

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2015**

*Approved 11/18/15*

**PARKS and RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:** Chairwoman Lola Skolnik; Lester Whitmer; Betty Sonneveldt; Marc Siegel; Kelly Ivy; Jeffery Keenan; Michael Lee; Ken Blue

**STAFF:** Greg Varda, Assistant Director of Recreation Programs; Jessica Bellah, Community Planner

**COUNCIL:** None

**GUESTS:** Michael German and Justin Frye - Woodlawn Development Group

**AUDIENCE:** Jon Najmi, Mike Mallory, Angela Heuring, Mary Najmi, Kristen Weaver, Derek Longshaw, Scott Sheck, Larry Webb, Rian Lewis and Susan Zahran

1) Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

2) Councilwoman Mach was not present at the meeting due to a City Council conflict. However, she did communicate through email that her primary update was that Council is very interested in PRAB's thoughts/comments on the Greenbelt Station Park plans.

3) Review of the Greenbelt Station Park Plans

A. Presentation by Jessica Bellah, Community Planner

**Points of Interests from presentation**

- 2.27 acres as part of the development agreement
- \$1.44 million – \$400,000 allocated to park design/\$1 million allocated to other amenities to be negotiated.
- \$1 million allocated to Greenbelt west recreation needs.
- County is requiring a permanent structure such as a gazebo.
- 800 dwellings = approximately 1600 people.
- Flexible design allows changes for future years.
- Neighborhood community park - not a destination park.
- Phase 3 will be retail space or additional park space TBD by study.
- Gathering area/amphitheater equal to the size of Roosevelt Center.
- Green field slightly smaller than a football field.
- 100 units have been sold to date.
- Perimeter of park has a sidewalk that is ADA compliant.
- Water fountain/dog stations/canopy trees (Willow Oak, Jefferson Elm and Sugar Maple) to provide shade.
- Three bike racks.
- Traffic calming around park.
- Bike lanes along Greenbelt Station Parkway.
- Road to Greenbelt Metro Station will be dependent upon North Core development which will be dependent upon the FBI location selection.
- Bus stops with shelters will be located on Greenbelt Station Parkway only.
- No bathrooms or ball fields.
- Very few households have children.
- Parking is a main concern.
- 2.2 parking spaces per unit. Garages count as a park space.
- Park should be ready for use in the spring of 2017

#### B. Report Needed From PRAB

A motion was made to include PRAB's comments in the Staff Report. The motion passed 8-0.

PRAB's comments to be included in the Staff Report:

- Consider bathroom facilities (not unanimous).
- Consideration of future play space with neighborhood input.

#### 4) Approval of Minutes

- Deferred to the next meeting.

#### 5) Department Updates given by Greg Varda

Updated on vacant office staff position – On target for October.

Special Event Update – A number of special events will be taking place in October and November.

Summer Camp Update – Report will be completed by the end of October.

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival – Kelly Ivy

- Sound system better at the stage
- 501c3 status allows for potential sponsorships
- Balancing act between good bands and drawing too big of a crowd
- Build the Rising Stars program; possibly offering a scholarship.

#### 6) New Business

- New roof at the GAFC is on schedule. and a
- Meeting was held with Matthew Carroll; Greenbelt National Park Superintendent to develop mutually beneficial partnership.

#### 7) Old Business

- Continue working on Buddy Attick Lake Park Master Plan.
- Remind Richard Fink about designing a survey.
- Design Buddy Attick Lake Park report card.

Next Meeting October 21, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by Greg Varda*

*Minutes approved 5-0 on November 18, 2015*