

Planning Commission Chair Brenda Hornbuckle opened the June 15, 2011 combined meeting of the Castle Rock Planning Commission and Castle Rock Park Board at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Planning Commission Members Nancy Murphy, Gordon Snyder, Richard Heltemes, Doug Parker and Planning Commission Secretary Joanne Purvis. The attending Park Board Commissioners were Roy Henson, Linda Moody, Lynda Frantsvog and Marguerite Ogden. Also present was City Planner T.J. Keiran, Public Works Director David Vorse and Public Works Secretary Barbara Roller.

Following approval of Planning Commission minutes, City Planner T.J. Keiran reviewed the Park Plan update process. If a development will have an impact on the park system, the Park Plan specifies park land dedication or fee in lieu of land dedication (FILO) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Keiran provided supporting documentation with a Multifamily Development Potential Map and Continued Discussion Regarding Park Land Dedication for Multifamily Residential Development dated June 15, 2011. Other documentation included in the Park Board Packet was Establishing Multi-Family Residential Development Recreational Properties/Amenities dated May 18, 2011.

Keiran recommends providing developers with a table that gives specific points for each recreational component. This would offer the developer options to meet the points required for the development size. This committee must determine the number of residential units within a multifamily development that will initiate the park land dedication requirement. The committee reviewed the map of areas with the potential for multifamily development and proximity to recreational opportunities. Some areas are underserved with significant physical barriers to existing facilities. This committee would like specific point requirements determined by development size with no consideration given to location. This would provide equitable treatment for each zone. For example eight housing units could require 4 points.

Points can be gain through pedestrian bicycle friendly components such as sidewalk access that provides passage to recreational facilities. The developer can provide nonpublic recreational components for the housing development, such as a basketball hoop, bench or picnic table. The goal is to minimize the development's impact on public parks. Stormwater facilities can be designed in a way that will also serve as a recreational amenity. Parking issues must also be addressed.

Chair Hornbuckle thanked the Park Board for working in conjunction with the Planning Commission on this subject. The Park Board meeting continued in the adjacent room.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Moody approved the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Park Board Meeting. She was the only Park Board Commissioner that attended that meeting.

Park Plan

Vorse clarified that the Park Plan will be distributed at the next Regular Park Board Meeting on July 20, 2011.

Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch

Vorse reports that the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch Project Phase 2 has been awarded Recreation and Conservation Office Boating Facilities Program funding in the amount of \$479,000 plus Cowlitz County Rural Development funding in the amount of \$155,000. This project to complete this facility, will begin this summer.

Cowlitz River Pedestrian Bridge

Vorse detailed that an unsuccessful application was submitted to the Washington State Federal Highway Administration Discretionary Grants Transportation Community & System Preservation Program for the Cowlitz River at Castle Rock Pedestrian Bridge Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$155,000.

Riverfront Trail West

Vorse announced that Greg Horsley will provide a pedestrian bridge to extend the Riverfront Trail West over Arkansas Creek. Mayor Helenberg is currently attempting to obtain the donation of transporting this 7' by 100' bridge.

RV Resort

Vorse explained that DNR has requested a public hearing for the 'High Banks' Land Swap.

Riverfront Trail North Extension Project

Vorse updated that one barrier block on the Riverfront Trail Extension Project must be replaced where the trail transitions onto the narrower pedestrian passage over the railroad bridge. The block with the edge intruding onto the trail will be replaced with a tapered block.

Community Economic Development Representative Nancy Chennault will assist with the landscape design at the new trailhead that was developed as part of this project. The landscaping features will be a continuation of those at the Cowlitz River Dental Clinic. A section has been reserved for a future restroom. This section has been raised and Teresa with Dahlias 4 You has volunteered to plant dahlias there.

Vorse reports that the Chamber of Commerce is planning a Community Connection Celebration in September. Beginning at Mt. St. Helens Motel, the business owners from uptown will meet the business owners from downtown at the new trailhead parking lot.

Entrance Features

Commissioner Henson noted that landscaping work is needed at the south entrance features.

Cowlitz Street W Revitalization Project

Commissioners Moody, Frantsvog and Henson complimented Gray & Osborne Resident Inspector Ken Harris, Public Works Personnel Don Curtis and Nutter Corporation Personnel for going above and beyond to accommodate downtown customers during the Cowlitz Street West Revitalization Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vorse adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.