

Committee of the Whole

January 28, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance: Barry Porter, Al Delgado, Jenni McCauley, Jim O'Reilly, Sarah Stankorb Taylor, Jeff LeRoy, and Thaddeus Hoffmeister

Staff members in attendance: Terry Huxel – Public Works Director, Terry Vanderman – Community Development Director, Lynn Tetley – City Manager, and Rachel Leininger – Director of Recreation and Citizen Engagement

Others present: Ralph Boss and Holly Emch – Chisholm Park Task Force

Chisholm Park Task Force Report – Ralph Boss and Holly Emch

Ms. Tetley provided an overview of the Task Force process and introduced Mr. Boss and Ms. Emch. The Task Force was created in the fall of 2017 and completed its work in July 2018. Mr. Boss provided an overview of the general feedback and tensions that generated as a result of the discussion of the park in general. The Task Force sent a postcard to all properties within a 15 minute walking distance radius to solicit input. This generated a list of “ok” and “no way” park features. This list was provided to a local resident landscape architect, Todd Wales, to create a concept plan to include all “ok” concepts. This concept plan was submitted to City Council during the recent Capital Improvement Project prioritization process. The only portion of the plan that was funded in 2019 was the replacement of fencing and the backstop. The balance of the project was pushed into out years due to the lack of funding. Council asked questions regarding what residents’ concerns were and what sort of support existed. Primary concerns expressed by neighbors about the revitalization of this park is increased parking in the neighborhood and the potential for an increase in crime. Ms. Emch suggested this could be an article for What’s Up Wyoming and offered to facilitate that article. Mayor Porter stated that he had concerns about soliciting donations for items such as this park, due to the fact the park may not be built for several years. Mr. LeRoy stated this was commonplace in terms of capital project funding campaigns. Ms. Stankorb Taylor stated the project has small components and could be built in pieces as funds allow or are raised.

Master Plan Implementation Spreadsheet Information

Mr. Vanderman provided a sample of the implementation spreadsheet for City Council to see. This is similar to the process used for the 2007 Master Plan. Mr. Vanderman provided a general overview of the Master Plan update process. This document was provided at the Committee of the Chairpersons meeting last week and these groups have been asked to add comments and goals in the document. This information will be populated over the life of the Master Plan and will be compiled and kept by the Community Development Department.

Dog Park Memo from Recreation Commission

Ms. Tetley referenced the dog park memo and spreadsheet that was sent to City Council with the agenda packet. Ms. Leininger was available to answer questions. Ms. McCauley asked if there are any plans for dog parks in any adjacent communities. The only proposed park is through the Hamilton County Park District, which is tentatively slated for the Lakeridge and McKelvey property. This project is not funded at this time, not is it included in their five year plan. The primary issue regarding the placement of a dog park in Wyoming is the lack of suitable space (i.e. size, residential areas, etc.).

Miscellaneous

Ms. Stankorb Taylor requested the city's current traffic assessment process be posted on the website so residents know the process to evaluate traffic and speeding concerns. The consensus was to not establish a formal process since situations are different and dynamic and can continue to be addressed as they currently are being handled. Mayor Porter stated that issues such as these simply need to be referred to the City Manager.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked how public hearings are advertised. Ms. Tetley stated that these are posted in the newspaper and bulletin board, by law. These are also posted on the City website.

Ms. McCauley has a resident ask why Council does not say the Pledge of Allegiance before meetings. Council agreed to add this to future City Council meeting agendas.

Mr. O'Reilly provided an update on the proposed Mill Creek Conservancy District fee on adjacent parcels that would fund improvements to the watershed. There are meetings this week of First Suburbs and the Hamilton County Municipal League where this will be discussed further.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Approved:

Barry Porter, Mayor