

A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE
COEUR D'ALENE CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 28, 2012 AT 7:30 A.M.
AT THE PARKSIDE TOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

The City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in continued session at the Parkside Tower Conference Room on June 28, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. there being present upon roll call a quorum.

Sandi Bloem

Mike Kennedy (left 8:48a.m.) Members of Council Present
Deanna Goodlander)
Woody McEvers)
Steve Adams)
Dan Gookin)
Ron Edinger)

Denny Davis, Chairman

Dave Patzer) Members of LCDC Present
Jim Elder)
Al Hassell)
Brad Jordan)
Justin Druffel)

Tony Berns, Executive Director

Monte Miller) Members of Team McEuen Present
Dick Stauffer)
Phil Boyd)
Matt Gillis)
Justin Cook)

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Weathers, City Clerk; Renata McLeod, City Clerk Apprentice; Wendy Gabriel, City Administrator; Steve Anthony, Recreation Director; Doug Eastwood, Parks Director; Ed Wagner, Building Director; Brain Keating, Fire Dept.; Gordon Dobler, City Engineer; Mike Gridley, City Attorney; Troy Tymesen, Finance Director.

WORKSHOP – 30% DESIGN PLAN FOR MCEUEN PARK: Dick Stauffer representing Team McEuen reviewed the project to date including the currently funded aspects of the park which includes the design plan. The design process included the topographical survey of the park.

Mr. Stauffer explained the four “districts” for the park which were named for the activities within their area of the park which are: Grand Plaza District, Harbor District, Trail District, and

Recreation District. He highlighted the designated place-holders for public art in the park. He noted that the walkway around the park is marked for distance and at certain points exercise stations will be placed. The Harbor District and Grand Plaza District, located near the waterfront, will have a depiction of Lake Coeur d'Alene embedded on the promenade which would identify all the bays around the lake. He described the amenities located at the lakefront at the base of Tubbs Hill which would include seating, a concession facility site, and boat docks. He described the main entrance into the park which aligns directly from 4th Street. Mr. Stauffer commented that the Arts Commission will be involved in the artwork for the park. The extension of Centennial Trail will go eastward from the park, between the Library and City Hall, and onto Mullan Avenue. The Veteran's Memorial will be placed in the Grand Plaza area.

Mr. Stauffer noted that Team McEuen has been researching the amenities that could be included in the play Area of the Recreation District. In regard to the existing trees, the goal is to save as many trees as possible and noted that the trails have been placed so the trees can survive. The plan calls for as much a separation as possible between pedestrian access and vehicles. As a result of meeting with Bob Singletary and his organization, the play area in the park will include a possible lookout tower-type design with a slide, a water wheel, and a mill teepee burner. A tug boat element is also planned to be placed near the splash pad area. He noted that all play area designs will have safety in mind. The planned pavilion is designed to accommodate a large group or can be subdivided into four smaller areas that could accommodate groups such as family reunions. This area will have picnic tables and an area for food.

The Front Street Promenade includes hardscape/softscape areas that include trees placed in root wells. The intersections will be articulated from a pedestrian standpoint with bollard separations to prevent cars from entering onto pedestrian walkways.

Monte Miller described the parking facility which will extend 3 blocks and will be tucked under Front Avenue. The new parking plan allows for an increase in total parking spaces. Phil Boyd described the traffic plan along Front Avenue. He noted that 3rd and Front would be a 4-way stop, as with 6th and Front. 7th and Front will be a raised intersection with a speed reduction design. City Hall parking lot will include 23 boat trailer parking spaces, a designated area for City fleet parking, and two retaining walls to help with the aesthetic view from the park.

Monte Miller reported that the entrance to the parking lot off of 2nd and Front will be unchanged with the ticket booth moving to the east. He noted that the access to launch a boat is unchanged and the trailer/vehicle parking will be the first spaces to the east of the ticket booth. Entrance into the parking facility will be from 3rd and exit at 6th on Front Street. Hydraulic elevators will be placed along Front Street at various intersections that would allow pedestrian access to the park. Dick Stauffer noted that the conversion ratio from boat trailer parking to vehicle parking is 3 vehicle spaces to 1 boat trailer parking space.

Dick Stauffer described the lighting system for the park which includes LED lighting and has an adjustable illumination program. The Kootenai Dog Park Association has helped design the area and will fund the development of the dog park. Doug Eastwood noted that he is currently working to allow the possibility of allowing dogs on leashes along certain trails in the park.

The Council discussed the issue of compromise on the park plan. Monte Miller commented that another joint meeting will be held at the 60% design completion point. Phil Boyd reviewed the timeline for the project noting that any funding that comes available for additional amenities will affect the timeline.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Adams that, there being no further business before the Council this meeting is adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Weathers, CMC
City Clerk