



SOMERSETT PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 starting at 4 pm
Location: Conference Room at the Club at Town Center

Members Present: Ken McNeil, Nancy Chontos, John Willoughby, Chris Watters, Mike Bettinghouse and Director Jason Rolland

Homeowners Present: Tiffany Rolland

Invited Guests in Attendance: Jeff Mann, City of Reno; Matthew and Heidi Anderson, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation

Staff Present: Callie Froese

1. Call to Order and Introductions for the Somerset Parks Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Nancy Chontos

2. Homeowner Comments

There were no homeowner comments.

3. Approval of November Meeting Recap

The November recap was approved with edits.

4. Update on Site Plan, Designs, Bid Process, Budget and Anticipated Construction Start- Jeff Mann .

Jeff presented the current design plan for West Park. Jeff stated that the park will likely begin around the same time as the paving. Each committee member stated concerns about the current design for Jeff to take back to his team. Chris requested moving the trail to allow more space for the large dog area and to better utilize the extra space that was given. Chris also expressed concern about drainage. Ken expressed concern about the Community Garden. He stated that he believes the current map shows only 7,000 square feet for the garden, when the board stated the garden would have 8,000 square feet. He also expressed concern that there were only 36 beds instead of 50. Jeff said that he would ensure those adjustments would be made. Jeff said that he would get all of the measurements and square footage back to the committee for all of the areas. Ken expressed concern that the playground was a large expense and wanted to discuss alternative options for the playground that would include something with a much smaller footprint and cheaper cost. Jeff reported that the playground size was standard for City of Reno parks. Nancy and Chris both mentioned that they do not believe the turf grass area in the large dog park was not necessary. Jeff stated that his best guess for the total park cost is close to \$1.5 million and that the park currently has \$800,000 in the budget with the City. Jeff reported that the pavers could be placed under the art piece near the parking lot. Jeff also stated that the art piece will be 2% of the park budget, which is a requirement.

5. Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation

Mathew and Heidi reported that the website will be launched by December 15th. They stated that they just needed the committee to keep them updated. They will be in contact about the paver application form as well. Nancy stated that she will be presenting the website to the board and the website would launch and proceed from there.

6. Fundraising

Fundraising is tabled until the next meeting.

7. Committee Member Comments, Questions and Ideas for the Next Meeting

The committee will discuss fundraising at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.