

FYU PARKS : REC. BOARD MINUTES

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so to get land that best benefits Parks' needs. The developer can take it to Planning Commission should they disagree with Parks Board's choice.

Burke asked if this had been the case in January would this have changed what the developer proposed.

Edmonston stated that it would not have. The only option we had in that was the piece by the school (Owl Creek) because none of the rest of the proposed land for future parkland dedication touches either Harmony Point Park or Legacy Subdivision.

Bitler asked why the last bullet point in the addition to the Criteria for Accepting Land was added. (Proposed park land to be deeded in phases may be prioritized according to the needs of the park system.) He inquired if it was due to something from the last meeting or something Staff has come across.

Edmonston said it makes sense to be able to pick the piece of property if we can. We want to be able to pick the piece that makes more sense, such as a piece by a street just in case the rest of the development doesn't happen. That way Parks isn't stuck with a piece of land that isn't accessible or useable.

Edmonston used Eagle Park as an example for multiple donation process where Parks accepted land near the street first in case other land was not developed or donated as planned.

The Board requested changing the word "shall" in the second added criteria to "may" and that was approved.



Regional Park Report: Edmonston reported on the Southpass property and the change of park designation from Community Park to Regional Park. She said a meeting last week with the developers and planners resulted in a discussion regarding all the needs of Parks Department which included every single aspect of park usage. They discussed safety issues, accessibility (ADA), trail corridors over Kessler Mountain. She expressed her appreciation for the 200 acres and one million dollars the developers are donating to the City's park system. She said the group will be returning to Fayetteville in late February for further discussions and hope to meet with Parks Board.

Davidson stated the need for Parks Board and Staff to be clear on Parks' priorities because of other groups with needs in Fayetteville.

Biendara said a list of the various parks and their amenities would be good to know.

Edmonston said she would send the park inventory list to the Board.

Colwell suggested a place to begin would be to focus on what amenities we're getting ready to lose, such as Lewis Soccer Fields. Those things we know we'll need he further stated.

Edmonston said the economic impact was discussed, such as having enough fields to have larger groups coming in for tournaments. We need to bring money back into Parks. She said the idea will be a 'one stop recreation' area.

Colwell said the Park Maintenance and Park Offices should also be on location there.

Davidson said he'd like to know how many fields would be needed to prevent turning away people wanting to participate.

Edmonston said the adult programs in softball will remain at the current facilities and youth programs will be in the new park.

Davis requested a summary of public meetings held at the airport over the years to discuss the needs of the public in regards to the park.

Edmonston state she would get that information to the Board.

6. Other Business:

Leverett Commons – Staff requests Parks Recreation Advisory Board repeal the motion made January 8, 2007 to accept parkland dedication for Leverett Commons and to accept the \$7,480 money-in-lieu.

Biendara moved to repeal the previous motion at the January 2007 meeting to accept land. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2. Burke and Bitler abstained as they were absent at the January meeting and did not vote on the first motion. Hatfield was absent for this vote.

Davis moved to accept \$7,480 money-in-lieu. Mauritsen seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0-0 with Hatfield absent for the vote.

Parks and Recreation 2006 Annual Report – Edmonston introduced the 2006 Annual Report which will be presented to City Council members.

Davis moved to accept the Report as presented. Mauritsen seconded and the motion passed 7-0-0 with Hatfield absent for the vote.

Eagle Scout Project - Colwell announced a work day at Lake Sequoyah on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11. The work is the Eagle Scout project