Parks & Recreation Committee

McHenry Recreation Center
3636 S. Municipal Drive
McHenry, IL 60050

July 30, 2018, 5:30 PM
Conference Room

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment: Any people wishing to address the Committee will be asked to identify themselves for the record and will be asked but are not required to provide their address. Public comment may be restricted to three-minutes for each individual speaker. Order and decorum shall be maintained at public meetings.

3. Walsh Park Proposal

4. Department Updates

5. Future Meeting Topics

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting

The City of McHenry is dedicated to providing its citizens, businesses, and visitors with the highest quality of programs and services in a customer-oriented, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner.
AGENDA ITEM 2 – **Walsh Park Redesign**

A donor has come forward with a proposal to redesign Walsh Park. A map of the designs are included. However, the concept would include a paver path that would match the Riverwalk design. The path would traverse the park, significantly widening in the middle and create the unique setting of an “art park”, that would feature a sculpture to be introduced late as well as improved seating before again narrowing and connecting to the parking behind the movie theater.

The design is consistent with the recent plans that were compiled by the Riverwalk Foundation. These have also been attached for review. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous at this point has partnered with a reputable landscape design firm and would like construct the improvements utilizing a design build concept. In a design build concept a budget is set as are the basic concept for the improvements but full constructions plans are not assembled. In this instance, the city has illustrations of the improvements and we have design cross sections from the Riverwalk. Using this information the entire design can be completed.

There are two elements that need to be addressed that the city would be responsible for; the difference in standard wage costs and prevailing wage costs and the seawall portion of the project, if it is pursued. The estimated exposure for the city in the prevailing wage aspect is $12,500. The secondary project that would be a logical time to couple with this initiative is the replacement of the failing concrete seawall, with steel and to pour a concrete sidewalk behind this. For the approximately 115 feet, cost estimates range from $35,000 - $45,000. This aspect would be completely on the city. It would consolidate construction, alleviate any concerns of failure in conjunction with the improvements or dredging and finally set the base if others ever desired to install cantilevered composite boat docks/boardwalk. The improvements would be funded through the Parks Developer Donations Fund.

There are two other options that are viable. One, increase the license agreement to include the walkway/art park and proceed without the seawall improvements and without any prevailing wage exposure; or two, offer the entire property for sale to the developer and sell the park. In either scenario, information that the staff has does not solidly tie the park development with the overall theater/D.C. Cobbs development.

**Action**

To discuss and offer input to staff on the direction of the proposed development and forward to council if consensus is to require expenditure of city funds in conjunction with the project.
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Riverwalk Preliminary Design
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