



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Community Center
1100 Lyons Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: June 24, 2015
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Workshop Meeting – With the Parks
and Recreation Board

1. Mayor Tooley called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
2. Present upon roll call:

Parks and Recreation Board

Randy Johnson, Chair
Ruth Gure, Vice Chair
David Anderson
Sajan Kurian
Elliott Rappaport
Frank Tilton, Alternate Member

City Commission

Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley
Vice Mayor Mikkie Belvedere
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Sandra Welch
Commissioner Joshua Rydell

Administrative Staff

City Manager Mary C. Blasi
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn

Also present:

City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

3. Discussion – Windmill Park Redesign

Mary Blasi, City Manager, noted that this was the third public meeting on the Windmill Park Redesign project, and provided a brief summary of the previous meetings. She explained that the information being presented tonight is a wish list and that the City will still have to conduct value engineering to see what the cost estimates are for the proposed improvements. She requested consensus to move forward with the layout plans and enhancements. She pointed out that the proposed improvements may be more than what is currently in the budget and may require phasing the improvements in future budget years.

Merrill Romanik, the architect of the redesign, presented a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation summarized the existing park amenities and the potential site improvements. The site improvements included:

- West entrance
- Parking lot
- Basketball, tennis, volleyball, and racquet/handball courts

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- Existing pavilion
- Playground/exercise areas
- Dog park
- Water's edge redesign
- Potential east entrance.

City Manager Blasi provided comments about the proposed improvements and the upgrades that were part of the first conceptual plan, or last year's \$2.4 million dollar budget. She reiterated that the City may not be able to do all of the improvements at once, but could do some improvements in subsequent years through the budget process. She briefly explained the next steps in the process which included pricing the cost of the project, going through the procurement process, and bringing the item before the Commission for approval. Discussion ensued regarding sewer/water and the bathroom at the pavilion.

Discussion ensued amongst the Parks and Recreation Board members, followed by the City Commission.

Mr. Tilton had no comments.

Mr. Rappaport expressed concern with the lighting and looked forward to seeing what is proposed and how it meets the proposed lighting ordinance.

Mr. Kurian had no comments.

Mr. Anderson noted that he liked the clustering of the adult exercise equipment into one area.

Mr. Johnston noted that he liked the rendering displayed of the improvements.

Ms. Gure indicated she liked everything presented.

Commissioner Rydell expressed that clustering the adult exercise equipment would be effective. He inquired if the playground would have artificial grass, and he asked about the orientation of the volleyball courts.

Commissioner Welch agreed with the clustering of the exercising equipment, and the idea of painting the south part of the parking lot near Lyons Road. She asked about the type of water fountains, the new covered pavilion, and the picnic tables in the dog park. She also asked if the floating dock could be a stationary dock. Discussion ensued regarding the fruit trees.

Commissioner Sarbone noted that everything looked great, and he agreed with the exercise equipment being clustered. He expressed concern with the costs, and how and when the money would be spent. He asked if the park would be closed if the improvements took place in phases. Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Belvedere noted concern with the budget. She mentioned that if the City had the funds then the City should proceed with what could be done at this time. She inquired about the water feature in the lake and asked about underwater aeration. She also asked about the racquetball courts having some separation from each other.

Mayor Tooley stated that she realized that cost-wise, not all improvements could be made. She expressed concerns about having a floating dock due to alligators in the lake. She said that she was not in favor of it. She suggested considering the rubber tire material for the playground area if it was less costly than the artificial grass. She explained that she liked the plans, but her main worry is no parking off of 45th Avenue.

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Barry Smith, 2000 Granada Drive, Coconut Creek, expressed concerns about the racquetball courts being too close together. He said he was surprised about the extra handball court as there are usually more racquetball players there.

Dan Hobby, 4230 NW 9 Court, Coconut Creek, urged the Commissioners and Board Members to reconsider pedestrian lighting. He noted there was no lighting in the area near Johns Windmill Way. He spoke about the pathway on the southeast corner of the property and the volume of fencing in the park. He noted that a lot of parents usually park and then walk through the park to take their children to and from school. He hoped that there could be a more direct pathway added. He also noted that fewer fences in the park would be better. Discussion ensued about the fences.

Palo Barbosa, 3351 Coco Plum Drive, Coconut Creek, provided comments about his weekly activities on the volleyball courts and visibility in the area. He suggested focusing on safety when designing the new parking area. He spoke about his late friend Ronnie Stern's passion for volleyball. He requested to have a plaque or a bench dedicated in memory of Mr. Stern, and said that the volleyball community would be willing to help. Mayor Tooley suggested that if the volleyball community would raise the funds for the bench then the City would install it.

Barbara Schiefer, 4773 NW 7 Manor, Coconut Creek, asked what type of ground cover was being installed for the adult exercise equipment. She noted the use of sand was not a good idea and suggested using a rubberized material. Ms. Romanik explained that the type of material was still being researched.

Mary Blasi, City Manager, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She explained that the City will be working very hard to see this project come to fruition. She noted that the funding plans will be presented at the City Commission Workshop on August 6, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Coconut Creek City Commission was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Dated