



Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

June 17, 2021 6:00 pm

Attendees: Cara Heinze, Kim Holmes, Michael Leipzig, Paul Fidrych, Dana Pricher, Bryan Hammond, Mary Hindal, Joel Haugen, Isaac Butman, Jim Lykins, Monica Ahlers, Huell White, Dina Eaglestone, Kevin Chavez, Deanna Erhardt, Marisa Jacobs, unidentified caller

Absent: JJ Duehren, Ivy Freimuth, Rocky Schwalge, Andrew LaFrenz, Brian Hoag, Nicole Ferreira

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Cara Heinze.

1.1. Review Agenda

Kim asked to have a pool discussion during the meeting. Cara stated this would be fine as ODFW rescheduled with the City. It will be 2.2 on the Agenda.

One member made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1.2. Prior Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2021

Jim made a motion to approve the June 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Bryan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Old Business

2.1. Update on City council Progress Report: Cara stated that the report to Council went well, and Council was impressed by the work that had been done up to this point by the Committee.

Cara stated that they learned that "Cathead" may be available as a possible dog park, and there may be the possibility to have two dog parks in the City. The City is aware that sports fields are in short supply, and that there is a need in that area.

Regarding the final presentations to Council, the Mayor suggested that there could be four options, with/without pool, and with/without road, and it was also mentioned that prioritizing amenities and inclusions would be helpful to Council.

Kim stated that the information her group had about pools and roads was given to Council. There were some questions to her about this during the meeting. Kim asked that Isaac and Huell relay to Council that the 20:1 number about the road feedback was a 20:1 ratio for those that made comments about the road. The Committee will continue to look at the issue of roads in and around parks. Additionally, Council asked if there were other considerations the Committee had found when looking at the road and the Committee's work in and around the park development.



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Paul asked about how much room there is available at "Cathead". Cara responded that Isaac and Huell will work with ODFW on this as some of the area is Wetlands. Paul also mentioned that dogs and wetlands may be a difficult integration. Isaac mentioned that he will discuss that with ODFW. Jim stated that dog parks and wetlands seem on their faces to be slightly incompatible. Dana mentioned that Department of State Lands and the Army Corps of Engineers will be the ultimate authorities about what you can/cannot do in wetlands, but that this discussion may be very far outside the scope of where we are at in the process, and Dana stated she is not sure if they would comment this early in the process.

Kim stated that they did mention to City Council that they recommend re-siting the dog park before deconstruction of the current dog park, and that Council seemed supportive of that.

- 2.2. Pool discussion:** Kim thanked the City for the circulation of the Shelk Foundation Pool Report and stated that she believes the City was working with the best information they had in the very tight timeline they were given. Kim stated that one of the formal recommendations her group would like to see from the Committee to Council be to disregard the Pool Cost Survey Data coming before Council shortly.

There was a discussion about the pool survey, its premises, its statements about cost, and the types of information that was included in the narrative. There was disagreement about whether members believe the data will be valid or not, and their thoughts about the survey, survey results, and what the survey may or may not be biased to or against.

Kim stated she would like to get access to the pool cost survey data. Huell responded that the survey data is slated to go before Council on July 19, 2021, and that Staff will include the GPAHC comments about the pool survey made at the meeting today in the Staff Report.

- 2.3. Additional Workgroup Update:** There were minimal updates from the topic area groups. There were a few small notes about the need for more information from the pool and road group.
- 2.4. Develop collateral and communication strategy for public outreach:** Cara stated that currently the public forum is slated for July 10, 2021, but what time does the Committee want to hold the event. Jim stated that later in the day might be better for engagement. Huell stated that the Annual Town Meetings is held early in the morning and attendance seems more difficult at that time. Cara stated the evening sounds good and asked if 5:00 pm worked. It was mentioned that 4:00 pm might be better. Paul motioned to hold the public form at 4:00 pm on July 10, 2021. Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cara stated that she would like to start a new group to work on the public forum planning, as there will likely be less work on the amenities, pool/road, and environment groups from here on out. Kim and Cara stated that this group would be working on the structure, conducting outreach to the community, gathering materials and supplies, and doing other planning work.

Huell stated that it is too late to get information about the forum into the newsletter, but the City can mention it at the next City Council Meeting.



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Cara stated she thinks that holding the meeting at the Grabhorn Property might be good, and is wondering how the group wants to deliver the forum, but that these are the kind of items that might be discussed within the smaller group. Dana mentioned possibly using the shelter at Concomly. Huell stated that the City might have some 10x10 tents that could be used if needed. Huell stated that the library might have a portable PA, and the City would look into this and the power situation at Concomly Park.

There was discussion about having some information on easels, and some interactive aspects to the forum. Huell stated the City might have some easel stands that the Committee could use.

2.5. Process for developing recommendations: Cara stated that she is a visual person and would like to layout the amenities, and work through them in terms of what could or should be included or removed and would hope that the group could meet more in-person, rather than remotely.

Kim stated that the groups should bring their priorities to the larger group, and aggregate the information, but isn't clear how it would be aggregated and sorted through. Kim stated that perhaps the subcommittees could layout the considerations and recommendations in short, bulleted lists for integration.

Cara asked if there was anything on the amenities list or suggestions that the members feel that is or is not appropriate.

Paul stated that disc golf really needs more room, and that the discs are hard and could pose a hazard in a multi-use park and asked if this was the kind of feedback that Cara was looking for. Cara stated that yes, and part of the recommendation can be activities like this being recommended as being integrated at other parks.

Dana stated that sports parks and nature parks are difficult to integrate, and really impact each other and their related amenities in ways that are difficult to integrate, and that the park space really should be one or the other. Dana mentioned that what she saw was that the Dog Park and nature trail were really the top two wanted amenities by the community. Dana further mentioned that the Committee should consider a longer-range phasing for the property when they make their recommendations.

Jim made an observation that everything in terms of siting at Grabhorn still revolves around the road. Clarifying this will be crucial to the development of the property. Cara stated she agreed and stated that it's hard to visualize how it would be laid out with large spatial items when they may or may not be part of the actual development.

Mary stated that in terms of getting the most for the available money, there are some considerations like the dog park and maintenance shed being in the area where the road is slated to be. Additionally, there is irrigation at a location that is slated to be paved parking.

3. Announcements and Next Meetings



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Cara stated that she would like the groups to meet and list out their constraints and top priorities, as well as things that don't work, and bring these back to the group at the next meeting.

Paul stated that he will start the Facebook outreach right away, and if people would like input into the postings to let him know.

3.1. Next Meetings

- July 1, 2021
- July 15, 2021
- August 5, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 pm.

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