

City of Lake Forest Park - Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Notes: October 7, 2014
17425 Ballinger Way NE—EOC Room

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Ray Holmdahl; Vice-Chair Jon Lebo; Joel Paisner; Semra Riddle; Rocky Oliver; Jean Maixner; Richard Saunders; and Doug Gochanour

Planning Commissioners absent: Connie Holloway

Community Services Commissioners present: Chair Linda Holman; Vice-Chair Judy Altman; Mike Veteransneck; Jeff Weissman; and Ros Bird

Staff and others present: Steve Bennett, Planning Director; Ande Flower, Assistant Planner; Mark Phillips, Councilmember; Catherine Stanford, Councilmember and Liaison to Planning Commission

Call to order: 7:06 PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Cmr. Gochanour motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Riddle and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan Update: Recreation and Open Space

Community Services Commissioners indicated that they have divided to recommendations into three parts: Parks and Open Space, Human Services, and Public Safety.

2005 Comp Plan Policy RO 1.3: Commissioners discussed whether it was feasible to include the goal for all residents to live within walking distance to a park. Chair Holmdahl asked if it's possible to use a concept of parks being equitably distributed throughout the city. Mr. Bennett suggested considering an actual reasonable distance as a goal.

Other Suggested Actions for this Element:

- Reference the Council-approved ordinance adopting a Public Arts Plan.
- Consider promoting a public arts fund, which could support grants and donations.
- Pol RO 7.1: Combine this policy with 7.2 and determine if these policy statements would be more appropriate in the Environmental Quality Element
- Add a policy of inclusiveness for all abilities and ensuring access for the diverse population of Lake Forest Park.
- Update Tables 28 and 29, and include a map of current parks, possibly with buffers that show specific distance-to-park goals to understand where the underserved areas may be regarding parks.
- Add a goal to ensure maintenance plans for parks are followed, and include the phrase "and future parks."

CSC Cmr. Byrd said that she was surprised to hear that with the phone survey didn't include a strong desire for more active parks. Councilmember Stanford suggested that the results of the community conversations may show more support for this idea.

Reports/Announcements:

Report on October 4th Visioning Open House and Workshop:

Mr. Bennett reported that over 20 people were in attendance at the event. Pulse pads were used to give an immediately gauge of shared priorities. Three break-out groups exchanged their ideas and work together in creating draft visions. It was noted by Cmr. Maixner that there was significant overlap among the three groups once they presented their ideas. She then shared a comment she heard at the event: 'There doesn't have to be a dichotomous discussion between economic and environmental goals, these two concepts can be held together for a vision in keeping with the city of Lake Forest Park.'

Update from Liaisons to Other Commissions

Ms. Flower asked when the Commission wanted to review the next draft from EQC. Chair Holmdahl suggested that the EQC discussion could occur on either October 21 or December 2, 2014.

Memo on Retail Marijuana Regulatory Policy


Mr. Bennett reviewed the draft policy and questions for Cmr. to consider and Vice-Chair Lebo led the discussion on each issue. There was consensus about not recommending that the City create a new park zone or district. There was also discussion about creating protection around the park that is required but not yet developed in the 12 Degrees North project. Several edits were suggested to reflect the Commissioners' comments. Cmr. Gochanour moved to approve the memo as amended. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Paisner and was approved unanimously.

2015-2016 Work Plan

Mr. Bennett asked if there were any comments or changes to the proposed 2015-2016 Work Plan that was reviewed at the September 19th meeting. None were suggested. Councilmember Stanford reminded the Commission that the due date for work plans moving forward will be August, with anticipated Council approval in September.

Adjournment: 9:04 PM

APPROVED:


Ray Holmdahl, Chair