

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, Eugene Earney, and City Council Liaison Mike Wallen. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, Senior Planner Katie Larsen, Mike Schneider of Homestead Multi-Family Development Corporation and Dan Loegering with Big Lake Sports Association. Those Absent: Committee Members Renee Rossman, Denise McDowall Seyko and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Stern motioned to accept the October 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Committee Member Earney to change the order of business, moving 3B Old Business in front of 3A. Seconded by Committee Member Stern, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3B. REVIEW NORTHERN STAR APARTMENT PLANS

Both Senior Planner Katie Larsen and Mr. Mike Schneider reviewed the preliminary plat of Northern Star Apartments that creates a 25 foot wide Outlot, with an 80 foot street right of way and 38 foot wide street, an additional 21 feet right of way “open space” is also created. The total open space corridor equals 46 feet.

The City may elect at its sole discretion to receive a combination of cash, land, and development of the land for park and/or trail use.

Senior Planner Larsen stated based on residential build-out projections of the Master Plan, there is potential growth of 700 residential units in the Station and Midway Zones. Future park land needs could be approximately 30 acres. Since the land with the TOD area is owned by several different property owners, the City will not obtain a full 30 acre park via park land dedication alone. The City may need to consider land acquisition in the future.

Discussion followed on whether the Park Board wants the Outlot a City Park, whether or not the Board wants to dedicate the improvements and if the park design that is being proposed is acceptable.

Committee Member Earney made a motion to recommend the park dedication fee be reduced from \$2,500.00 per unit to \$2,000.00 per unit for the Northern Star Apartments

Development upon response to the applicant's request. Seconded by Committee Member Stern, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3A. DISCUSS OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the outdoor exercise equipment is installed at Lakeside Park.

3C. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH DAN LOEGERING, SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Loegering expressed the need for additional ball fields in Big Lake. Mr. Loegering is inquiring about the City owned land on Highway 25 and the possibility of developing that property into a park with ball fields. The issue of entering and exiting the land off of Highway 25 was discussed. The Park Board informed Mr. Loegering that he needs a plan/proposal that he can present to the City Council at their meeting.

3D. RIVER OAKS PARK UPDATE

City Council Liaison Wallen spoke with the realtor regarding the 2.6 acre strip of land in Shady River Campground. The realtor is not interested in negotiations until the land goes through the redemption/foreclosure period. Council Liaison Wallen will continue to monitor the land.

Public Works Director Goebel was informed by Committee Member McDowall Seyko said that her parents, Bob and Pat McDowall are considering donating a piece of land they own by Shady River Campground to the City.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Nau stated that Community Education would like to work with the City regarding the Community Garden. The Board would like someone to step forward to run the garden before proceeding with the project.

5. STAFF UPDATE – None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. SET SPECIAL GATHERING, BIG LAKE COMMITTEES WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M., BIG LAKE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Member Earney made a motion to set a special gathering, Big Lake Committees Workshop on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 5:00 pm, in the Big Lake Council Chambers which will replace the Park Advisory Committee's regular December Meeting. Seconded by Council Liaison Wallen, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Council Liaison Wallen, unanimous ayes, motion carried.