Minutes of the Centerville City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Leslie Flowers
Lynn Keddington, Chair
Melissa Larsen
Tiffany Rees
John Ruedas

MEMBERS ABSENT
Brian Curnow
Kelli Hintze

STAFF PRESENT
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

VISITORS
Tami Fillmore, City Council Liaison
Dan Sonntag, Landscape Architect

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The minutes of the September 12, 2017 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting were reviewed and changes requested. John Ruedas made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Tiffany Rees seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0). Councilwoman Fillmore arrived after approval of the minutes and requested an additional change. Melissa Larsen made a motion to accept the additional change. Leslie Flowers seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

REPORT OF OCTOBER 5, 2017 WORK SESSION WITH COUNCIL

Chair Keddington reported on a work session with the City Council. The Council has chosen to move forward with the Island View Park Renovation grant application rather than convert Island View Park to cemetery space.

ISLAND VIEW PARK RENOVATION

The Island View Park Renovation grant application has completed the first phase of review at the State level. Chair Keddington said he was advised that if the Island View Park Renovation plan specifies “sport court” on the lower level, the City will be required to construct a hard surface sport court (such as pickleball). If the desire is to add a sand volleyball court rather than a hard surface court, the plan needs to reflect “sand volleyball”. The Committee discussed the idea that putting sand volleyball right next to the playground would be convenient for children to play in the sand, and would add to the “family reunion” feel of the lower level. John Ruedas added that putting in just one pickleball court does not make sense. Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, commented that the three sand volleyball courts in the City (Smoot Park, Community Park, and Island View Park) are used frequently in the spring near the end of the school year.

Councilwoman Fillmore suggested the Committee review and reprioritize the Parks Capital Improvements Plan now that the grant application is completed and the Committee is fairly certain the grant will be received. Chair Keddington said it would make sense to review and reprioritize the Capital Improvements Plan when the Committee receives a RAP Tax budget
update from staff. He said he does not feel the Committee needs to spend a lot of time reprioritizing if RAP Tax revenues are already committed for the next few years to the Community Park Expansion and the Island View Park Renovation. Mr. Cox responded that there are several sources of funds at the Council’s disposal in addition to RAP Tax revenue. Councilwoman Fillmore added that if the plan is in place, action can be taken as soon as money is available. A majority of the Parks and Recreation Committee agreed it would be nice to receive an update from staff regarding the funds available.

As a newer member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Leslie Flowers asked if the Committee seriously considered a pickleball court instead of sand volleyball during the planning stage considering the growing popularity of pickleball. Melissa Larsen said the Committee did seriously consider pickleball, but decided it is too loud to put that close to residential backyards, and it would be better to put several courts together at a different location. She said sand volleyball was ranked higher than pickleball by the focus group. Mr. Sonntag suggested a sand area could be added with sand toys and features instead of a sand volleyball court if the Committee feels sand volleyball is not used enough. Councilwoman Fillmore said she likes the idea of dual use. Leslie Flowers pointed out that pickleball courts can be used by people of many ages and abilities, and would add variety to what is available in the City. John Ruedas said the problem with a single court would be constant battles over use. Twin Hollow Park in northeast Bountiful has several pickleball courts, and is near enough to Centerville to be utilized by Centerville citizens.

Melissa Larsen made a motion to specify “sand volleyball” on the lower section of the Island View Park Renovation plan submitted with the grant application. John Ruedas seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0), with Leslie Flowers abstaining.

John Ruedas asked if there will be benches for parents watching children at the playground. A majority of the Committee agreed that benches will be needed, but placement can be decided at a later stage. Councilwoman Fillmore said she believes a weakness of the Island View Park Renovation design is the lack of sidewalk/steps around the multi-level playground for parents watching and following children. Mr. Sonntag suggested the stairs currently designed between the tennis courts on the middle level could possibly be moved over next to the playground on the south end. Mr. Cox said the plan for the grant application would not need to change as long as all elements are included. A majority of the Committee appeared to like the idea of moving the stairs on the middle level to the south end next to the playground, ending near the parking lot on the upper level.

Councilwoman Fillmore expressed appreciation to Chair Keddington for the time he has put into the grant application process. She stated this process has been an extraordinary example of the power of volunteer committees.

**SPONSORSHIP POSSIBILITY AT COMMUNITY PARK**

Mr. Cox informed the Committee of an offer from Real Salt Lake to sponsor a futsal court and possibly two futsal courts at Community Park with a permanent RSL logo as recognition. The offer is for RSL to construct and maintain the courts. Most of Community Park benefited from Land and Water Conservation grant funds, with a restriction against any permanent advertising of a professional team. The Community Park Expansion area has not benefited from grant funds, and plans for the expansion could be shifted to accommodate futsal courts. John Ruedas suggested Porter-Walton Park as another possible location. Mr. Keddington said a majority of the Council seemed in favor of moving forward with considering the possibility. John Ruedas suggested taking advantage of the opportunity, but added that the Council should consider putting a policy in place for the future. Mr. Cox said he wonders if RSL would consider
a temporary banner that could be taken down seasonally similar to baseball sponsorship signs, making it possible to put the futsal courts at the northwest end of Community Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Keddington suggested the Committee review and discuss the Parks Capital Improvements Plan at the next meeting. At 8:12 p.m., Tiffany Rees made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leslie Flowers seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Chair Keddington, Chair

Leslie Flowers, seconded

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 11-14-2017