

Comprehensive Park, Trail, & Open Space Plan Update – Meeting #1

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Meeting Date: January 8, 2007

Present:

Lenny Schmitz	Citizen
Zac Miller	Citizen
Michael Leek	City of Shakopee
Corky Mars	City of Shakopee
Ryan Hughes	City of Shakopee
Bill Egan	City of Shakopee
Mark Themig	City of Shakopee
Andrea Weber	City of Shakopee
Mark McNeill	City of Shakopee
Brad Tabke	Shakopee PRAB
Arvid Sornberger	Shakopee PRAB
Stuart Krahn	Bonestroo & Associates
Holly Reid	Bonestroo & Associates

Review from Meeting:

1. The City of Shakopee has begun the Park, Trail, & Open Space Comp Plan Update process to coordinate with the overall comprehensive plan updates that are due to the Metropolitan Council by December 31, 2008
2. The group completed a keyword exercise to generate concepts that could compliment the mission statement and guide the goal setting exercises. The results were as follows:
 - Parks
 - Trails
 - Open Space
 - Quality wooded areas
 - Building Community
 - Healthy Community
 - Contemplative
 - Rejuvenate/Relax
 - Escape/Retreat
 - Preserve for Future
 - Playing
 - Sensing/Interacting
3. Mark Themig reviewed the major findings from the 2003 Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Community Survey. Walking and bicycling were the top outdoor activities of choice. Biking and walking facilities, natural areas, and a performance stage (which is currently being constructed in Huber Park) were

all identified as the top needed facilities in Shakopee. Trails were the #1 amenity that was presented to the City Council for future addition and improvement.

4. The group reviewed the City Vision goals which were formed through a process that involved over 1,000 citizens and discussed how they relate to the Comprehensive Plan Update.
5. Mark Themig presented a preliminary parks facility inventory. Parks were identified by size, classification, and use. City staff will be reviewing the inventory before it is finalized.
6. A survey exercise was conducted of Goals, Objectives, and Policies from the 1998 Comprehensive Plan to determine how well the City has met these action items. The results will be presented at the February 12th meeting.
7. Sample goals were presented to the group from other comprehensive plans. The group used these to generate other goals that could possibly be incorporated into the plan update. These goals are as follows:
 - Be aggressive in offering recreation programs
 - Involve and encourage minority participation in the public process
 - Offer a diversity of recreational opportunities that include active and passive participation and allows for green space
 - Promote connections between nature and the community to create a cohesive park system. Ex. Yoga in the park.
 - Connections should consider residents, nature, community, & recreation.
 - Protect environment, natural resource areas, and habitat
 - Create or promote unique destinations
 - Support methods of sustainable construction and systems in park planning and building. Consider life cycle costs. (This may be most suitable as an objective)
 - Support changing zoning ordinances to accommodate the Comprehensive Plan goals
8. There was discussion about including goals relative to recreational programs in the Plan Update. It was decided that these would best be included by reference.
9. The importance of identifying regional recreational gaps and providing facilities that are complementary to those in neighboring communities was also discussed.

Follow-up Items:

1. Bonestroo will send additional examples of Goals and Policies from model Comprehensive Plans throughout the country for the group to review prior to our next meeting.
2. Group members will review model plans and report on significant goals or concepts they see enhancing the Shakopee Comp plan update.
3. New maps will be printed to include the annexation of 300 acres.

4. City will finalize the Park Facilities Inventory
5. **The next meeting will be held on February 12 at 6:30pm at the Shakopee Community Center.**

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