

Comprehensive Park, Trail, & Open Space Plan Update – Meeting #3

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Meeting Date: March 5, 2007

Present:

Eric Lindstrom
Joe Adams
Darin Boone
Dave Limberg
Jerry Plambeck
Tom Menonz
Joe Edberg
Sandra Westlund
Bill Krouse
Tom Temple
Zack Zastrow
John Sheehan
Ryan Hughes
Bill Egan
Sherry Dvorak
Mark Themig
Andrea Weber
Sonja Bercich
Zac Miller
Brad Tabke
Sharon Rodning Bash
Stuart Krahn
Holly Reid

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Sports Association: Girls Softball
Sports Association
Sports Association: Boys Basketball
Sports Association: Youth Wrestling
Sports Association: Volleyball
Sports Association: SYBA
Sports Association: SSA
Sports Association: Tennis
Sports Association: Girls Basketball
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Review from Meeting:

1. An overview of the comprehensive park, trail, and open space planning process was shared with the group. Stuart Krahn reviewed demographic information and national recreational trends with the sports associations.
2. Each Sports Association representative was asked to write their response to the following questions:
 - **What is the jewel facility in Shakopee for your athletic group?**
Answers included: Tahpah Park, Community Center Ice Arena, 17th Ave Soccer Complex, New Sr. High School, Stans Park
 - **What is the desired facility equivalent in the regional area?**
Tennis Facility at Ft. Snelling, Eden Prairie Youth Baseball Fields, Eden Prairie Sr. High School, Bloomington & Jefferson Athletic Complex, Lakeville South, Owatonna Soccer Complex, an expanded

Shakopee Community Center w/ multiple ice sheets and indoor training facility, Edina Braeman Ice Arena (3 indoor rinks)

3. Each representative was asked to give a report on their 2007 enrollment totals, trends in the sport, times they use specific facilities, and future facility needs. Below are the responses from each association representative:
 - Youth Softball: Current Participants: 360-400 girls. Trends: Increase 9-12 In-House Programs, softball fields are at the seams
 - Adult Softball: Current Participants: 1027
 - Football: Current Participants: 254. Trends: Younger child enrollment (ages 6+ is increasing) Harder to keep interest in students and parents at high school level-more pressure to win.
 - Mat Club (wrestling): Current Participants: 90. Trends: steady enrollment numbers, share facilities with local schools – adequate space, need more involvement of coaches
 - Baseball: Trends; younger child enrollment is increasing (age 5 for tee-ball, 8+ for leagues), will not have adequate field space, not enough practice time, Schleper Stadium is booked, hard to get playing field time
 - Basketball: Trends: do not have enough gym times, others have twice the amount, higher demand for leagues, less Russian and Hispanic involvement
 - Tennis: Current Participants: 360-400 Adults + kids. Trends: Now Minnesota's biggest tennis program south of the river, growing, will be included in school curriculum, need an indoor tennis facility like Eden Prairie or Apple Valley, could enclose the courts at Lions Park, could apply grant money from USTA to build facility
 - Volleyball: Trends: Increasing, waiting list for 3rd and 4th grades, hold camps in summer, year around sport, competing with basketball for gym space, losing some older girls to elite teams because there is not enough gym time for practices, standards to play in elite teams are higher and require more practices
 - Soccer: Trends: Experiencing 20-25% growth per year in participants, soccer complex is good for right now but will be field shortage with increasing rates and competing with school programs, language barrier & financial obstacles with other ethnicities, only 10% Hispanic participation
 - Hockey: Trends: Has been increasing by 18-20% in recent years, limited ice availability, bulging at the seams, practicing in late evening hours, need 3 ice rinks
4. The associations were asked to send any additional information to Sherry Dvorak on past trends, enrollment numbers, and facility schedules to complete an up to date database to use for future facility projections.

5. Sharon Rodning Bash presented on the benefits and methods of supporting arts in a community. See the attached PowerPoint presentation for more information.
6. Stuart Krahn presented on the topic of sustainability. He discussed LEED requirements and sustainable practices that could be used in park construction, materials, and maintenance. See the attached PowerPoint presentation for more information.
7. Holly Reid reviewed an assignment that will be given out to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board members at their March meeting. This assignment will identify groups that have not been involved in the planning process of the comp plan update. A park board member will be given the task to speak to one of these groups plus a friend and a neighbor. They will report their findings back to Mark Themig. Results will be shared at the April 9th meeting.

Follow-up Items:

- 1. The next meeting will be held on April 9 at 6:30pm at the Shakopee Community Center. This meeting will last until 9:00pm.**
- 2. Mark Themig will collect responses from the Park Board assignment.**

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