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Parks and Recreation Commission
Work Study Meeting
7401 E. Skoog Blvd., Auditorium
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Minutes

1. **Call to Order & Welcome –Chairperson Buzz Gummer**

Chairperson Gummer called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 6:30pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Chairperson Buzz Gummer; Commissioner Ron Brinkman; Commissioner Elaine Fahlman, and Commissioner Pat Fraher. Members absent: Vice-Chair Brett Poliakon, Commissioner Kevin Trovini. Staff present: Brian Witty, Parks & Recreation Director; and Cindy Casetta, Administrative Support.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Chairperson Gummer asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Fahlman made a motion to approve the February 26, 2019 agenda as presented. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

4. **Discussion: Inclusive Playground Design - Granville Unit 6 Park**

Director Witty provided brief introduction and exhibited the preliminary landscape plan for the park located at the Glassford Hill and Spouse Roads intersection under construction by Granville Developer. Concurrently the Town will be constructing pickle ball courts, a ramada and the inclusive playground. The minimum budget for the playground is \$180,000. Director Witty specified minimum on the budget because savings may be found from the other areas and if so will be added to the playground budget.

At the last meeting the Commission heard from the Play It Safe Playground consultant, the manufacturer, and community members who work with children with disabilities. Information on what an inclusionary playground was presented to the Commission by the vendors as well as to the public via Facebook and newspaper to invite comments. Staff has provided this feedback to the vendor who has created the conceptual designs for this evening's presentation. Director Witty explained that tonight we reviewing the conceptual designs, gathering additional input from public and Commission allowing the vendor can finalize designs that will be presented to the Commission at their next meeting on March 12th. At the March 12th the Commission will be asked to provide a recommendation for staff to present to Council for action awarding a contract and starting a timeline for construction of the project. Staff is anticipating a possible June 22nd ribbon cutting for the playground and ground breaking for the park.

Jordan Lynde and Jim Ashe from Play it Safe Regional Playground attended the meeting presenting two concepts:

• **Option One:**

- Ramp structure
- Two inclusive swings and two belt swings



- Integrated shade
- Secluded area for a quiet place - tunnels
- Three free standing music panels
- Cruiser spinner – can accommodate two wheelchairs in addition to other children
- Four seat rocker
- Seesaw
- Inclusive Orbit – can include friends and wheelchairs

Commission Fraher asked about size of the play area and Mr. Lynde indicated it is based on a 64 X 96 area.

Commissioner Fahlman asked about the material the climbing tube is made from. Mr. Lynde answered that all materials are made from high density hardened plastics that hold up in the heat and weather and don't crack or break.

Interactive panels options – a variety including a paddleball panel, rain panel and a sign language panel. They can be customized, and can include a talk panel – using symbols to point out activities for a non-verbal child to utilize.

● **Option Two**

- Volito swing -a large saucer swing- can hold multiple children, brings children together rather than individually swinging.
- Rocket tunnel
- Roll up platform
- Roller slide – pull yourself through lying down using upper body strength- ideal for children who may be wheelchair bound but have great upper body strength. Will not cause static electricity that cannot hurt hearing aids.
- Quad rocker that will hold eight children
- Rocket Orbit spinner
- Different panels on each deck, tried to have a variety of events/panels.

Chairperson Gummer asked if the roller slide would pinch fingers and Mr. Lynde indicated no.

Commissioner Fraher asked if the playground safety surfacing would be rubberized or combo of several kinds? Mr. Lynde indicated that it is still under discussion and will be reflected in the March 12th presentation.

Chairperson Gummer asked if both options are within budget. Mr. Lynde thinks both designs are within budget but with some adjustments based upon this evening's discussion.

Chairperson Gummer asked if some choices in Option One could be in Option Two as the inclusive swings and the Vilito swings are very popular. Mr. Lynde stated that he would know more after taking into account all comments and he would need to present those elements at the next meeting.

Chairperson Gummer had questions on the tunnel stating past experience with people hiding and some vandalism a questioned its need.

Commissioner Brinkman felt that the tunnel was necessary to an inclusive playground accommodating those who need a quiet space.



Commissioner Fraher expressed the tunnel helps overwhelmed kids but visibility is very important for all parties.

Commissioner Fahlman stated that she does not see a lot of usage of the activity panels by youth at the library and asked if there will be benches. Director Witty stated that benches will be sought with the external elements. Commissioner Fraher encouraged the possibly of partnering with YEI for bench donations. Commission agreed that would be a good idea. Mr. Lynde stated that this will be promoted as an inclusive playground – trying to provide that product to the community and be able to accommodate 99% of kids with this playground.

Commissioner Fraher asked if trees are removed, will that money go back into the budget. Director Witty indicated savings from the pickleball and ramada projects for this park would go back into the playground and that trees are part of the park construction.

Commissioner Fahlman asked if a quiet place is in Option Two. Mr. Lynde said yes through tunnel and that the line of sight in design very important for parents or caregivers in addition to staff.

Chairperson Gummer asked if we could include a raised sandbox – option if a rocker is removed. Mr. Lynde indicated yes. Ensure it is surrounded on multiple sides by rubber and a barrier to keep sand in the sandbox.

Mr. Lynde appreciates all the input and will incorporate into the next design.

5. **Public Comment**

(Comments from the Public: Those members of the public wishing to address the Parks and Recreation Commission need not request permission in advance. We ask that you please provide your name and address for the record prior to providing any comments. Any remarks provided tonight shall be addressed to the Commission as a whole and not any member thereof. Such remarks shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person, as indicated by the timer, unless additional time is granted by the Chairperson. At the conclusion of the unscheduled comments, individual members of the Commission may respond to the item addressed at the discretion of the Chairperson, or they may ask the Director to review the matter or ask that the matter be placed upon a future agenda.)

David Barko, 4327 N Chadsford Rd, Granville subdivision stated that he has two small children and has worked with children with developmental disabilities in his professional career. He shared that he likes Option Two. Feels additional swings are always welcome; likes the music therapy, roller slide, and sandbox. Consideration of location of tunnel unit the benefits of helping ASD children for quiet time and away from parking lot and road. Sensory breaks include vegetation and silencing sound. Kudos and thanks to vendor and commission.

Has professionally worked with children on the Autism spectrum and sees needs met for special needs children in these designs. There are larger numbers of children growing on the spectrum. Feels the playground integrates all children including special needs kids.

Director Witty suggested letting the vendor review all comments for the final design at the March 12th meeting for presentation.

Commission expressed a consensus on Option Two with changes they suggested.



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6. **Other**
None

7. **Adjournment**
With no further questions or comments, Chairperson Gummer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Fraher made a motion to adjourn the February 26, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Fahlman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those members present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chairperson Buzz Gummer

Respectively submitted by: Cindy Casetta, Administrative Support
March 1, 2019