

Park, Trails & Open Space Committee
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cottonwood Heights City Offices

Attendees: Greg Hilbig, Matthew Dominesey, Ronna Cohen, Jennifer Follstad Shah, Fritz Kollmann, Michael Johnson, Ben Hill, Greg Reid, Erin Davis, Bruce Jorgensen, Mike Peterson, Carl D (Dave) McFerren, Roger Kehr, Christine Mikell, Sarah Ricketts

Not Present: Bonnie McCallister, Kristy Morrison, Melissa Fields,

Discussion:

Scott Peters & Ben Hill on Antzcak Park

- Will have public open house two plans on April 23 at 6pm
- **Option 1:**
 - o Take 4 courts, move them slightly south, turn into 2 tennis and 6 pickleball or 12 pickleball or stay with 4 courts
 - o Accentuate center alignment, extend path to the end (across the middle) add bocce court, remove volleyball court, add smaller pavilion, expand the play area and put in new equipment for 2-5 and 5-12 year olds
 - o Trying to preserve most of the vegetation
 - o Added circulation paths throughout the park – small loops and larger loops around the park
 - o Add additional parking along the edge
 - o Tried to access surrounding neighborhoods
 - o Lighting – trying to get lights to push button system, button on a timer
 - o Will power be available in the pavilion or on the courts for scoreboard?
Yes
- **Option 2:**
 - o Leave one set of courts (tennis or pickleball), take out second set of courts, open up the middle portion ‘open turf area’, add pavilions near courts
 - o Reconfigured play area, mountain theme with cliffs that terrace down, terrace with existing pavilion, terrace down to lower tier with play area, one tier down for pathway, bocce court where horseshoe court is currently
 - o Connection to neighborhood on east side, flip baseball field so it orients away from houses, additional parking on west side, would change the sledding hill, probably not as much grade
- **Everyone on PTOS committee should show up at open house**
- Haven’t done detailed cost estimates yet, option 1 preserves much of the core

Greg introduces Ivory Homes & the tree planting opportunity:

- Mark McKeon with KSL radio, Emmeline Hoover with Ivory Homes Foundation – they want to plant 30k trees (eventually) in communities – chance to feature Cottonwood Heights
- Cottonwood Heights submitted an application as a city already - focus on public land, submitted in February – proposed trees at Mountview park, Cottonwood Canyon Trail Enhancement, Golden Hills Park (before those trees fell down / were infested)
- Also suggested Butler Elementary but that property isn't owned by the city
- The initiative is to plant 30k trees in greater SL area, they are only 6 months in, planted 3200 trees last fall
- Ivory Homes has set criteria – make sure trees will be maintained and irrigated, make sure correct trees are selected, picking correct size, partnering with Tree Utah to make sure plantings done right, Ivory Homes donates everything but they rely on the community for the labor force
- This initiative started because they see trees die from being improperly planted, want to educate community on proper procedures
- Ivory Homes sources the trees from local nurseries
- Mark – use power of KSL news radio to feature the project
- Tree Utah has list of trees they recommend, we aren't limited to that list
- Looking to do a planting April 23 (Arbor Day)
- Ivorygreen.com to submit further applications

Mike & BST grant, interlocal agreement briefing:

- The city received signed interlocal agreement from Salt Lake County
- Will now take to city council for approval
- The agreement establishes method of payment etc, all seems to comply with expectations
- The agreement is currently being reviewed, probably on next city council agenda, this is to initiate the project
- Suggestion to have open house to review our access plans and trail routes to get feedback on BST in general – kick off meeting to present idea to the public, get the idea out there

Sub-committee Reports:

Roger Kehr, dog parks:

- Suitability matrix, Andy Hulka has come up with lots of possible places, he will present at next meeting and he emailed them out on March 20 (sent it out as a student rather than a city official), he's looking for feedback

Erin Davis, Crestwood Park

- Melissa and Erin met with Salt Lake County parks, good meeting, open to working with us, no money there, talked about a few little projects that could maybe happen, swimming pool sounds like it will be history unless CH wants to take it over, we asked to see operating costs and revenue (haven't heard back yet)
- County will let it run its course or until budget constraints make it sooner

New Business?

Jen asked Mike to talk about the Walsh Property:

- It's the last remaining private open space in our city, 5.9 acres, near old city hall offices, Little Cottonwood Creek goes through it
- Owned by Walsh Family Trust, they now want to sell
- What was proposed was developing primarily multi-family residential, some affordable housing, some considerations for public space, public trail put in next to the creek
- This re-zone was done through a legislative process, therefore people can petition for a referendum (put the legislative decision to a vote), why we are seeing competing petitions
- If petition doesn't go through, the parcel is ready for development, 4 story building
- Trail easement along the creek through the property but it doesn't connect anywhere
- Option for city to buy? Land costs money
- 204 units to be built, split between 3 buildings

Fritz – Lights at Guthrie skate park:

- Lights are getting dim, significant dark spots – can we add more? Or aim them better?
- If there is any snow on the cement, skate park has to be locked (per insurance), its not maintained during the winter
- Ben knows they need a sign that it has to be closed if there is snow
- Ben: will look into upgrading to LED lights although there is one pole they can't get to

How can we educate / inform people? Can we get our own section into the newsletter?
Provide comments to Christine, she can get into the newsletter

Ben is working with marketing manager for marketing plan for Antczak Master Plan

Action items:

- Send newsletter comments to Christine
- Attend Antczak master plan

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m.