

MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

AUG 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 4:25. Suzanne Russel, Ann Blue and Suzanne Lyons present.

Suzanne Russel made a motion to approve the agenda and Ann Blue seconded. There was no citizen input. However, a citizen had asked Suzanne Lyons if the restroom at 5th Street could be made unisex as during events in the park there is a very long line for the ladies' and none for the men's room.

The approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2015 meeting on the consent agenda was moved to the next meeting as there was a question about the request to have the city attorney give us some input on the liability issue in connection with West Side Park. No mention of the request was in the minutes, and the audio disk of the meeting Suzanne Lyons requested in order to hear the exact wording of the motion would not play. The request should be addressed at the September meeting.

There were no reports as no staff member was available for the meeting.

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS: Ann Blue made a report on walking path options for the "Scenic Walk" path in Library Park and through the town. The number and type of benches for the project was discussed with pictures of some options presented. Ann Blue will have her

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presentation typed up for consideration at the next meeting in September. Suzanne Russel will request a copy of the map from Mark Brannigan including the proposed last leg to include Main Street down to Martin Street. A different type of "footprint" was proposed maybe including colors to show which segment of the path one is using. Suzanne R. made a motion to bring the plans to the September meeting for approval. Ann Blue seconded. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5PM.

Minutes submitted by Suzanne Lyons

part of ...

In September 2014 Susan Jenn under the "Umbrella of the Community Transformation Physical Activities" offered a \$5,000 grant. We shared with her a plan we had been discussing for walking paths in the area of Library Park and Main Street. A motion was made and approved to develop a walking trail acting as recipient of funding for said grant.

In subsequent meetings we have continued to discuss the project. In the June 2015 meeting members Ann Blue and Suzanne Lyons were named as committee members to work on a plan to present to the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The first part of this presentation, which you may follow on the map, is very detailed giving exact locations in regard to the side of the street to walk on. One of our big concerns throughout the process has been safety. We looked for the best and most complete sidewalk, curb cut out and marked crosswalks on major street crossings.

Please hold all comments and questions until the loop paths routes have been covered. Your input is important to the success of the project and will be welcome.

We have named the project "Scenic Paths" that can be changed. In general we will discuss all signs later in the presentation. For now the sign would be:

Scenic Paths

- Blue Loop ~~3.0~~ miles .50 *approximate*
- Green Loop ~~1.5~~ miles .75
- Red Loop 1.6 miles 1.7
- Yellow Loop 2.0 miles

Map located on back of sign.

All paths begin and end at the Southwest corner of Library Park (First Street and Park Street) near the circular planter.

Travel East to the lake frontage - go North keeping to the sidewalk until you reach the Fifth Street restrooms. Develop a Stretch Station in front of the two parking spaces (recommendations later). Cross to the North side of Fifth Street go West to Main Street. Blue Loop only would cross to the West side of Main Street, turn South and continue to the Southwest corner of Main Street and Third Street. Cross to the East side of Main Street and go South on Main Street to the Northeast corner of First Street then go East one block to First Street and Park Street to the end of the path.

Back at the Northeast corner of Fifth Street and Main Street Green, Red and Yellow Loop would continue North on Main Street to Ninth Street. At this point, Green Loop would cross the street to the Southwest corner of Ninth Street and Main Street and go South to Fifth Street and would join Blue Loop to the end of the path.

Back at the Southwest corner of Main Street and Ninth Street Red and Yellow Loop

would continue North on Main Street to Sixteenth Streets Northeast corner, go West on the North side of Sixteenth Street to High Street. Cross to the Northwest corner of Sixteenth and High Street. Go South on High Street to Clearlake Avenue where a Rest Station will be established (recommendation later) continue South on the West side of High Street to Ninth Street. Turn East on the North side of Ninth Street to the Northeast side of Ninth and Forbes Street. Cross Ninth Street to the Southeast side of Ninth Street and Forbes Street going East on Ninth Street to the Southwest side of Main Street. At this point Green, Red and Yellow Loops will continue South and join Blue Loop all together until they reach the Southwest corner of Third Street and Main Street. All except Yellow Loop will continue together to First Street and Park Street.

Yellow Loop will continue South on the West side of Main Street to the Northwest corner of Martin Street where they cross over to the East side of Main Street and go North to the Northeast corner of First Street and Main Street turning East to the First Street and Park Street end of the path. One or more paths will cover both sides of Main Street from Ninth Street to Martin Street.

Stretch Station

Location next to Fifth Street Boat ramp and restrooms. Recommend moving concrete barriers (to stop cars) back West to allow enough space for safety 3 to 5 feet. Resurface the area and make level (sink hole NE corner). Place sign descriptive or pictorial to be determined. Add a bench near the restroom to accommodate waiting spouse, etc. Recommend at least one of the parking spaces be limited to 20 minutes for bathroom use. We believe it was posted in the past, maybe was lost in a point job!?

Rest Area High Street at Clearlake Avenue

Location behind barrier across one half of High Street. West side of traffic lane. Approximately 16 ½ feet wide. Sidewalk area directly behind barrier. Create a space deep enough to accommodate a hop scotch grid on the pavement, a bench, add a tree (crepe myrtle, native decorative grass) etc. Protect South side of area with curbing. Replace both barriers on High Street and Clearlake Avenue with something more attractive. We suggest rod iron and some type of low maintenance planting.

Signs

Beginning of paths, perhaps place in circular planter (remove rose bush and replace with low growing plants). Sign at stretch station as described above. Points of interest signs ...Natural High (with permission) a list of previous uses - grammar school, Alternative High School, Sea Plane fly in, etc. Mountain and lake views (scenic views) Clearlake Avenue, Rose Avenue, Sixteenth Street and Forbes Street view Osprey nest, at Forbes Street and Fifteenth (pictorial sign). Sixteenth Street and High Street pointing North "shopping area - shops and restaurants etc. Consider using shoe prints rather than the already approved footprints. How could we use color coding of the paths as a guide to

follow your chosen route?

Pamphlets

No pamphlets at beginning of paths (litter). Contain information on the paths: mileage, views, points of interest, helpful or interesting information. Sell advertising space to offset printing costs. Place at the usual locations: City Hall, Museum, Motels, Gifts Shops, Bait Shops, Book Stores or Art Galleries etc. What is the best method for marking mileage?