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SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2013

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin at 3:19 P. M., Tuesday, July 2, 2013, in the Mayor's Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street)

Invocation was given by Councilman Michael Corbin.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tom Pace.

On Roll Call the following members were present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Oliver Jenkins, Michael Corbin, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: 0.

This Special Meeting was called to discuss issues concerning the proposed Dog Park.

The Chairman gave the floor to the Mayor for comments and a Power Point Presentation:

Dog Park Information July 2013

Correspondence Between SPAR & Caddo Parish

Hamel's South - December 2010

Cost Comparison for Items at Hamel's South and Stoner Avenue - April 2011

Preliminary Draft of a Site Study for Hamel's North - July 2011

- Developed to determine the suitability of the site
- This Site Study was developed after the Cost Analysis for Hamel's South was created
- Staff felt the site was not feasible due to:
 - Geometry
 - Topography
 - Dredgeline Easement
 - Disruption of Existing Uses
 - Loss of usable space due to historic site and topography

Cost Study for Hamel's North - July 2013

Map Presented by SDPA with their Application for a Dog Park

Contractual Concerns

1. Questionable whether the Cost Estimate for the dog park (referenced as Exhibit “B” to the Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor) reflect cost estimates for construction of a dog park on the property identified in the Preliminary Draft (Exhibit “A” to the Memorandum) or other property in Hamel’s Park.

2. The Agreement should be clarified to reflect whether the funds are to be paid to the City as an advance as referenced in Paragraph 3(e) of the Agreement or as a reimbursement upon satisfaction of all the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, submittal of detailed invoices to the Commission and certifications by the appropriate city official as provided in Paragraph 5 of the Agreement.

3. Paragraph 4 contains provisions relative to project abandonment, delays, etc. Note that the City would be obligated to reimburse the Commission for all funds spent by the Commission for development of the project if the project is, or may be, abandoned, substantially delayed or substantially modified unless the Commission should determine that the cause of the abandonment, modification, etc., was beyond the City’s reasonable control. The reimbursement language in this paragraph also has application to the consideration expressed in item 2 above.

4. Paragraph 4(3) references an increase in the estimated costs of any component by more than ten (10%) percent as one or several reasons that may be cited by the Commission as relieving the agency from any further obligation to provide funds or proceed with the project. The City should clarify whether the term “component” refers to the cost items contained in Exhibit “B”. If yes, reference should be made to the consideration expressed in item 1 above regarding which property served as the basis for the estimates. If no, recommend that the term “component” be defined in the Agreement.

Dog Park Comparison

	Caddo Operated	Hamel’s	Princess Park
Estimated Development & Construction Costs - Dog Park Only	\$582,324.60 \$280,130 Funding provided by RRWC	\$582,324.60 \$280,130 Funding Provided by RRWC	\$96,410.25
Existing Amenities	NO	NO	YES
Enhance Other Developments & Downtown	NO	NO	YES

Enrich Other Recreation Programs & Equipment	NO	NO	YES
Advertising Opportunities	NO	NO	YES
Adverse Impact on Historical Site	YES	YES	NO

Dog Park Comparison

	Caddo Operated	Hamel's	Princess Park
Negative Impact on Green Agenda as Identified by Caddo Master Plan	YES	YES	NO
Activities for Children Under 12	NO	NO	YES
Property Ownership	NO	YES	YES
High Visibility for Security & Advertising Opportunities	NO	NO	YES
Parking	Limited	Limited	Ample
Lighting	NO	NO	Some Existing
Access	Parkway	Parkway	I-20 & 1-49 Highly visible to those unfamiliar with area
Underutilized Site	YES	YES	YES

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Costs for Additional Needed Amenities:	Estimated cost: Total = \$950,000. Restrooms = \$200,000; Lighting = \$125,000; Parking = \$120,000; Playground = \$200,000; Mgmt. Office = \$75,000; Irrigation = \$68,000; Sewer lines = \$48,750; Sidewalks/paving = \$14,500; Shade structures = \$40,000; Maint. Equipment = \$45,000.	Estimated cost: Total = \$950,000. Restrooms = \$200,000; Lighting = \$125,000 Parking = \$120,000; Playground = \$200,000 Mgmt. Office = \$75,000; Irrigation = \$68,000; Sewer lines = \$48,750; Sidewalks/paving = \$14,500; Shade structures = \$40,000; Maint. Equipment = \$45,000	Estimated Cost: Total = \$0.00

Princess Park

- Less Expensive to Build
- High Visibility/Easily Accessed
- Better Recreational Experience for Entire Family
- Enhancement to Shreveport Common Development & Choice Neighborhoods
- Augments Downtown Synergy
- Enriches Therapeutic Program
- Return on Investment recently completed at Princess Park
- Faster Construction Timeline
- Reduced Operational/Management Costs
- Revenue Generating Opportunities

Princess Park

PRINCESS PARK UNLEASHED

Draft Cost Estimate

Based on a drawing titled "Concept Plan for a Portion of Princess Park" dated March 2013

Revised
May 2013

<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Basic Needs				
Demolition - fencing, lighting, structures, etc.	Lump Sum	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Repair existing chain link fence	Linear foot	635	\$5.00	\$3,175.00
New fencing - 4' HD chain link	Linear foot	1,040	\$15.00	\$15,600.00
Gates - 3' wide	Each	3	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Gates - 12' wide	Each	2	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Concrete pavement - straight walkways	Sq. foot	360	\$6.00	\$2,160.00
Steel benches in place	Each	4	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
Picnic tables (not shown)	Each	0	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Pet fountains, incl. paving	Each	2	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Backflow preventer and water lines	Each	1	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Turf Irrigation	Acre	3	\$12,000.00	\$30,000.00
			Subtotal	\$83,835.00
			Contractor mobilization, layout, bonds, etc. (15%)	\$12,575.25
			TOTAL BASE ESTIMATE	\$96,410.25

Public Comments:

After the presentation comments were offered by all council members and the following citizens:

Mr. Craig Lee, Ms. Irma Rogers, Ms. Susan Keith, Ms. Kay Gilbert, Mr. Daniel Keele, Liz Swaine and Ms. Victoria Provenza.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 P.M.

//s//Michael Corbin, Chairman

//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council