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October 25, 2023 - 5:30 PM
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Kelly

Mayor Kelly was unable to attend

Mayor Pro-tem Barrow calls the meeting to order

- **ROLL CALL – City Clerk**

City Clerk calls roll

All council members with the exception of Mayor Kelly are in attendance

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

1. Sports Complex Discussion

Mayor Pro-Tem Barrow introduces the topic

Ms. Gibson speaks about the need for Parker Elementary having an outdoor classroom

Ms. Galbreath speaks about Peep Park having been used as a classroom in the past

Ms. Barrow speaks to Peep Park's current and former use

Katherine Kelly of 5233 Park Street speaks about concerns for using Peep Park as a classroom /field trip destination due to its limited size and support for an outdoor classroom setting

Beverly Hutto of 1001 w Park speaks about a possible pavilion style design that could be used as a multi-purpose outdoor setting for multiple uses in order to do multiple things with moveable pieces

Ms. Gibson reiterates Ms. Hutto's thoughts in support of the idea

Pat Fousek of 1344 Stratford Avenue speaks in support of using Peep Park as a classroom/field trip destination by creating more open space but agreed with Ms. Hutto and suggested that it be moved to provide more ground.

Ms. Fousek inquires about FEMA money and charging for the use of the parks

A discussion ensues among council and the audience

Ms. Gibson suggests there may be a workaround but that Mr. Sloan would need to be a part of this conversation

Ms. Hutto suggests that the use of a 503c might be a possibility

Ms. Galbreath suggests that we focus on what citizens want as Mr. Sloan is not available to address the legal issues

Ms. Fousek inquires about fencing of the entire park

Ms. Galbreath states that she has a note to ask Tony about the fencing

A discussion ensues among the council and audience

Ms. Gibson reiterates some of the possible things that may be wanted for the park

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Karen Custer speaks about the football field as it existed prior to Hurricane Michael and the desire to have the Springfield team come back as the Parker Pirates

Additionally, they would need buildings for storage, concessions and bleachers

Coach Kelly speaks to the same wishes that Ms. Custer spoke about

A discussion ensues among the council and the audience

Sharis Robinson speaks to the desire to have the team name be Parker Pirates in conjunction with the school

Brandon Curtis 4536 Horn Avenue supports the idea of a multi-use building that creates things like Lynn Haven has, supports the idea of the Parker Pirates coming back, suggests that increased use of the area would decrease vandalism, suggests that the new air force base would bring many people,

Ms. Galbreath asks for clarification on the desire for an amphitheater

Mr. Curtiss suggests that we build a multi-purpose building as previously mentioned

A discussion ensued among the audience

Ms. Barrow suggests that we attempt a 3 minute time limit for speaking so that everyone has a chance to speak and states that there is no money from FEMA for a phase 3 for the Sports Complex

Jeanette Howard 1123 E Park Street asks about the grass in the big dog park and a walking path for the entire park

David Vest asks about the difference between the two park submissions

‘ Ms. Gibson provides information and asks that individuals place their desires on the plan that they wish

A discussion ensues among the audience

Ms. Hutto suggests consideration as to what may be required for certain activities, speak to a fountain area as a possible option

Ms. Gibson suggests that we have different playground equipment for different ages

Ms. Barrow suggests that the park be more family friendly

Ms. Hutton suggests that we need to create vandal free items

Ms. Fousek suggests dedication items be used in the park, that we look for grants through the national tennis association and seek help through the school system

Ms. Gibson suggests that there are many grants available but we need to know what we really want

Sharis Robinson speaks to the needs assessment that was done that speaks to a community focus for Parker Elementary

Ms. Kelly speaks to partnering with Parker Elementary to accomplish an outdoor classroom setting for the students of Parker Elementary

Ms. Gibson suggests that we focus on making Peep Park more classroom friendly environment until we can come to some decision with the sports complex

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Ms. Fousek inquires as to the student suggestions for the spots complex

Ms. Custer suggests that we have a horseshoe pit

A discussion ensues among the council and audience

Ms. Barrow would like to see something nice for the students of Parker Elementary

Ms. Hinrichs suggests connecting parks as a walking circuit

Ms. Hutto speaks to need for emergency services use within the scope of the sports complex design

Ms. Hinrichs speaks to the residents not wishing for a second entrance

Ms. Kelly speaks to the need for an emergency services practice area being incorporated into the design

Ms. Howard suggests an area for metal detecting and an area for drones and/or arial remote controlled items

Mr. Vest inquires as to who will do all the work to make this happen

A discussion ensues among the council and the audience

Ms. Gibson provides information regarding the need for Mr. Sloan to have input

Ms. Fousek asks about a second set of bathrooms

Ms. Galbreath suggests that the second set of bathrooms should not go in until the final plan for the sports complex is determined

A discussion ensues among the council and audience regarding the bathrooms

Mr. Chaple speaks to the meeting for the Parker Citizens group and activities related to the Parker Fun Day

Ms. Barrow reminds the audience that the Fall Festival Parker Fun Day will be November 11th, 2023 from 2– 5pm

Mr. Chaple provides additional information related to the Fall Festival Fun Day

Ms. Fousek asks about the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony being the same time as Panama City Ceremony

Ms. Howard asked if we would have more than 1 workshop for the sports complex as well as an update for where we go from here

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD ON THE AFORESAID agenda are invited to be present at the meeting.

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Kimberly Rega, City Clerk