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AGENDA

Leo Adler Memorial Parkway/Central Park Advisory Committee

Monday September 17, 2007

4:00 p.m.

Baker County Library

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- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2007**
 - 3. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)**
 - 4. Preparation for Open House**
 - 5. Next Meeting**
 - 6. Other Business**
 - 7. Adjourn**
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MINUTES
LEO ADLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY/CENTRAL PARK ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Call to Order/Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Brian Cole.

Roll Call			
X	Brian Cole	X	Dallas Defrees
X	Randy Dodson		Alyson Ogan
	Susan Dowling		Logan Ermovick
X	Chris Folkman		Rachael Livingston
X	Blake Marlia	X	Monica Boyer
X	Ann Mehaffy	X	Jackson Clarke
X	Wayne Sieg	X	Robin Harris Anderson-Perry (Engineers)
X	Jennifer Watkins (staff)	X	Doug Wright ODOT
X	Tabor Clarke (LAMP)		

Also present was Sylva Zimmerman.

Approval of Minutes. The Committee then reviewed the minutes of the August 27, 2007, meeting. Upon the MOTION by Marlia, seconded by Sieg, with all in favor, the minutes of the previous meeting were APPROVED.

Public Comments. Cole then asked for public comments. There were none at this time.

Preparation for Public Forum. Cole reminded the Committee that the Public Forum has been scheduled for September 18. He believes that it will be held at Mad Matilda's though this is yet to be confirmed. Harris asked if there was a good place to have a presentation. Clarke indicated that they do have a large, pull-down screen.

Cole then gave his thoughts on the format of the presentation and asked for input from the Committee. He stated that he will open the meeting and then ask two Committee members to talk about what the group has done to date. He would like one adult and one teen to give this background overview. After a brief discussion, there was agreement from the group that Randy Dodson and Rachael Livingston should fill this role. Cole indicated that he felt about a ten minute introduction would suffice, after which Robin Harris can begin his presentation of the conceptual plan. The Committee agreed that they should ask members of the public to bring their ideas about both the parkway route and the Central Park layout. They also agreed that an "Open House" would be the preferred terminology for the program. The open house will be held at 7:00 pm on the 18th.

Dodson asked if there were people who should be specifically invited to the open house. Mehaffy said that she would like to see all of the City Councilors in attendance. Watkins indicated that she will invite both the City Councilors and the Planning Commissioners to the open house. As many members of the Committee as possible should be in attendance.

Discussion of Maintenance. The Committee then discussed the maintenance of both the current section of the Parkway and the proposed project.

Watkins explained that when the Parkway was first conceived, a group of citizens approached the City Council about its maintenance. The Council at that time agreed that they would maintain the Parkway if built. At that time, there was a great deal of discussion about how the Parkway should look. Watkins explained that there was a decision made to keep the Parkway as natural as possible. This means that it is not a manicured park, but rather a recreational area in as close to a natural state as possible.

Since then, Watkins explained, the Lion's Club approached the City about an adopt-a-parkway program. The Lion's Club has adopted the first section north of Campbell Street. They have planted trees and kept the area very clean. However, their efforts are hampered somewhat by the lack of water in the area.

Marlia then explained that this project started because the Lion's Club was hearing from the public that the Parkway needed to be better maintained. He said that other clubs are interested in participating but need water along the Parkway in order to commit. He feels that this group should address this issue because it will most likely come up during public discussions.

Mehaffy explained that Claire Button coordinated with SOLV and planted native plants along the edges of the river. These plants don't need a lot of water to survive, but many have either been mowed or sprayed with herbicide since then. Watkins agreed, stating that the City would like to keep a three foot swath on each side of the path clear. She added that there are still some of these plants that are thriving along the pathway. Watkins also stated that there are some areas where water could be installed, but it is quite expensive. Additionally, the entire Parkway cannot be irrigated.

Marlia explained that the Lion's Club is very willing to spend money on development of their section, but it needs to be sustainable. Mehaffy suggested that the Lion's Club talk to Claire Button about what vegetation to use.

Dodson said that he feels this group needs to discuss maintenance for the current project, with special consideration of the park. They need to make sure that what is developed is sustainable and maintainable. In response to a question from Cole, Harris explained that the park would have an irrigation system in place. The Parkway is not earmarked for an irrigation system, he said. Clarke stated that there could be some areas

with water availability along the Parkway. The group could consider at least placing access to water in some areas.

After a brief discussion the group reached consensus on the following maintenance statement:

- ❖ This Committee does support maintenance of the entire system and would like the City to have a Master Plan for its development; and
- ❖ Anything that this Committee develops needs to be designed with maintenance in mind, and the City needs to accept that responsibility; and
- ❖ This Committee also encourages the involvement of the Lion's Club and other civic organizations to work with the City on continued maintenance of the project.

Dodson said that he feels that this is a very important discussion and it should be part of the decision-making process for any feature that is considered.

The group then asked Watkins to put together a brochure outlining the progress to date for distribution at the Open House.

Update on Property Owner Contacts. Coles explained that he, Watkins and Clarke will be talking to all of the property owners to make sure they are aware of the preferred route and the upcoming Open House. Clarke said the main purpose is so that the property owners know that their parcel has been identified and will be discussed.

Conceptual Photos. Harris explained that he will be using some conceptual photos at the Open House. In addition to the maps and conceptual drawings, he will show current photos of the park property as well as some conceptual ideas that show what it could look like. In order to help facilitate this, he needs photos from the group of specific features that they would like to use. The group looked at some of his ideas and talked about different graphics that they would like to insert. The end result will be a panoramic view of the park from several angles with features such as fountains, performance areas, entry features, water features, gardens, and paths inserted. The group agreed to find photos of these types of features and get them to Harris as soon as possible.

Sieg asked where the group stood on the question of parking. Mehaffy said that she understood that the group is focusing parking to the northwest of the park and will plan for this in a future phase. There was consensus from the group on this as well.

Future Meeting Schedule. The group then discussed possible meeting times for the future. They agreed to meet on Monday, September 17th, 6:30 pm at the Library. This meeting will focus on preparation for the Open House on the 18th.

Other Business. Under other business, Cole indicated that he and a few others have been visiting with a gentleman name Jon Kimball. Mr. Kimball creates three

dimensional animation videos for projects like this one. He is interested in helping the community with such a project. At this point, there is still discussion as to whether or not the group can afford this type of project.

Adjourn. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.