist, in recognition of all he did to encourage people to save the Indian mounds.

VI. NEXT MEETING

February 13, 2012

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Frautschi. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.