



**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PARK BOARD
STUDY SESSION**

3:30 p.m. May 11, 2017
City Hall Conference Room 5A

NOTES

A. Roll Call: *Leroy Eadie*

City Council: Ben Stuckart, Mike Fagan and Karen Stratton

Park Board: Chris Wright, President; Susan Traver, Vice President; Leroy Eadie, Secretary; Ross Kelley; Ted McGregor; Greta Gilman; Steve Salvatori; Sally Lodato; and Mike Fagan, Council Liaison

Parks Staff and Guests: Jason Conley, Fianna Dickson, Jonathan Moog, Angel Spell, Al Vorderbrueggen, Jennifer Papich, Carl Strong and Berry Ellison

B. High Drive Bluff update – *Leroy Eadie*

1. Restoration – Avista is taking the lead on the High Drive Bluff restoration. Public outreach is underway and citizens are voicing their support of the plans. Restoration should be completed by the first week of June and will include planting about 900 young trees. These trees will be monitored over the summer with replacement planting in the fall, if necessary. The terrain where the road was cut will also be returned to its state prior to the road building. Legal action by the city is still under consideration. Parks is calculating what damages may be sought.
2. First Tee – First Tee's proposed contract to build a 3-hole golf course near the Creek at Qualchan golf course will return to the Park Board Golf Committee for consideration. The tree removal permit which had been issued to First Tee has been revoked. Parks remains open to the option of working with First Tee on a course geared for youths.
3. Friends of the Bluff – Parks and the Friends of the Bluff are continuing to work closely together and identify opportunities for an even stronger relationship.
4. Private land – Bracher Properties LLC, owners of private land also damaged by the road construction, is working with the Land Committee chair. Bracher is asking restoration be delayed until fall.

C. Urban Forestry – *Angel Spell*

1. Tree permits – A new online permitting software will be launched which is designed to improve the tree permitting process. The new process will be integrated with other city permitting processes.

D. Riverfront Park redevelopment – *Ted McGregor*

1. Ice Ribbon – The ribbon is on track for a Thanksgiving weekend grand opening should no unforeseen delays occur.

2. Loeff Carrousel – The new facility and carrousel may reopen as early as February 2018.
3. Pavilion – The Garco/NAC/Berger team is in the 120-day validation phase with completion of the Pavilion scheduled for the end of 2018 or early 2019. Council members look forward to a report from Parks on the vision for the Pavilion. That presentation is planned for the Aug. 10 City Council/Park Board joint study session.
4. North Bank – Discussions are continuing for the North Bank project which includes a regional play area, parking opportunities, etc.
5. Rotary Fountain – Some bond monies will be used on the fountain, but most of the funds will come from non-bond dollars. The fountain needs significant plumbing and electrical repairs. Plans do not involve changing the above-ground fountain.
6. Amusement rides – During today's Park Board meeting, the board adopted a resolution which directs staff to identify up to three rides, subject to Park Board approval, and the Tour Train for potential future use at the park. The resolution further declares proceeds from the sale of the remaining rides may be used for the future purchase of a ride(s) or other recreational amenity at the park. Hal McGlathery, who headed an advocacy group to save the rides, urged the board to delay action on the resolution until an assessment may be conducted on the feasibility of relocating the city-owned rides to the North Bank.

E. Sportsplex – *Ben Stuckart* reported the Sportsplex may be on the April 2018 ballot.

F. Bosch lot – *Leroy Eadie* provided an update of the Bosch Lot. Discussion involved the RCO stipulations on the Bosch Lot, transferring those RCO restrictions to two other city-owned parcels, whether a public vote is required for the Park Board to sell or exchange any parkland, and should the Park Board sell public land to a private climbing gym developer if it competes with locally-owned businesses.

G. Adjournment – The study session adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Next Park Board Study Session: 3:30 p.m. June 8, 2017, at City Hall Conference Room 5A, 5th floor City Hall.

Notes approved by:



Leroy Eadie, Director of Parks and Recreation