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Parks Action Plan Update Committee Minutes from the Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Meeting

I. Welcome to Committee Members and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garrett at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

A roll call of members was taken, with the following results:

Committee Members Present: Broyles, Strand, McCune, Pickett, Coverdell, Council Liaison Bertolino, Council Liaison Gragnani, and Chair Garrett

Committee Members Absent: Committee Members Napoli and Gillman, and Commission Liaison Beattie

Other Officials and Staff in Attendance: Council Members McCutchen, Woerther, and Garritano, City Administrator Thomas, Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett, and Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Crews.

III. Review and Action on the Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2018

A motion was made by Committee Member McCune, seconded by Committee Member Broyles, to approve the March 27, 2018 minutes. A voice vote was taken on the minutes, with no opposition (Council Liaison Gragnani abstained), and the motion was declared approved by Chair Garrett.

IV. Review of Tonight's Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by Chair Garrett. There were no questions.

Chair Garrett noted he wanted staff to provide an update on the Belleview Farms property. Director Vujnich noted he, and a few others, met today with community leaders in the area who are concerned with the Gateway Off-Road Cyclists' (GORC) proposal. These neighbors noted their preference for walking trails, preservation of the viewscapes, and opening the area to public use. City representatives noted the process would not be rushed and that the neighbors would be involved.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the lease restrictions; the survey conducted as a guideline for the Action Plan Update Process showed significant support of mountain biking trails; the area residents opposed to biking trails; the positive impression of GORC's work on other trails; the input from this Committee, as part of the Belleview Farms review process; the possibility of inviting community leaders from

the Sherman Area to the next meeting; the concerns with the preliminary nature of the plans, before inviting the neighbors; and the need to define the process, so all have a clear understanding.

Consensus was reached among the Committee Members to invite the Sherman community leaders to the next meeting and to have GORC present to the Committee at a different meeting.

V. Focus on “Citizens Committee for Park Progress Action Plan 2007” Pages 21-46

Chair Garrett noted the discussion tonight would focus on Pages 21 to 46 of the current Action Plan. He asked if anyone had comments and suggestions on the next section. Discussion was held regarding the following: on Page 30 – ‘Passive and active types’ survey respondents in 2007 and 2017 were similar, noting interest in a community swimming pool, trails, etc.; on Page 31 - the Plan prioritizes trails over recreation center/swimming pool; Page 32 – ‘Trails’ - 56% of respondents in the 2007 survey listed trails as most important.; on Page 31 – ‘Playgrounds’ noted as an important request for the residents in the 2007 Plan and, with 30% of Wildwood’s population under 20 years of age by the 2016 census, they should continue as important in the 2017 Update; the continuation of requests for a sprayground and swimming pool, as popular requests; the importance of providing amenities to all wards; the potential for a partnership with the Wildwood Family YMCA, or other organizations, to develop an aquatic facility, and the need to discuss if there is interest; the potential for a sprayground in the Town Center Area; the cost of the City Community Garden; on Page 28 – the requirement of playgrounds in public spaces for new subdivisions was identified and staff noted the public space is required, but not all include facilities, since the new residents’ opinions are generally sought on the type of improvements they want in their neighborhoods; on Page 31 – the importance of including a reference to connections to other greenway systems adjacent to Wildwood; on Page 37 – a recommendation should be added to identify and prioritize properties of historic value, thereby attempting to save what is here; on Page 27 – the goal to link public spaces and population centers is still important; the potential for adding a village green/town center commons to the 2017 version of the Plan; the discussions held by the City with the Science Center to potentially have a remote location in Wildwood; the need to keep the interest in equestrian activities in the revised Plan; the need to keep funding restrictions, and the limits set in the Charter in mind, as the Committee proceeds with its project ideas; and the possibility for pursuing another park sales tax initiative.

The Committee Members requested an editable copy of the 2007 Action Plan, so they could begin to make suggested changes.

VI. Wildwood 2020

Director Vujnich noted the Mayor had presented to the Committee at its last meeting information on one (1) of the goals in the Wildwood 2020 Vision. This goal was “Determine whether residents want a public activity venue and, if so, identify the type and how it would be funded.” He noted this item was for information to remind the Committee Members to consider the survey responses relative to it and determine their direction upon it, for future discussion.

VII. Next Meeting Date – May 22, 2018

Committee Members Broyles, Strand, McCune, and Gillman were all noted as being unable to attend the next meeting on May 22nd. Discussion was held and consensus was reached to change next month’s meeting

date to Wednesday, May 16th. Department Staff noted they would determine a location and advise the Committee Members of it.

VIII. Public Comments

Dan McLaughlin, Ward Three, questioned if the Sherman Area's representatives would be invited to the May meeting. It was noted those residents would be contacted about attending the May meeting.

IX. Other Items of Interest

None

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Strand, seconded by Committee Member Coverdell, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken, with unanimous approval, and Chair Garrett declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.