

Comprehensive Park, Trail, & Open Space Plan Update – Meeting #4

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Meeting Date: April 9, 2007

Present:

Lenny Schmitz	Citizen
Ryan Hughes	City of Shakopee
Bill Egan	City of Shakopee
Mark Themig	City of Shakopee
Andrea Weber	City of Shakopee
Sonja Bercich	Shakopee PRAB
Arvid Sornberger	Shakopee PRAB
Ciarra Schlichting	Bonestroo
Holly Reid	Bonestroo

Review from Meeting:

1. An overview of the land use plan, future transportation plan, and natural resource plan were presented by City Staff. A copy of each of these maps are included in the attached Powerpoint Presentation. The Environmental Advisory Committee is currently going through a similar process to update their section of the Comprehensive Plan. They will have a draft version of their Goals and strategies later this month to review.
2. Facility projections were presented based on participation levels of the multiple athletic associations. A chart of these projections can be found in the Powerpoint Presentation. City Staff will take this draft projection and refine it based on influential factors that were identified. Staff will also review practice and game schedules and discuss projections with the appropriate association. Based on comments from the group, the following revisions will be made to the projections:
 - o Consider additional sports that currently do not have a association but may in the future such as LaCrosse or Ultimate Frisbee.
 - o Project acreage needed to accommodate the future facilities
 - o Insert a column to show park facilities that exist but not utilized by the association. These will not be included in the projection but will serve as a reference to where potential use could occur.
 - o Find out who will be using future facilities at the New Highschool from the associations
 - o Assess how to include general public park uses such as picnic shelters, skating rinks, and bocce ball. These types of uses should be discussed in the plan update.
3. The following maps were reviewed and can be referred to in the Powerpoint Presentation.

- Existing Parks & Trails Map: An existing park and trail map was reviewed to give the group a sense of the current situation in Shakopee.
- Regional Agency Map: Comments from the focus group meeting were reviewed with emphasis on future planned facilities affecting Shakopee and partnership opportunities with the various agencies.
- Preliminary Search Areas and Trail Connections Map: City Staff worked with Bonestroo to identify potential land to acquire for the park system. These areas were identified based on the distance of parkland from any given neighborhood, natural resource type, and unique scenic value. A description of why each search cluster was chosen was reviewed in the meeting. Trail connections were also identified on the above criteria as well as future roads and connections to planned regional trail corridors. Below is a brief recap of the cluster descriptions:
 1. Cluster A: Make future connection to school, future park for a variety of residential areas nearby
 2. Cluster B: If tribe does not purchase this land, it has key bluff line and shoreline value.
 3. Cluster C: Quarry Lake Park is currently in the conceptual design process.
 4. Cluster D: MnDot Parcel could serve as a corridor to Southbridge and Quarry Lake and potentially the River
 5. Cluster E: Canterbury Park Site – If Canterbury decides not to expand on this 108 acres, this property could become residential with integrated parkland.
 6. Cluster F: Killney Hills, future residential area
 7. Cluster G: Currently owned by St. Francis Hospital/Beta Seed – will be moving away from site in 10 year timeframe
 8. Cluster H: Valleyview road could become a park for natural and active uses, High quality natural areas exist on site, and there is a potential for future residential development
 9. Cluster I: Nice site for natural resource value, good access at 47/17, surrounded by tribe land
 10. Cluster J: O’Dowd Lake- would provide lake access
 11. Cluster K: Adjacent to Eaglewood Park, contains wetlands and high quality maple basswood forest
 12. Cluster L: High natural resource value, contains nice woodland
 13. Cluster M: Forest area, lake shore and multiple access points on Thole Lake
 14. Cluster N: Located on upland of Bluffline, potential changes to 169 road alignment which is proposed to go across bluff
 15. Cluster O: Owned by Jackson Township, currently functions as a park with ballfields, picnic area, ponds, and tennis
 16. Cluster P: Located in Jackson Township, natural resource value

17. Louisville Lowlands and Louisville Bluffs: significant natural resource value in each circle

- Revisions to the plans will be made based on committee comments and site visits of each identified cluster completed by City Staff later this month.
4. The group participated in a World Café Exercise that was used to generate ideas for goals and strategies. Preliminary goals were drafted and presented at the meeting based on committee comments from a previous Snow Card Exercise. These can be referenced in the Powerpoint Presentation. A draft Goals and Strategies document will be e-mailed to the group for review based on comments received in this exercise.

Follow-up Items:

- 1. The next meeting will be held on May 7 at 6:30pm at the Shakopee Community Center. This meeting will last until 9:00pm.**
- 2. Bonestroo will e-mail a draft Goals and Strategies document to the committee for review and feedback.**
- 3. City Staff will conduct a site tour of search clusters and report to the committee.**
- 4. City Staff will refine facility projection numbers and report to the committee.**

The above represents the author's understanding of items discussed and conclusions made. Please report any corrections/additions to Holly Reid at Bonestroo (651) 604-4807 prior to the next meeting.

End of Minutes