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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

June 18, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Cranston, Chair
Mike McDowell, Co-Chair
Ron Edinger, City Council Liaison
Jim Lien
Bridget Hill
Christie Wood

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Greenwood, Parks & Recreation Director
Melissa Brandt, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Steve Roth & Jon Mueller, Architects West
Mark Puddy, Architect
Mike Gaertner, Vertical Earth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ginny Tate

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Six members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2018. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Bill Greenwood: Recreation has Skyhawk camps going on. You can sign up at www.skyhawks.com. Recreation camps feature baseball, basketball, baseball, soccer, flag football, tennis, lacrosse, and volleyball. IronKids run is this Saturday. You can sign kids up at McEuen that morning or online at cdaid.org on the Parks event page. Kids run a half mile and a full mile run depending on age; kids up to 13 years old can participate, and all will receive a t-shirt, medal, and goodie bag. Registration is \$20. Clearing of dead trees takes place tomorrow June 19 and Wednesday June 20 on

Tubbs Hill. The K27 water feature at McEuen Park was unveiled last month. This week we will be touching base with the contractor that will be building the Skatepark at Memorial Park. Work should begin next week. The parking lot at Memorial is open, with some areas not open yet. The contractor should be close to done in July. The playground has been installed by our staff who are playground safety technicians. We also installed a new swing set at Bryan Field. On June 13 we were in partnership with Kootenai County Noxious Weeds and their staff, Shelly Hinderman, we sprayed for hounds tongue at Seagraves Park (Veterans Centennial Park). Hounds tongue spreads easily by wildlife and dogs.

Commissioner Wood: Thank you for the update. The neighbors appreciate the city addressing these types of things with the county. Residents need to pull the weeds to help get them out of the area. And, I have personally visited the K27 memorial many times, when the committee asked for this to be built, we knew we wanted something special for Greg Moore. Jon Mueller, you created a beautiful memorial. I appreciate your work on it, it is fabulous. Thank you.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. GRANDSTAND PRESENTATION (Info Item)

Greenwood: Steve Roth and Jon Mueller have been working on this project for some time and we felt it was time for an update on where we stand with the current status of the restoration and design. Steve Roth: We wanted to present what the Grandstands may look like and the scope of what is being done. We are about halfway through the process. We have done quite a bit of research and are approaching decision time for design to move forward and complete the bid documents and select a general contractor. We plan to have a complete set of bid documents by July, start construction by September, work through the winter, and reopen the facility in March or possibly April. There is a long list of structural improvements. There are many items that must be done to the building to make sure it meets current code. There is settlement going on and cracking. The wall framing needs to be reinforced. Roof framing has some required items, and some recommended upgrades. There are optional items we recommend to be done. Jon Mueller: We conducted a search for historic images so modifications would reflect what has historically been done with old wooden structures in Coeur d'Alene. We also looked at other historical building railings and bracing, to see if we could import some of that, wanted to give something that was historically accurate. There have been discussions about adding something to break up the impact of the sun on the backside of the grandstands. Steve Roth: The historical photos have been very important in the work that has been done so far. The layout of the building will include concessions, locker rooms, storage, field storage, ticket sales, restrooms, and dugout space. There aren't a lot of changes in the seating plan and we have added two locations for accessible seating. With current changes there will be seating for 600-800 people. We added an optional scoring platform. The current grandstands are not the original stands. We have tried to combine elements of both Grandstand structures that have sat in this area through the historical photos. The

cutouts on the building provide some coverage and shade. It also helps add more people space and break up the box feel of the grandstands. Jon Mueller: We have been debating whether or not to have the name on the building. When I grew up the lettering was not on the building; the addition of them is more recent. Steve Roth: The name on the building gives it some importance and the significance of the building. Currently our drawings show the sign on the building. We've balanced out the building from just one color, we suggest adding a contrasting color to highlight the building and break up the size of the building. We will need to rebuild the railing to meet current code and ensure safety. An optional structural upgrade is to pull off the roof decking and replace with a plywood product. Change out siding and apply new siding that would match the profile of the existing siding, there will be some maintenance involved with the new siding. We could reuse some of the roofing wood and current siding if it is in good shape. Another cost alternate is to add aluminum bleachers to existing structure. Right now the budget is \$811,000 that is a base bid including sales tax. Base bid for required upgrades and repairs include: replace all existing siding, add rooms within existing building, new shed roof, new memorial field signage, safety netting, re-built guardrail at field walkway, new north ramp access and south stair access, dugout, accessible seating, re-paint existing bleacher treads and risers. Some add alternatives: 1. All optional structural upgrades and repairs; 2. Aluminum bleacher bench seats; 3. Aluminum bleacher backs; 4. New bleacher steps the current steps are smaller these don't meet accessibility; 5. Relocate field lights from poles to roof; 6. Gutters, downspouts, and storm drainage system; 7. Plywood subfloor and surfacing on bleacher treads and risers; 8. Scoring platform. We strongly recommend consideration of these alternates.

Commissioner McDowell: For these optional items, is there a sense of priority on these items? Roth & Mueller: Number 1 is the first priority for lifespan. Number 6 is a high priority to protect this structure for a number of years. Numbers 2, 3, and 7 could be grouped into one priority. Adding aluminum benches elevates people so they are not sitting on the walking surface. Not necessary to do all seats with backs, could have some sections for premium seats with backs possibly paid for by a booster group or similar. Relocating the field lights, NIC would put that higher on the list than we would. Not a necessary thing. The scoring platform could be added at any time in the future.

Commissioner Wood: Great presentation. I like the Memorial Field letters, also like the cardinal flag, NIC contributed to the financing of this project. Possibly on the home team locker door have a cardinal in recognition of NIC's contribution.

Commissioner Cranston: When the Four Corners and BLM master plan was completed, one of the elements on the master plan would be architectural treatment on the east façade, you've done quite a bit on the building with the roof on the back, and the shade elements in the plaza for those using the carousel. It's probably not in the budget right now, but could the roof be enhanced to allow for covered seating in the plaza? Mueller: There may be a way to address that, possibly a temporary structure of or shade cloth. We're trying to manage budget and not have to reconstruct what is already in place and lose the value of that investment. Right now with the elevation of the roof and location of the roof line, we have a good balance. Cranston: Would like to see design thought or a phased addition to the drawing knowing that we may need to come up with funding. Mueller: We could come up with something. Roth: The poles of the building sit on existing foundations in the ground. We didn't want to redo any of the plaza space. We can dig into that are a bit more. There are shade trees planted that don't show in the drawing, there are trees that will give shade as they grow.

Commissioner Wood: Enhancement list are there dollar figures with that? Like the scoring platform? So if we did have booster groups come forward it would be nice to have a cost of the item. Roth: Yes, there will be a list of costs for those items, a shopping list of options that we will provide.

Commissioner Edinger: With the generous contribution from NIC, where is the rest of the money coming from? Greenwood: Ignite will be helping fund this project along with the other items being done at Memorial. They allocated \$1M for this project. NIC has contributed \$150,000.

Commissioner Cranston: In the beginning did you look at the financial feasibility of the remodel of the existing structure, versus constructing a new replica of the building.

Roth & Mueller: We didn't look into what it would take to do a new structure, we were directed that the plan was to refurbish. Based on the estimating we've done so far and investigating what the cost would be, we are money ahead by saving this building. With the base bid dollars there are many options to expand this building. We are better off restoring the building. As you talk with the engineers, they are excited about the wood structure and support the rebuild, there is value. Worth saving, if we give it the right attention and features, not just a place for softball anymore, it could be used for a lot of other activities and events.

Commissioner Cranston: You are upgrading this to a first class facility it looks really good. Mueller: There is a historical tie and we tried to give that attention.

9. PUMP SKILLS FLOW BIKE TRACK (Info Item)

Greenwood: This is an area along the Centennial Trail near where the Highway 95 Bridge crosses it. This was identified in our Four Corners Master Plan as an area for cyclo-cross and other biking opportunities and we want to show you what we can do there with some in-kind donations. Mark Puddy and Mike Gaertner will go through those items. Puddy: I am a landscape architect, and a member of, and representing the ped/bike committee. We are at the mid-point of the Four Corners and BLM master plan. Gaertner: I own bike shop, Vertical Earth, and have been working on this project for quite a while. Puddy & Gaertner: These are two portions of the Four Corners/BLM Master Plan. The pump track is under the Highway 95 Bridge. The pump track is a small component being under the bridge, keeps it out of the rain, in good condition throughout the year, a draw for families and kids in the off season. A pump track is a continuous circuit of small dirt rolls you pump through, not pedal through. Pump tracks are a small area that loops around and doesn't require a huge space.

Commissioner Hill: Is this similar to 15th Street? Gaertner: No that's a BMX race track. These bumps are not big. Puddy: Pump tracks are usually about 2,000 square feet.

Commissioner Lien: What's the difference between pump and pedaling? Gaertner: A Flow Track is similar to a BMX track. On a pump track you are picking up your bike on the front and then down.

Puddy & Gaertner: Skills track is a bit north of the 95 bridge, adjacent to the pump track this is focused more on skills. There are technical features, with skinny narrow ramps, not really elevated. Skills track teaches you to ride narrows and varying degrees of difficulty. There are rock rolls and drops good skill for mountain bikers. Similar to a ski and snowboard park it gives you ladders to progression; smaller

features working to more difficult features. Canfield can be daunting with the roots. The flow track is a trail usually machine made that's full of berms and rollers. You go faster, there are berms, bumps are getting bigger; you can roll over them or jump over them. These are smoother elements. Any type of bike can be used. We were looking at an area we could plug in easily as part of the master plan this is an under-utilized area. This would be a controlled environment to learn a different sort of skill.

Commissioner Hill: Adults can use this as well as families and kids? Puddy & Gaertner: Yes, adults and kids, lots of fun for families.

Puddy: The areas have been flagged and they suggested we come to the Commission to tell you about the project.

Commissioner Cranston: It appears the pump and skills tracks are small and compact in size, how does the flow track compare to those two? Puddy & Gaertner: It would be a little longer about the same space as the other two together. The flow track would start at the south side of the bridge and continue south for about 150 meters. The flow track is longer and linear the others are more circular and loopy. Greenwood: The last several years the cyclo-cross has utilized the flow track area for four years it is already being utilized for this very item.

Commissioner Cranston: The location of these three facilities do you see any potential conflicts, with water access, or other pedestrian use? Greenwood: Not in this location, it is in line with the master plan we have worked on over the years. We did identify the cyclo-cross, which is the larger piece of this, and these elements enhance what we've already identified. It's a great use of this spot.

Commissioner Wood: Any other cities have something like this? How received? Puddy & Gaertner: Leavenworth has a pump track and just held pump track nationals, they had a huge number of people that participated; theirs isn't much bigger than this one. Seattle has quite a few, Portland, and possibly Spokane. Salt Lake City has mountain bike skill tracks in their parks. Is a catalyst for kids to learn and participate in these activities, teaching young people becomes a big draw. Right now there are families down there utilizing the area right now, draws people nightly. Wood: Will this area be big enough? Puddy & Gaertner: The skills track where it terminates right now, there is potential to expand as well as the flow track. The pump track is okay right now, we want to keep it under the bridge for weather reasons. These tracks can be changed and updated easily, it's all dirt, and grow within the master plan. The cyclo-cross track could become a part of the elements. Greenwood: This is similar to the BMX track, that was new to us, and it has become extremely popular. We have people who are willing to partner with us and do the in-kind stuff; it will take lots of dirt, logs, and rocks, we can get those items. If the project gets in a pinch, we may seek some funding down the road through parks capital improvement, but nothing at this time. We have bobcats, tractors, and the ability to move soil around. This project would be exactly like the BMX track development.

Commissioner Cranston: Would there need to be an official recommendation to move forward? Greenwood: We will present this at the first Council meeting in July. To let them know what we are doing and our plans for the area. We have stockpiles of soil, rock and equipment to get started, after we speak to Council about it and we will move on from there.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cranston asked for any additional comments.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday, July 3, 2018: Workshop; Caruso's Deli, Coeur d'Alene – 11:30 am
- Monday, July 16, 2018: Meeting; Community Room at the Library – 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Lien made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Edinger seconding the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.