

**ALLEN CREEK SPORTS PARK TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes – January 05, 2016 at 5:00 pm
City Manager’s Conference Room**

Attendance:

Dan Trader (Chair)
Dick Matti
Mark Johnson - absent
Jake Musser
Cory Johnston
Darren Huddleston
Ruth Berkey - absent
Gabe Snodgrass
Jess Elzy - absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Lora Glover (PCD Director)
Mayor Darin Fowler (Council Liaison)

Guests:

I. Business - Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2015

MOTION/VOTE

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented from the November 19, 2015 meeting. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Task Force Trader, Musser, Johnston, Huddleston, and Snodgrass. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Committee Members Johnson, Berkley, Matti and Elzy. The motion passed.

II. Business - New

A. Welcome/Acknowledgments

B. Other Business

1. Updates/Discussion

- Lora spoke to James Lowe about helping with the Allen Creek project when the Riverside project is started. He can help bring in support from both Rotary as well as the Active Club. He will need to be updated as the project moves forward.
- It was requested that the reminder calls on the meetings continue.
- Concerns about what little league will do during construction were presented. Possibly partner with city and school district to update existing fields to little league standards as a temporary solution for little league.
- The 2019 date set by ODOT for street improvements will be able to be worked around without a need for the improvements to be included in the sports park budget as the funding has already been set at the Federal level.
- Additional land will need to be purchased to go with the two City lots that are already set aside for this project. The two existing lots are

landlocked. There is a lot in front of Allendale currently for sale by Chad Guthrie.

- A gentleman's agreement can be put in place to share some fields with baseball having them half the year for spring and soccer having them half of the year for fall.

2. Funding Strategies

- Discussion on the need to start strategizing funding efforts. Options presented were to request the funding set aside for jail beds to be reinstated by Council. Reaching out to private parties (Nike?) for funding on the project, possibly in conjunction with a tax. Using seed money to gain grants.
- Lora expressed Aaron's recommendation that the project be considered as a whole on the funding side rather than as phases to avoid losing momentum as funds start to run out.
- The Rotary Club expressed some interest in the Allen Creek project but weren't willing to sponsor unless there was an immediate plan for the funds. Possibly reach out to them as an additional source of funding as the project approaches.
- Strategies for which election would be best to present the Allen Creek Sports Park on will need to be discussed. Mayor Fowler discussed some of the pros and cons of competing with larger projects and going on an election ballot.
- Private sponsorship needs to be given at a 50% basis in order to have the park named after the company. It's possible to break the park into sections to have smaller projects funded and named.
- The school board will need to be addressed concerning if they will allow the fields to be named after commercial businesses.
- Approximation on cost is at about \$10 million. Lora is going to request that Jay run bond numbers.

3. Goal Setting/Strategic Planning Meeting

- Lora gave a brief overview of the agenda for the Goals Setting meeting, the Allen Creek presentation will need to be rolled into the Park Advisory Board presentation. The presentation will begin at 11:45am on Friday January 22nd at the Parkway Public Safety Station. Member Matti will present on the Soccer Task Force.
- Mayor Fowler suggested that committee members reach out to Council members about Allen Creek Project. Contact information can be found on the City website. Dick will reach out to Soccer club, baseball will reach out to their contacts, Ruth will be told to reach out concerning Tennis.
- Member Matti will request the \$200,000 set aside for jail beds back from the Council. This money can be used to finish engineered plans to present to the City planning Department as well as private sponsors and Rotary Club.

- It was suggested that the Council be reminded of the possible revenue a facility like this can bring in. Medford's annual Memorial Day soccer tournament brings in between 5 and 6 million.

4. Next Meeting

- Discuss how the Goal Setting meeting went and where the project stands with Council.
- Discuss timeline on project.

C. Adjournment

III. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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