

City of University Place

Park Advisory Commission

Meeting (Virtual) – Minutes

Feb 10, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at: 6:21pm SM

2. Roll Call: 6:30pm

Commissioners present: Amy Wolfe (AW), Stacey McClain (SM), Alecia Cunningham (AC), Julie Finnegan (JF)

Not Present: Halley Knigge (HK), Ian Ainoa (IA), Kelly Forsberg (KF),
UP Staff Present: Tony West (TW), Gary Cooper (GC)
City Council Present: Ed Wood (EW)

3. Flag Salute: Led by JF

4. Review/Approve Minutes:

- a. Meeting minutes from 1/13/2022: motion to approve from JF second from AC, motion carries.

5. Review / Approve Agenda:

- a. Agenda for 2/10/2022: motion to approve from JF second from AC, motion carries.

6. Public Comments:

- a. The following individual provided public comment: Chris Saunders

7. Staff Report, Updates:

- a. TW – Discussion on University Place Primary park property and community input from FlashVote survey. GC mentions limited parking in the area, suggest property be used for passive activities where accessible to pedestrians walking. SM noted small parking lot to the west of the property. AC notes school basketball court is used by public on the weekends. AW parking lot used during weekends. Possible use for pickleball court. SM asks TW to add more questions to FlashVote, TW will consider
- b. GC retiring, last day is February 28, 2022

8. Introduction of Ed Wood

- a. EW discussion on perspective on Parks & Recreation. PAC commissioners introduction: JF, AW, SM
- b. EW would like community to get to know UP parks
- c. EW would like to develop recreation program for the city of UP and will begin exploring options this year
- d. SM in agreement would like to get UP parks used as much as possible
- e. EW discussed looking into creating more interconnected commuting system and bike lanes within the city

9. Cirque Park Master Plan - Discussion

- a. GC mentions some community feedback to abandon plan for community center for the gravel area in Cirque Park
- b. Community center estimated cost projections at \$30M, city of UP still would like community center, members of community interested in recreational center programs. Community does not support tax increase to build community center. Need a clearer vision from public and community on park use and funding
- c. PAC can hire firm for \$25,000 to survey public on possible use of park property. Once surveyed, hire architects to draw preliminary plan of site. After architecture drawings, would need to submit for grant.
- d. If PAC recommends community center to remain in the Master Plan PAC submits recommendation letter to City Council to push for sight planning to see if a community center and sports courts were possible.
- e. AW inquires on Fircrest Community Center costs, estimated cost of Fircrest CC is \$40M
- f. Possibility of using bonds and grants to build the community center, PAC would need to discuss more on cost recovery, non-profit, etc.
- g. GC stated for PAC to vote on recreation/community center and then move forward with space planning.
- h. JF motion to approve PAC begin initial design planning, second from AC, motion carries

10. Resolution 907 – smoking/vaping/drones

- a. TW mention City Council did not receive action from PAC to recommend code changes. Council would like PAC and Public Safety Commission to hold joint meeting to discuss 907 further. GC states Council disappointment that PAC recommendation was never received, city clerk never forwarded PAC recommendation

11. Curran Apple Orchard project

- a. RCO grants are due in May, will need to reapply for grant this year 2022. What is PAC recommendation on playground, restroom, ADA access ramp, etc.

- b. TW shows rendering of suggested playground design, may need more funding for design. Trails and restrooms rank higher in priority and tend to receive grant approval
- c. GC mentions grants can be used to build the project but not to design, also park impact fees cannot be used for park design. More park projects require engineering designs. Designs would have to come from City of UP general fund
- d. City Council will have to approve PAC recommendation for park use, parks can apply for grant after council approval
- e. AC will reach out to Council Member Caroline Belleci and Council Member Denise McClusky to further discuss restroom facility at Curran
- f. JF motion to approve restroom facility at Curran Apple Orchard, second from AC, motion carries
- g. SM will work on letters to submit to City Council for Curran and Cirque Park recreation center. TW will proofread letter prior to sending to Council

12. Additional Commissioner Comments

- a. JF and PAC commissioners in attendance thank you to GC for all his work for the City of UP
- b. AW comments on native areas, Pierce County stream team may be helpful in protecting more land, ie city owned areas and public property
- c. TW working on signage for soccer fields
- d. GC stated that city has offered other municipalities to use Cirque Park but no one has committed.

13. Adjournment: 7:26pm

Meeting Minutes by Amy Wolfe

