

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2006**

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ROBBINS LODGE
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1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Joyce Steward and Committee members George Greb, Linda Greck, Paul Greenbaum, Casey Lee, Frances Steier and Toni Webb. Also in attendance from the Town was liaison Michael Mungal.

Jeff Dudley was in attendance but Michael Mungal advised him that he needed to be reappointed and would not vote on any items that evening.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. Webb nominated Ms. Steward for Chair. Mr. Greb seconded the nomination. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Greb nominated Ms. Greck for Vice-Chair. Ms. Webb seconded the nomination. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 7-0)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2005, January 23, 2006, March 27, 2006

March 27, 2006 Minutes.

Ms. Greck advised of corrections to items 3.8, 4.3 and 4.4.

Ms. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenbaum, to approve the March 27, 2006 Minutes with corrections.

Ms. Steward requested moving up the discussion of item 6.1. There were no objections.

Ms. Steward introduced Tim Lee, the town's new Urban Forester. Mr. Lee provided a brief history of his background.

6.1 Vista View Park Conceptual Plan – URS Corporation

Ms. Steward introduced Julie Edwards of URS Corporation. She also introduced Bob Zuccaro and Alan Cooke from Park Structures.

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Mr. Zuccaro gave a brief presentation on plans for expansion of Vista View Park and referred to the conceptual master plan illustration. He also provided an aerial view of the site overlaid with playground areas.

Mr. Zuccaro advised that the Parks and Recreation Board had signed off on this site plan. He explained the layout of the park and items that would be focused in the center. He advised that currently there was a rectangular shaped lake that would be improved. He also explained that the restroom and picnic facilities would be improved along with parking. There would be no swimming. He also spoke of an equestrian trail and a place for horse trailer parking that would be provided. Basketball courts would be placed away from homes and no high powered lighting would be used so residents would not be disturbed. He also advised that the multipurpose trail was Chris Macy's idea.

Ms. Webb asked about a landfill runoff going south into the lake. Mr. Zuccaro advised he would look into this. Ms. Webb asked why a boat ramp was included. Mr. Zuccaro advised that state funding required this. Ms. Webb asked if there would be handicap access. Mr. Zuccaro advised there would be universal access. Ms. Webb asked how wide the horse trail was and whether it had fencing. Mr. Zuccaro advised it was 10 feet wide and would have fencing around the perimeter of the site. Ms. Webb asked about the temporary gate. Mr. Zuccaro advised this would only be open for special events.

Ms. Greck asked if there was adequate parking for horse trailers. Mr. Zuccaro responded that it could fit 15 trailers easily. Ms. Greck asked if the fees would be comparable to those at Treetops Park. Mr. Zuccaro responded yes.

Mr. Cooke discussed planned playgrounds and advised they would all have universal access. He pointed out such examples on the illustration provided. He explained different routes of travel including the "alpha" system for 2-5- year-old children and the "beta" system for 4-7-year-old children. He explained that the areas were separate so mothers could monitor the safety of younger children. He explained the "gamma" playground area which was more like a maze for older children to run through. He also discussed ideas presented for shade. He wanted to create a marquee shape including sails of different colors. Ms. Greck asked if this would be made with fabric. Mr. Cook responded yes and stated that shade with a southern exposure would cast shadows over others and maybe not cover all areas.

Ms. Steward asked what types of surface would be used for wheelchairs and strollers to move around. Mr. Cooke advised that synthetic grass would likely be used and added that this had a better warranty and was less expensive than rubber or mulch. Ms. Greck asked if the synthetic grass would go under the swings too and whether skateboards would be restricted from rolling on it. Mr. Cooke stated this grass would go under swings but skateboards would not be able to roll over it. Ms. Webb asked if

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the grass surface last longer than the 8-year warranty. Mr. Cooke responded yes if the rubber was maintained.

Ms. Lee asked about the proposed completion date. Mr. Zuccaro advised this would be March 16, 2007. He added that there were several grants currently available and that his firm was working on several. Ms. Steward liked the plan as it maintained lots of open space. The other Committee member agreed. Ms. Webb liked the lighting. Mr. Greb asked if adult wheelchairs could get around. Mr. Cooke responded yes. Mr. Cooke suggested that the sails for shade could be angled or flat. He indicated he would check with Shade Systems on possible options.

Ms. Steward referred the Committee back to item 5.1.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 OSAC Tour Update

Mr. Mungal advised the Council had approved funding up to \$1,000 for the Committee to conduct the parks tour. Ms. Webb spoke of her knee replacement scheduled for June 12 and advised she would be out of town from June 5 – June 12. Ms. Greck recommended using a tram for the tour. Ms. Steward suggested the weekend after July 4 for the tour. The Committee members briefly discussed availability.

Ms. Webb voted for the July 22 for the tour. Mr. Greb was in agreement along with Ms. Webb. Mr. Mungal advised the tour would start out at 8:30 a.m. from Pine Island Park and end at Shenandoah at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Mungal indicated he would email the tour path to Committee members.

5.2 Discuss developing a draft resolution regarding speed limits/signs near trail connections

Ms. Steward advised she had seen an update advising that motorists should stay clear of cyclists by 3 feet. Mr. Greb felt more than 3 feet of clearance was needed. Ms. Steward asked if Ms. Greck had drafted a resolution yet regarding motorists and equestrian etiquette. Ms. Greck advised she had not done this yet. Ms. Steward advised she had submitted an example from SW Ranches to Mr. Mungal. Ms. Steward asked that Mr. Mungal reword and retype this and send it to the Committee for review.

5.3 Status on Jehovah Witness Site (NW corner of Nob Hill and Orange)

Mr. Mungal advised he had not yet gone out to investigate this site. Ms. Webb advised she had gone out and viewed the area of concern and felt it looked steep. Ms. Greck thought the slope was a bit steep. Mr. Mungal advised he would inform Town Engineer, Larry Peters. Ms. Webb advised that the area needed more dirt as well. Ms. Greck added that it needed dirt that drained.

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5.4 Adopt-a-Park Program Initiative – Next Steps (Update from Joyce on letter she sent to Mr. Cohen)

Ms. Steward advised she had spoken with Mr. Cohen and other city managers about this program. She advised she would sit with Mr. Cohen to discuss this further.

5.5 Status on the board recommendation for raising the Open Space impact fees

Mr. Mungal advised that this item was moving forward but added that it did not only impact open space fees but others as well.

5.6 Rezoning criteria for Open Space parcels (Creation of Draft Resolution)

Mr. Mungal advised that Marcie Nolan would be presenting this to the Planning and Zoning Committee. He explained that if bond or grant monies were used, certain parcels could not be sold or that the Town would have to give back all monies to the entity before prior to sale.

Ms. Steward brought up the fire station that the Town planned to build on an open space parcel. Mr. Mungal advised this would be difficult and that the Town would have to make an amendment to its rezoning ordinance and go through a long approval process. Ms. Steward felt it was important to put a hold on this type of activity or others would feel justified going ahead and doing the same thing with other parcels. Ms. Greck asked about the timeline for remapping. Mr. Mungal believed this was done every two years but would find out for sure from Ms. Nolan. Ms. Greck asked if the Committee could create an ordinance to leave some avenue open for the Town to rezone open space, while making it difficult at the same time; for example, by adding another layer to the remapping process. Mr. Mungal responded yes. Ms. Steward asked Mr. Mungal for a follow-up to Ms. Greck's idea to add another layer. Mr. Mungal indicated he would do this and also consult with the Town Attorney. Ms. Steward stated the Committee did not want the Town to use open space parcels for any other purpose like with the fire station situation. She felt consulting with the Town Attorney was the way to go. Ms. Lee was in favor of this.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Vista View Park Conceptual Plan – URS Corporation

This item was already discussed.

6.2 Discussion of merging OSAC with Agricultural Advisory Board

Mr. Greb pointed out that this Committee had not had to cancel meetings due to lack of quorum and didn't think they should have to merge with the AAB. Ms. Steward

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agreed and felt that OSAC already had enough issues to discuss. Mr. Mungal advised that Councilmember Starkey wanted the merger of these two boards because the AAB often had difficulty achieving a quorum for its meetings. Ms. Webb suggested getting different people on the AAB instead. She did not think that OSAC needed this merger as it had a lot to cover right now. Ms. Lee felt the merger might be beneficial. Ms. Greck indicated she had discussed this with Councilmember Starkey and agreed that there was overlap of agendas between the two groups. However she felt that OSAC was concerned primarily with open space while the AAB was really concerned with farming in Davie. She was in favor of having some joint meetings but did not feel it was effective to merge because their core purposes were different.

Mr. Greb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to oppose the merger of the Open Space Advisory Committee with the Agricultural Advisory Board. In a voice vote, with Ms. Lee opposing, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 6-1)

6.3 Development of map on equestrian and recreational trail crossings

Ms. Greck discussed the need for crossings throughout the Town. She mentioned the Westridge development and the need for a crossing along Flamingo Road. Ms. Greck requested that Mr. Mungal obtain the crossing detail from Engineering.

7. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Mungal advised that he had held meetings with residents of District 1 and District 4 and that Districts 2 and 3 still needed to schedule their meetings. He advised that after the meetings were completed, Willing Seller letters would be sent to property owners of any available open space parcels in the Town.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Greck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Webb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 6-0)

Approved

Chairperson/Committee Member