# **MINUTES**

# RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

## WORK SESSION — 6:00 P.M.

#### Call to Order

Mayor Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Bob Townsend

Mayor

Laura Maczka Mark Solomon Scott Dunn Mayor Pro Tem Council member

Scott Dunn Kendal Hartley Steve Mitchell Council member Council member Council member

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The following Park and Recreation Commissioners were also present:

**Bob Dubey** 

Amir Omar

Chair

Susan Fischer Collin Hayes Pam Krause Jeremy Thomason Amit Vaghela Monica Weinman

Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Commissioner

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson

City Manager

David Morgan

Deputy City Manager

Cliff Miller

Assistant City Manager Development Services

Samantha Woodmancy

Management Analyst

Aimee Nemer

City Secretary

Mick Massey

Director of Parks and Recreation

#### A. Visitors

No visitor comments were submitted.

# B. Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to Review and Discuss the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan

Mick Massey, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2012 and Beyond (PROSMP) with a presentation that covered the following areas:

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- Background of the Master Plan
- The Planning Process
- Needs Assessment Study
- Aquatics Facility Planning
- Level of Service
- Focus Group Input
- Citizen Survey
- Needs Assessment and Conclusions

The top ten recommended facility priorities are:

- 1. Multi-use Paved Trails
- 2. Swimming Pools/Spraygrounds
- 3. Natural Areas
- 4. Dog Park
- 5. Botanical/Community Garden
- 6. Benches/Seating Areas
- 7. Picnic Shelters/Pavilions
- 8. Band Stand/Amphitheater
- 9. Indoor Recreation Center
- 10. Basketball/Volleyball (indoor)

Mr. Massey also reviewed the plan with specifics to aquatics including the history and current facilities, current trends, and future needs. He reviewed the recommended aquatic implementation:

- Replace Arapaho Pool with Neighborhood Aquatic Family Center
- Add New Indoor Aquatic Center Centrally Located
- Add New Neighborhood Aquatic Family Center in northeast Richardson
- Add Sprayground in northeast Richardson
- Continue operation of remaining outdoor pools Cottonwood, Canyon Creek, Glenville, and Terrace.

Mr. Massey reviewed the plan implementation and potential funding sources. He stated that the Plan Implementation is not necessarily in priority order and explained that this would allow for projects to be achieved as the opportunity arises with timing and funding being critical.

Mr. Massey stated that the Park and Recreation Commission reviewed the PROSMP in October with the following conclusions:

- •It was recognized the PROSMP is comprehensive in nature and bold in scope of ideas and needs for the City.
- •It was recognized that the PROSMP is a set of goals that will be challenging at times and hard to reach without funding, partnerships, and opportunities.

- •It was recognized that the PROSMP is long range in scope with challenges to repair, renovate, or renew the parks system and in some cases build new facilities.
- •It was recognized that long range plans take time.

Regarding the Council Near Term Action Items 13 and 17, Mr. Massey reviewed the following:

# Item 13 - "Evaluate funding strategies, timing, and implementation planning Parks."

- •Funding strategies
- -PROSMP helped shape the 2010 Capital Projects needs leading to support from the public on the bond program.
- -Dallas County, Collin County, UT Dallas, NCTCOG, TXDOT partnerships have been supported by the PROSMP and have led to gains in funding trail development and trail planning.
- -City of Plano to Richardson and Murphy trail as a regional multi-agency project.
- •Timing
- -PROSMP allows flexibility of timing so partnerships can evolve and alternate sources of funding sought: Example University Trail planning.
- -As partnership opportunities have presented themselves, timing can accelerate or decelerate. Example: Central Trail expansion into Bush Turnpike development.
- -Opportunities affect timing of Park projects where there is no land or no funding. Example: New Park on Weatherred.
- •Implementation planning
- -City of Richardson and City of Murphy Multi Agency Recreation Center potential partnership answered many questions, thus advancing the issue for the Breckinridge Recreation Center.
- -Implementation, funding, and partnerships all integral parts of the PROSOMP however there is also flexibility allowing for opportunities that arise and priorities to shift.

# Item 17- "Evaluate appropriate opportunities for public-private partnerships for future development, city services/amenities and parks."

- •PROSMP identified park and open space needs at **Transit Oriented Development** areas and partnerships have formed at Brick Row and Bush Turnpike Station.
- •Seeking opportunities for partnerships through the **Enhancement Redevelopment Studies** (i.e. Spring Valley Corridor, Central and Main Street, Arapaho, etc.)
- •Early development of partnership for Indoor Gymnasium space with SVAA.
- •Ongoing public-private partnerships for services in Corporate Challenge and Wildflower!

In summary, Mr. Massey reviewed the conclusion and next steps:

- •The PROSMP is a guide for larger "system wide" decisions based on citizen wants and needs.
- •The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan is being used for City planning, partnerships, and grant applications and has been an effective, useful, and successful planning tool.
- •The "needs" are many; however, adhering to the PROSMP is important to achieving parks and recreation system goals.
- •The PROSMP allows adjustments to changes in needs and allow for opportunities that present themselves.
- •PROSMP will need to be evaluated and updated at 5 year anniversary, 2015.

#### **Council/Commissioner Comments**

Each of the Park Commissioners addressed Council with comments of appreciation for Mr. Massey and the Park staff. Common thoughts from the Parks Commissioners were that that the Master Plan is a fluent plan that is to be used as a guide. Several Commissioners considered the public/private partnerships and corporate sponsorships to be high priority.

Councilmember Solomon, who serves as the Park and Recreation Commission liaison, thanked the Commissioners and staff for their work on the Master Plan and all the hours they put in serving the community.

Mayor Townsend and each Councilmember commended the Park Commission and staff for their work.

Council discussed priorities of searching for unique opportunities, exploring partnerships and sponsorships, ongoing costs of aging pools and how they will be funded, and showcasing the City's amenities at every opportunity. Council expressed a strong desire to identify funding needs and opportunities in a formal process so that it can be communicated to potential philanthropists, partners, and sponsors. Council also expressed a desire to continue exploring partnerships with the school districts, UTD, and other land owners that may have shared interests.

Ultimately, Council determined to check the Near Council Action Items 13 and 17 as completed; but with a charge to staff and the Commission to continue to focus on cultivating relationships to develop partnerships and seeking all funding opportunities.

# C. Report on Items of Community Interest

No reports were given.

#### RECESS

With no further business, the Mayor recessed the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and stated Council would reconvene into Executive Session at 8:45.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

# **Council Action**

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

- In compliance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Council will convene into a closed session to discuss the following:
  - Personnel
    - Evaluation of the City Manager
- Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in executive session.

# **Council Action**

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:59 p.m. There was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY