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Green Space Subcommittee

Timothy S. McGee | Committee Chair

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Notes: May 2, 2018

1. Call to Order

- a. On May 2, 2018, in the Council Boardroom of Troy City Hall, the Green Space Sub Committee meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

In attendance:

- a. Chair Tim McGee, Ida Edmunds, Cindy Hoffman, Diane Rowe, Frank Howrylak, Dave Lambert, Barbara Fowler, Liz Gannon, Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Rosemary Kornacki
- b. City staff:
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director
Dennis Trantham, Facilities and Grounds Operations Manager
Caroline Radzwion, Management Assistant
Scott Mercer, Recreation Supervisor

2. Caroline Radzwion will take notes at this meeting in place of Committee Secretary

3. Approval of agenda notes from April 11, 2018

- a. Moved by Mike Brady and seconded by Pam Brady

4. Update on:

- a. Review of current city ordinances, determine the impact
 - i. David passed around Zoning Ordinances, stated that three are feasible to be used. Gary proposed using a cluster option and people are upset about it (Planning Commission meeting). Recommended education of community about cluster development and how it preserves green space.
 - ii. Tim McGee asked if ordinance 10.03 conflicts with our recommended definition of open and green space. David said no because it does serve a function, although its technically private property. Ida said subdivision pays to maintain it, not an expense to the City.
 - iii. A mini or pocket park would be owned and maintained by the City, but a neighborhood park is owned independently? How do you differentiate the parks that are owned not by the City? Kurt—we call it a private park. A neighborhood park is designed for the people of that specific geographical area. For example, Redwood Park is a neighborhood park.
 - iv. Are you still today defining the acreage? Kurt—yes, it does need to meet those requirements.
 - v. Tim should we differentiate between a neighborhood park and a mini pocket park? Kurt—they're one and the same.
 - vi. Tim will amend the second page—breakdown neighborhood park and community park.
 - vii. Tim asked how do you find that land for all those areas within a quarter mile area? (2007 plan) Tim needs to know the total acreage of the Civic Center, and the four cemeteries that we own to get the total area of green space.
- b. Review of City owned undeveloped parks by Ida Edmunds and Barbara Fowler
 - i. Chair Tim added notable amenities to the Parks Inventory—some parks may not have picnic tables in the winter, etc.
 - ii. Ida thanks Kurt for getting the maps to them. There are a lot of large suitable sites that are strategically located that provide enough space for a park development. She mentions that it is an expense to the City as the undeveloped parks must be maintained. We might want to

consider recommending a line item that would specifically be development of undeveloped parks.

- iii. Chair Tim says Site 1 is the only one he believes cannot be developed as there is a lot of wetlands. Kurt says there could be an elevated boardwalk over wetlands. Woodlands could be developed.
 - iv. Follow up questions—Site 6 at one time did they have proposed plans for that park? (David) Kurt says all proposed plans are in the Parks and Recreation plan. We are looking at extending the Trails and Pathway through that parcel through getting an easement.
5. Parks and Recreation 5 year master plan 2015-2020
- i. Mike Brady commented that he went over Troy master plan, and it seemed like they put more emphasis on nodes and walkability—it came through all the way through. Rather than aesthetic, Troy seemed to be selling green space to a skeptical audience. Mike will send quotes to Chair and to Kurt to put on the City website. Passed around quotes from master plan to group regarding quotes regarding open and green spaces.
 1. Ida asked for the date on the Master Plan? Mike said there didn't seem to be a clear date on it.
 2. Pam said that Troy Schools decided to get the land for schools in various areas in case they might need it in the past. She thought that was necessary because once houses are built you can't unbuild them. Suggested doing something like that with green space.
 3. Tim said that Somerset developer found that Troy school system was horrible from renters, back in the 60s because people would leave the apartments due to that.
 4. Tim pointed on the City forecasts that in 2040 that population over the age of 63 will be 23%. That must be factored into the plans, with some bicycle lanes for instance.
6. Next meeting
- a. Next meeting will be on May 17, 2018
 - Following meeting will be June 13, 2018
 - Following after that would be June 27, 2018
 - i. Review the two five year plans in preparation for the next meeting (available on the flash drive) and compare the two; see if we can make recommendations for the future
 - b. Between two meetings everyone put together a listing of recommendations of what we would like to see. Tim requested a whiteboard to put these recommendations in a priority list.
 - What would I like in a neighborhood park? Community Park? We need overall shelter for the concert seasons. Chair Tim McGee recommends putting up a permanent shell and to go after private funds.
 - c. Last week of June—review and wrap up on July 18, 2018.
 - d. By middle of July have a final report.
 - e. Council Boardroom 6PM

Additional questions/discussion

- David: Should we stay away from everything Civic Center related? It might be useful to look at 2004 Task Force proposal, as well as Vision 20/20.
 - Kurt will put those on the website.
 - Kurt says we are defining open space and green space, so Civic Center would naturally fall into that. This committee doesn't need to fall into any one site.
 - Report was provided to City Council at the last meeting. Mark will provide a wrap up of May meeting to Council.
- Ida announced that the Troy School Board voted to transfer over seventy acres to the Six Rivers Land Conservancy. It will be available after paths and parking are established. They will conduct a walkthrough of the property on Wednesday May 9th at 6:00 p.m. The address is 2601 E Square Lake Rd.
- Green space tab in city website. All documents will be on website.

- Is there any consideration that we should offer them to visit the website and narrow down the participation in the committee? Tim says that we should compare attendance and eliminate the people for undeliverable emails.
- Kurt says that the dog park is having a volunteer day next Thursday, May 10th to pick up the glass in the dog park. There will also be a shelter put up there.
 - Dog park is reliant on people to pick up dog park due to the membership cost.
- Question regarding who takes care invasive species?
 - City takes care of city owned property and school cares for its own property as far as maintenance costs go

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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