



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: March 2, 2015
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Workshop Meeting

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1. Acting Mayor Tooley called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Present upon roll call:

Parks and Recreation Board

Chair Randy Johnson
Vice Chair Ruth Gure
David Anderson
Sajan Kurian
Joshua D. Rydell
Michael Sacca

City Commission

Acting Mayor Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
Commissioner Sandra Welch

Administrative Staff

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

3. Discussion – Windmill Park Improvement Project

Director of Parks and Recreation Linda Wiederspan noted that the City Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board members had been provided a wish list of comments made by the public at the last workshop held on this project. Also included were comments posted through the *Speak-Up Coconut Creek* media program.

City Manager Mary Blasi suggested itemizing and reviewing the wish list to enable the architect, Merrill Romanik, to prepare a set of plans to later present to the Board members and the Commission.

DOG PARK

Mayor Tooley stated that the residents in the area wanted no additional lighting and for the closure of the park to remain as is. There must be additional water stations for the dogs and a suggestion had been made for a dog wash station. It has been requested that swipe cards could be provided for entrance to the park and there should be a system to ensure the dogs have been vaccinated. Residents have asked for additional shelter, new benches in the area and regular maintenance performed to the dog parks. The Mayor wanted to have cameras installed in the park. She added that there should

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be no parking allowed on 45 Avenue.

Commissioner Sarbone noted that a major issue is for mosquito and bug control. He felt the dog wash station was a good idea and agreed with not expanding the hours of the park.

Commissioner Belvedere questioned if there would be a walkway through South Creek. Ms. Wiederspan displayed an aerial to point out the location for a walkway. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Welch said the walkway would be wonderful, but wanted assurance that it would wide enough. She said the dog wash station is a good idea and there had to be mosquito control implemented. She requested retaining an open area for security with no trees. She said signage was a good idea and to hold one day of maintenance on a regular basis.

Mr. Rydell, Parks and Recreation Board, commented that of all of the dog parks he has visited, the City's is the only one without a dog wash station. He agreed with having a walkway and questioned if a rubber sidewalk would cause issues. He commented that there was not enough space for another feature at the park and it should only be expanded if the area cannot be used for anything else. He agreed with showing proof of vaccinations/

Director of Public Works Jim Berkman explained that rubber sidewalks are meant for drainage and have to be cleaned of leaves and debris periodically.

Ms. Romanik asked if there would be any development along 45 Avenue. City Manager Blasi explained that the area by 45 Avenue would be left as an open green space area. Ms. Wiederspan added that the expansion of the park would be towards the Johns property. Mayor Tooley requested that part of that property be fenced off due to alligators and to keep children away from the lake.

Mayor Tooley suggested combining the small and medium dog park areas. City Manager Blasi mentioned DNA testing for the dogs for possible violation of dog park procedures. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kurian, Parks and Recreation Board, agreed with the cameras in the park for safety and opening the fence to combine the small and medium dog parks.

Mr. Anderson, Parks and Recreation Board, agreed with not expanding the park. He suggested a walkway closer to 45 Avenue or mulch around the area where the dogs tend to run. He agreed with DNA testing.

Mr. Sacca, Parks and Recreation Board, noted that he lives in the north end of the City and had been unaware of the dog park in Windmill.

Ms. Gure, Parks and Recreation Board, agreed with all the comments and felt it would be very beneficial for the residents.

City Manager Blasi said cameras would be installed first in Windmill Park with the possibility of other parks in the future. There was brief discussion regarding security.

Mr. Berkman said that aerating the lake would help with the mosquito and bug issue. Commissioner Belvedere suggested that he check with Wynmoor as the development

had just added a type of aerator that also helps the fish. There was discussion regarding relocating the restroom and the old building could be the separator between the two dog parks.

The list was reviewed for consensus.

TENNIS, RACQUET, PADDLE BOARD COURTS

Ms. Wiederspan explained that the tennis courts need to be renovated. She advised that Clay courts would be an over improvement on the site and noted that there was a need for shade structures in the area. She said the courts should remain in the same position and to add a shade area to the middle. Discussion ensued regarding safety in the area.

Commissioner Belvedere inquired about using solar lighting on the walkways. Ms. Wiederspan said it would not work if the trees are kept in the area with a large tree canopy.

Mr. Sacca inquired about the comments regarding the courts being used by the tennis pro and not available for public use. Ms. Wiederspan noted there will be a tennis complex within Windmill Park and there are two courts at Winston Park as well as two at Sabal Pines. She added that there have been no complaints from the Residents being able to use a court. It was confirmed the courts would be refinished with hard true court with new fencing and lighting.

A five minute recess was taken at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Tooley noted that additional racquetball courts were unnecessary. Ms. Wiederspan suggested adding a better ingress and egress to and from the courts. There was consensus that the number of courts was fine but there should be improved lighting and access as well as cleaning-up the area.

Mr. Rydell inquired about adding a wall to allow for an additional handball wall. Discussion ensued about changing the walls.

WALKWAYS AND EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Belvedere asked for wider walkways to host bike riders and walkers and provide exercise equipment. Mayor Tooley added that there should be equipment for the disabled as well and Mr. Anderson said there should be a shade structure for the exercise equipment.

Commissioner Belvedere mentioned ventilators in the water, such as the one recently installed at Wynmoor. Commissioner Sarbone agreed and noted that the ventilators would be quieter than a water feature. Discussion ensued about setting a timer on a water feature to address any noise issues.

Commissioner Welch said the fruit trees and green space on the Johns property should be kept for free play. Consensus was given to keep the fruit trees on the Johns property.

Mr. Anderson suggested having a fishing pier or dock for fishing.

VOLLEYBALL COURTS

Ms. Wiederspan noted the popularity of volleyball and pointed out that if more courts are

added there will be increased parking needs. She also pointed out that there are volleyball courts at several of the other parks in the City. There was extensive discussion regarding parking in this area.

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Phil Randazzo explained the existing amenities at the park. Discussion ensued regarding volley ball services.

BASKETBALL COURTS

Ms. Wiederspan suggested fencing the area to maintain control and to update the courts. The basketball schedule was briefly discussed.

Commissioner Welch inquired about the building located near the basketball courts. Ms. Wiederspan explained that there were plans to utilize the upstairs of that building for office space and to use the bottom area for the tennis pro and for storage. Discussion ensued regarding renovating the restrooms.

Mr. Rydell cautioned that the fencing on the basketball courts be kept at 10 foot setbacks around the perimeter of the area to prevent injury.

Discussion ensued about adding a swimming pool/aquatic center. It was noted that this type of feature will be addressed in the development of the MainStreet area.

LAKE

Mayor Tooley reiterated that a fountain will be added to the lake to aerate the water. Commissioner Belvedere asked about aeration from underneath the water rather than the noise of a fountain. Ms. Wiederspan suggested that it should be controlled by a timer and could possibly have a color feature.

Mr. Anderson suggested adding extra trash cans and bins for recycling in the lake area.

EARL JOHNS PROPERTY

Mayor Tooley summarized the following suggestions for the Earl Johns property: to retain the windmill, provide safety lighting on walkways, improve entranceway for walkers and bicyclists, no parking and to preserve the history. Discussion ensued regarding providing for the history of South Creek in this area of the park.

Commissioner Welch asked for clarification regarding the lighting on the walkways. City Manager Blasi said the City has a very strict lighting ordinance, which prevents any type of spillage of light onto another property.

It was suggested to install gates to the park, which could be closed at night. Ms. Romanik suggested adding charging stations throughout the park for cell phones and other mobile devices.


It was noted that there will be another joint meeting held with full public discussion to review the design based on tonight's comments. Ms. Romanik suggested that the plans could be available in approximately six weeks.

Mr. Rydell confirmed that the park would be completely closed during the renovations. Discussion ensued. Ms. Wiederspan stated that ample time would be needed to relocate the recreation amenities and to notify the residents.

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4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

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Dated