

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Point of View Conference Room
November 20, 2008**

A **Special Meeting** of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 N. 85th Ave in open and public session in the Development and Community Services Building at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chuck Fitzgerald, Bill Collett, Jon Sears, and Carol Ulshoeffter

Members Absent: Gregory Jones, Diana Bedient

Municipal Officials Present: J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director; Brenda Rehnke, Recreation Manager; Kirk Haines, Parks Manager; Todd Wuellner, Sports Complex Supervisor; Heather Cammarata, Executive Assistant; Heidi Gannuscio, Management Analyst; Marc Brust, Recreation Supervisor

Audience: 4

CONSENT AGENDA: Bill Collett made a motion to approve the consent agenda items including the absences and minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting. Carol Ulshoeffter seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY PARK #2

Kirk Haines and Dave Wilson with EPG (Environmental Planning Group) explained the preferred master plan layout of Community Park Two and the changes that were incorporated into the layout based on public feedback.

Chuck Fitzgerald questioned is the pedestrian bridge over Olive Ave. still listed as a possibility. Dave Wilson answered that it is in the master plan.

Chuck Fitzgerald questioned whether dogs swimming in the dog park area would be able to get into the full five acre lake. Dave Wilson answered that the area will be separated and dogs will not be able to swim into the five acre lake.

Bill Collett questioned whether it would be better to circulate the water between the two areas instead of keeping it separate. Todd Wuellner responded that the water will circulate between the areas but will be done via a piping system. This level of detail will be studied at the next level of planning.

Chuck Fitzgerald questioned what the Heritage Marker is located in the Rose Garden area. Dave Wilson responded that this marker will recognize the family that owned the property.

Chuck Fitzgerald questioned the controlled access in the ball field area. Marc Brust answered that there are a handful of tournaments throughout the year that charge gate fees.

Bill Collett questioned the size of the fields. Dave Wilson answered that the fields have a 325 foot foul line and the base distances can be adjusted. Marc Brust added that the baseball fields will accommodate up to 13 years in age. Marc Brust and Todd Wuellner also explained the capabilities of the oval green space located in the middle of the ball fields.

Bill Collett questioned whether the green space in the southwest area of the park can be used as additional warm up space. Todd Wuellner answered that yes the area may serve as additional warm up space.

Bill Collett questioned the vehicle and pedestrian entrances to the park. Dave Wilson answered that the master plan is looking at entrances off 83rd Avenue and off Butler Drive. The only parking area that does not inter-connect with the other areas is the parking in the southeast corner.

Jon Sears questioned if there is a maintenance facility planned for this park. Dave Wilson answered that the MOC (Municipal Operations Center), a City maintenance facility, is located next to the park.

Carol Ulshoeffter questioned what art is planned for the park. Dave Wilson answered that at this point nothing specific is planned yet. There is a placeholder for art, and details will be decided later in the planning process.

Carol Ulshoeffter questioned the three cell dog park area and whether one of the cells would be multi-use. Dave Wilson answered that this is more of a programming decision. Todd Wuellner indicated that he has received many public comments indicating not to mix dog sizes together. J.P. de la Montaigne added that the new trend is to separate into small active dogs, large active dogs, and passive dogs.

Bill Collett questioned where the maintenance vehicles would be kept. Dave Wilson answered that all vehicles will be stored at the MOC and there is a programmed access point for vehicles to enter the park from the MOC.

Chuck Fitzgerald questioned how a new park is named. J.P. de la Montaigne answered that the process includes talking to the board and the public for name suggestions. The Board would then narrow down to three alternatives and present these three to the City

Council to decide.

Bill Collett questioned whether parking was increased after the public comments regarding parking were received. Dave Wilson responded that the ratio of parking spaces was reworked. Currently, there are 1,000 spaces in the plan which is a comfortable number.

Donald Biery indicated that he was lukewarm at first but is very excited about the park now that changes have been made to the plan.

J.P. de la Montaigne indicated that the preferred alternative will be presented to the City Council on December 16 in a study session. Any modifications that the Council would like to see incorporated will be added at that point.

Carol Ulshoeffter questioned who decides to add traffic lights. J.P. de la Montaigne answered that a traffic analysis will be completed to analyze the additional traffic the park will generate.

Bill Collett questioned whether the skate pad is a comparable size versus Rio Vista. Dave Wilson indicated that the size is comparable to Rio Vista. The actual design of the skate pad has not been completed.

Bill Collett questioned what the minimum setback is along 83rd Ave and whether there is additional area to cut into along the skate pad if needed. Dave Wilson answered that the skate pad is located 100 ft. from the street and only a 30 ft. buffer is needed.

Carol Ulshoeffter questioned whether there will be a staff room with a first aid location. Marc Brust added that the concession area will have a room to handle first aid.

A member of the audience questioned how often the turf will have to be watered and what measures are being taken to make the facility environmentally friendly. Dave Wilson answered that water will be drawn off the lake to water the turf. Todd Wuellner added that the plan utilizes the Butler Water Reclamation Facility which is located next to the park. The area was previously farmland and SRP water is also available, if needed, to supplement additional water.

Bill Collett questioned what the length of the walkway is around the lake. Dave Wilson indicated that this has not yet been calculated. Bill Collett added that there is a lot of green area and would be a great place to add fitness stations.

Bill Collett made a motion to recommend the Community Park Two Master Plan to the City Council. Jon Sears seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

REPORT FROM STAFF: None

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Jon Sears indicated that he was questioned by a citizen regarding a green space to fly model airplanes. Currently, the only location is an area in the City of Phoenix. J.P. de la Montaigne added that the current City ordinance does not allow for this type of activity without approval. This will be brought back as an agenda item at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Chuck Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairperson

Heather Cammarata, Secretary