

Meeting Agenda
Wilsonville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
March 9th, 2017
4:30 PM
Parks and Rec Admin Building

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Approval of Minutes: February 2nd, 2017
- II. Citizen Input
- III. Board Officer Appointments
- IV. Public Meeting Protocol
- V. French Prairie Bridge Project Update
- VI. Boones Ferry Park Master Plan Update
- VII. Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan Update
 - a. Board Member Priorities (Top 3)
- VIII. Future Meeting Start Times
- IX. Director Report – McCarty
- X. Parks Report – Blankenship
- XI. Recreation/Park Rental Report – Stevenson
- XII. Board Comments

Next Meeting –
Thursday, April 13th, 2017
6:00 pm
Wilsonville City Hall

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Meeting Minutes
Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
February 2nd, 2017 6:00pm
Wilsonville City Hall

WILSONVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Steve Benson, David Davis, Kate Johnson, Ken Rice, Elaine Swyt

Scott Starr - Council Representative

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Members present: Steve Benson, Kate Johnson, Ken Rice, David Davis

Members absent: Elaine Swyt

Staff present: Tod Blankenship, Brian Stevenson, Jeanna Troha, Ahsamon Ante-Marandi

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were approved with a request to amend

2. Citizen Input: None

3. Memorial Park Dog Park/Community Garden Parking Lot (continued from January 4 meeting) - Rappold

a. Kerry Rappold, City of Wilsonville Natural Resources Program Manager & Project Manager

- i. At the February 2nd meeting, the Board recommended Concept #3 with access off of Schroeder Way, but directed staff to look at a Rose Lane alternative route.

b. Tod Blankenship, City of Wilsonville Parks Supervisor

- i. Parking was recognized as an issue in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, which was adopted in 2007. The Memorial Park Master Plan (MPMP) began in 2014 and again recognized parking issues in the park. Over 600 responses were received from the City-wide online survey, in addition to stakeholder meetings and 3 well-attended open houses for the MPMP. As a result of the public input, passive use was kept on east side of the park, while active use was kept on the

west side of the park. Council adopted the MPMP in May 2015. The MPMP has 3 phases of implementation. Currently in phase 1, which includes the NE parking lot, relocation of the dog park, restroom facilities in the NE parking lot, bicycle pump track (where current dog park is located), and community garden expansion and 9-hole disc golf course (both of which were completed last year). This parking lot is the next in line for the rest of the projects in phase 1 to be completed on schedule.

c. John Christiansen, Project Engineer, AKS Engineering

- i. Concept 3 was recommended by staff at the last meeting. It provides sufficient parking in close proximity to the garden and dog park. It has an efficient design, a relatively small footprint, and was the least expensive of the proposed concepts. It also aligned with the MPMP concept with access off of Schroeder Way.
- ii. Concept 3B was created after the last meeting in order to take the recommended concept and blend in an access route from Rose Lane. The Rose Lane access using the same parking lot plan from concept 3 left a lot of nonfunctional open space. To address that, a circular parking configuration was created for Concept 3B.
- iii. Kerry Rappold mentioned that reconfiguring concept 3 to 3B reduces current and proposed dog park area by 25%. Brian Stevenson added that as part of the project, it was laid out to the dog park users that the dog park would stay the same size, so Concept 3B would result in a much smaller dog park than initially planned.
- iv. Steve Benson asked how far the entrance was from Rose Lane to Montgomery Way. Staff did not have the exact measurement but offered to look on Google Maps.
- v. Kate Johnson asked if Concept 3B would affect the pollinator habitats. Kerry Rappold responded that Concept 3B would impact the habitat near Rose Ln, originally not affected by Concept 3.
- vi. John Christiansen added that Concept 3B increases storm water runoff. Runoff would drain towards a small culvert under Rose Lane. Runoff would need to be routed to that drainage through private property. Compared to Concept 3, drainage would lead to an established 24" outfall direct to Boeckman Creek. Due to sheer volume of infrastructure, Concept 3B would incur a 70% increase in project cost.
- vii. Steve Benson inquired about a path on the project site along the tree line that appears to be driven on. Tod Blankenship responded that it was a goat path to begin with but an outside agency has been contracted to work there on the pollinator habitat. Small, lightweight utility vehicles are utilizing the path for work on the habitat.

d. Public Comment:

- i. Kerry Rappold stated that public input was received prior to the meeting and shared with the Parks Board in their meeting packet. A petition (49 signatures)

was also received and shared with the Board in the meeting packet. Staff would answer the questions presented:

1. Why Relocate the Dog Park?
 - a. Tod Blankenship restated that the rest of the phasing of the MPMP is contingent upon moving the dog park. Once it is moved, the bicycle pump track can be installed and the east parking lot by the sports fields can be completed and the skate park moved.
2. Concern Regarding the Environmental Impact
 - a. Kerry Rappold confirmed that the project would not impact any environmentally sensitive areas, regardless of whether access is from Rose Ln or Schroeder Way.
3. Transportation Concerns – Nancy Kraushaar, PE, Community Development Director
 - a. Traffic study primarily focused on Schroeder Way and the traffic generated by the parking lot itself, so the number of vehicles would be the same regardless of where access comes from.
 - b. Traffic study was measured by the PM Peak (5-7pm). The study found 16 trips coming/going to the dog park, and 4 trips coming/going to the garden, which represents 10 cars total. Important to note that traffic will vary depending on the season. Tod Blankenship shared that peak garden season is June-Aug.
 - c. Concerns regarding the Rose Ln/Wilsonville Rd Intersection and Rose Ln/Schroeder Way Intersection. City could clear vegetation to improve site distance and could realign Schroeder Way with Rose Lane, making it more perpendicular and further from Wilsonville Rd. Some paving and grading would be required to make those changes.
 - d. Engineering is working with the Roads Department to improve that intersection regardless of the parking lot project.
 - e. City could provide 20 more feet of stacking distance for the stop sign. Important to reiterate that traffic volumes are low for this area. Typical local streets in Wilsonville have the capacity for 1500 average daily traffic (750 cars). Estimating about 30 cars for Schroeder Way, due to the number of homes on the street.
 - f. Pedestrian and Bike Safety Concerns: can use pavement markings and signage (“Shared Roadway”, “Slow”, etc.) to alert the user (pedestrian/bike/vehicle) that the road is utilized by a variety of users.
 - i. Steven Benson asked if speed bumps would be added. Nancy responded that the City has a policy not to use speed bumps due to the amount of noise they cause and evidence that they don’t effectively slow speed.

- ii. She added that there is a possibility to lower speed limit if less than 2000 vehicles/day and if 85% of travelers are going less than 30mph.
- ii. Kerry Rappold concluded the staff responses regarding public comment section. Staff Report recommends moving forward with Concept 3 with access off of Schroeder Way. A decision from the Board is needed tonight regarding moving forward with Concepts 3 or 3B or any alternatives. Recommendation will be forwarded on to the Development Review Board.
- iii. Ken Rice asked why 33 stalls are proposed when no more than 10 cars are estimated to use it at a time. Tod Blankenship replied that the consultants of the MPMP calculated the 33-stall size of the lot. Nancy Kraushaar mentioned that more people could use the lot at any given time and that the traffic study is an average. For example, if there were a planting event, the lot would see more cars.
- iv. Steve Benson asked the validity of the comment received prior to the meeting of an agreement between Mr. Kolbe and the City which prevented Memorial Park access from Rose Lane. Kerry Rappold responded that he could not locate any confirmation of the proposed agreement.

e. Citizen Input:

i. Edward Pothetes (7475 SW Schroeder Way)

- 1. Concerned about safety and traffic coming through the Schroeder Way neighborhood. With an average of 2 cars per family, that equals 14 cars, which is higher than the traffic study. Believes that 33 stalls will be necessary and that access would be safer via Rose Lane.

ii. Steve Gregg (6650 SW Montgomery Way):

- 1. Asked citizens/audience: (1) If they can all agree that they do not want to compromise safety? (2) If they agree that the City should be viewed as a model neighbor? (3) If they agree that any financial improvements not be done unless absolutely necessary?
- 2. Appreciated the staff work done on the project and the studies completed, but believes that the intersection is inherently dangerous and increasing traffic would make it worse. Suggested routing traffic through the park and not the neighborhood.

iii. Sudeep Taksali (7535 SW Schroeder Way):

- 1. Makes the turn onto Rose Lane every day and is afraid of being in an accident. Feels the intersection has poor visibility and is unsafe. Mentioned that he has an autistic son who has run out the house before and with current traffic on the residential neighborhood, it's not too bad, but worries about what could happen if there is an increase in traffic. Expressed skepticism of traffic studies due to seasonal variation of traffic and vegetation. Suggested access to the lot comes from Murase Plaza. Added that high school students run in the neighborhood in cross country season.

iv. **Peter Kusyk (7110 SW Old Wilsonville Road):**

1. Builder of homes on Schroeder Way and a dog park user. Questioned traffic study numbers and timing of the study since it was done in the low-season. Claimed that in his personal experience, people drive over the speed limit. Also noted poor visibility worsens in summer due to growth of vegetation. Suggested parking take place in the Murase Plaza lot and access to the garden/dog park come in the form of a walking path.

v. **Cathie Gleeson (30630 SW Rose Lane):**

1. Agreed with the majority of public comments already said. More visibility needed, in addition to more signage addressing that Rose Lane is a dead end and there should be no thru traffic. Whether access comes from Schroeder or Murase, Gleeson stressed that no access come from Rose Lane.
2. Steve Benson added that he is a Cross Country Coach and confirmed that up to 80 runners travel through the neighborhood in the season.

vi. **Brad Rudishauser (30075 SW Rose Lane):**

1. Is impacted by both Rose Lane and Schroeder Way. Asked about runoff from the parking lot and questioned whether there is adequate drainage. Suggested that the roads are not wide enough to add bike lanes or sidewalks. Believes that traffic will become a major problem and questioned how this project could affect property value. If roads are expanded to include bike lanes and sidewalks, will there be compensation for encroaching on property and what if property owners do not agree? Does not believe that access off of Rose Lane and Schroeder Way are ideal.

vii. **Katerina Gleeson (30555 SW Rose Lane):**

1. Questioned why the dog park is being moved. Does not believe the changes to the park are necessary. There is a lot of traffic on Rose Lane and although the garden is great and walking paths are good, Schroeder Way and Rose Lane are too small to handle the increase in traffic. Can save money by keeping everything the way it currently is.

viii. **Scott Smith (7185 SW Montgomery Way):**

1. Echoed concerns from other neighbors and encouraged the Parks Board and City to look at alternatives. Has lived in the neighborhood since 1999 and believes the changes will impact the unique feel of the neighborhood. Suggested improving the Memorial Park parking lot and enhancing the current dog park. Questioned whether the bicycle pump track is necessary since that is the trigger for moving the current dog park and expanding the community garden parking lot.

ix. **Nick Hilweh (6549 SW Montgomery Way):**

1. Expressed concerns regarding the Rose Lane and Schroeder Way intersection. Asked the Parks Board what would be needed to cancel the project. Suggested that the traffic study numbers are incorrect.

f. Board Deliberation:

- i. Steve Benson asked about feasibility of utilizing the existing Murase Plaza parking lot and creating a walking path to the garden and dog park from there. Tod Blankenship responded that the Murase parking lot is heavily utilized in the summer and would need to be expanded to accommodate the increase in traffic.
- ii. Ken Rice expressed concern that the Rose Lane option pitted neighbor against neighbor. Reminded the public that the MPMP was adopted by Council, so it is too late to make changes to the master plan. Favors the Schroeder Way access because of cost and effects of the dog park.
- iii. David Davis admitted it was a hard decision to make due to safety concerns, but agreed that Schroeder Way access would be best. Wants the Development Review Board (DRB) to know of the community concerns when the plan is reviewed.
- iv. Kate Johnson questioned the cost of the Rose Lane access and if it was financially feasible. Jeanna Troha replied that there was not enough money in the project budget or fiscal year, but it could go through City Council for the next fiscal year, though there would be no guarantees.
- v. Steve Benson also admitted it was a hard decision to make and feels Rose Lane is safer but not financially feasible. Mentioned that these are passive activities coming to the neighborhood...gardeners and dog owners and by building it, it's making use of the park which is for everyone.
- vi. Kate Johnson preferred less impact, lower cost, and safest option.
- vii. Steve Benson suggested making Schroeder Way a one-way road with exit out of Kolbe Lane. Nancy Kraushaar mentioned that the railings of the pedestrian bridge are not designed for car impact and that the bridge was only intended to be utilized by emergency vehicles on rare occasion. The bridge is not sufficient width for public use and would need to be widened. Would need to reanalyze the bridge to determine feasibility.
- viii. Steve Benson asked the audience how many would be interested in a one-way route by show of hands and about 30 people raised their hands confirming interest in the newly-suggested option.
- ix. Another speaker card was received, but the Board declined opening up public comment again.
- x. Ken Rice made a motion to approve Concept 3 while encouraging the DRB and Council to consider improvements to the intersection of Schroeder Way and Rose Lane for safety and/or making a one-way loop of Schroeder Way through Kolbe Lane.
 1. Unanimously approved.

- xi. David Davis encouraged neighbors to attend the DRB meeting to voice their concerns.

4. Assistant City Manager Report - Troha

- a. Parks and Recreation Director Position
 - i. Mike McCarty was hired and will start on February 27th.

5. Parks Report – Blankenship

- a. Staff have been working hard getting through the winter storms. Many trees were lost.
- b. The new Parks Maintenance Specialist was hired and manages natural areas.

6. Recreation/ Park Rental Report – Stevenson

- a. Daddy Daughter Dance (Luau Theme) sold out.
- b. Park rental season opens in March, with reservation priority given to Wilsonville residents. Stein-Boozier Barn heavily booked for the 2017 season. Sports field sign-up night for local sports organization scheduled for Feb. 8th.

7. Board Comments

- a. Steve Benson
 - i. Would like a report on the Rec & Aquatic Center and reasons for why the bond measure did not pass. Jeanna clarified that staff does not have statistical evidence as to why it did not pass, but perhaps the Yes On Committee could provide that.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm