

Town of Superior
Parks Recreation Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee (PROSTAC)
Meeting Notes
July 16, 2014

Members of the Committee in attendance: Brent Bickel (Chair), Peter Bottomley (Vice Chair), Aaron Atwell, Sandie Hammerly, Steve Smith, Ron Sommer. Quorum present.
Absent: Daryl McCool & Jeff Isaacson (all excused).

Others in attendance:

Citizens: Pam Lehman, Jim Paine, Rita Dozal and Clint Folsom.

Town Board Liaison: Chris Hanson.

Staff: Allison James, Parks Recreation and Open Space Management Analyst.

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Agenda Items:

1. Developer's plan for Superior Town Center parcel 4 discussion and recommendation. The Committee voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the Board approve the developer's plan for the parcel 4 Village Green subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The "play area" should be referred to as an "area" with amenities to be determined by the town and developer.
 - b. The grill stations should be removed, primarily because of the lack of restroom facilities planned for this park. We have found from past experience that restrooms are expected in parks where people congregate for extended periods of time, especially if they will be cooking and eating. Due to the park's small size, the committee feels restrooms are not appropriate for this park.
 - c. The park should be built with green features and high quality, durable materials that meet or exceed town standards.
 - d. For safety, berms and other landscaping should be significant enough to prevent vehicles from entering the park from any direction.

In addition, the developer had requested that the Committee estimate budgetary impacts of any recommendation. In that regard the Committee believes that the budgetary impact of our recommendation will reduce the cost of the park due to what the Committee feels are excessive allowances for playground amenities and play equipment surfacing.

2. Developer's plan for a dog park in Superior Town Center parcel 3 discussion and recommendation. Committee voted unanimously, 6-0, against the Board's approval of the dog park as proposed in the FDP being considered for the following reasons:
 - a. The Committee feels that potential maintenance costs to be incurred by the Town will exceed the expected benefit.
 - b. Concerns that the proposed site may fall beneath existing Town standards for dog parks.
 - c. Lack of access and functionality including parking and restroom services.
 - d. Detraction of views from highway 36, the highway 36 bike corridor, cemetery and the future interior trail system of the development.

The Committee feels that providing access to a dog park for residents of this development is appropriate and that a dog park within the development should be considered.

However, the Committee feels that the proposed location, as depicted in the Final Development Plan, is not appropriate for this facility. In that the charge given the Committee, by the Board, was to review the developer's plans for this amenity, alternate locations for the dog park fell outside of the scope of this task and were not discussed.

3. Review and recommendation of Final Development Plan for Superior Town Center parcel 3. The Committee agreed that the next step in this process should be to meet with the developer to discuss respective conceptual designs for parcel 3. Ranch Capital agreed to attend the meeting. A tentative date of August 13, 2014 at 7-9:30 p.m. is being considered for this meeting.
4. Indoor Civic Space Survey discussion. Due to anticipated time constraints this item was advanced in the meeting to come before the Playground Assessment presentation and prioritization. The Committee will continue to revise the draft survey questions with the goal of finalizing the survey and distributing as soon as possible. Peter and Aaron will be compiling a playground list, similar to the Committee's amenity list that the Committee will work from in the future.
5. Playground Assessment presentation and prioritization. Peter Bottomley and Aaron Atwell delivered their presentation. The Committee agreed that the initial list of parks to be considered for improvements are Children's Park, Purple Park (shelter), and the playground by the tennis courts at the North Pool. Peter and Aaron also made proposals for a variety of low cost upgrades for other parks such as a step for a zip line, artificial shade equipment for Community Park and additional basketball hoops. Peter and Aaron will be compiling a playground list, similar to the Committee's amenity list that the Committee will work from in the future.
6. School Parcel Engagement discussion. Efforts to gather feedback at the PROSTAC booth during the July 4th celebration were successful. Comments were positive and there was interest in the project kick-off timeline.
7. Hodgson-Harris Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation Project Update. Staff provided the following update:
Demolition on the old outlet works is complete, half of the work for the new outlet works was planned to be completed on July 9 and the other half of the outlet works will be completed in the following two weeks. An outlet works is a device used to release and regulate water flow from a dam, these devices usually consist of one or more pipes or tunnels through the embankment of the dam, directing water usually under high pressure to other areas. Excavation of the old dam is complete and the new dam material has been processed. A one week setback occurred due to soil conditions, engineers determined that old material had built up to become a peat bog and had to be removed. The next phase is to build up the dam with the new material. A spill way structure is almost complete except for the surrounding rock protection. The project is scheduled for mid-September completion and is on track.
8. Shan—Shan Property acquisition update. The Board approved a contract on June 30th to buy the Shan—Shan property for the purchase price of \$680,000.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Next Regular PROSTAC Meeting – Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.