

**CITY OF DUNDEE
PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**March 3, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2020**
- 4. Sander Estate Park Update**
- 5. Dundee Elementary School Design Committee**
- 6. Parks Grant Update – Third Street Path**
- 7. Harvey Creek Trail Maintenance**
- 8. Viewmont Greenway – Wildflower Restoration Area & Interpretation Signage**
- 9. Adjournment**

**City of Dundee
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2020**

Call to Order

Jeannette Adlong, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Staff Attendance

Attendance via ZOOM: Chair Jeannette Adlong; Committee Members: Jill Bilka, Noel Johnson, Nick Gilbert, David Dixon, Kristin Gorton and Beth Humphrey (7:05 P.M.). Staff members: Rob Daykin, City Administrator; and Melissa Lemen, Administrative Assistant.

Public Attendance

None.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Parks Advisory Committee minutes from February 5, 2020 and August 5, 2020. **The motion** passed unanimously.

Business

Sander Estate Park Update

C. Adlong discussed the draft park plan for Sander Estate Park and expressed concern that the park will not offer a unique feature for the community and draw the public in. She pointed out that the results of the Dundee community survey revealed that the top two most highly desired recreation items community wide were access to the river (with kayak access) and a splash pad or water feature. C. Adlong reviewed background information including feedback provided to CPRD. Though initially the City was told that Jan Sander would not support a swimming pool placed at the park, C. Adlong voiced an understanding that Sander may be supportive of a water feature.

C. Adlong expressed concern and disappointment in the condition of the restroom facility at Billick Park. She voiced appreciation for Bilka's efforts to make the Billick Park restroom improvements the focal point of fundraising efforts for the Dundee elementary school annual auction, though CPRD could not commit to completing the work in the timeframe necessary. Bilka discussed that she did attend a CPRD Board meeting (prior to the pandemic) where she felt they were very supportive and receptive about fixing up the restrooms, and had even indicated their desire at that time to add these improvements to their next budget cycle. It was noted that many things have changed during recent months given the pandemic. C.A. Daykin pointed out that it seems most improvements to Dundee parks have been initiated by citizen groups, including the skate park. He expressed disappointment that the playground structures at Billick Park are past life and need replaced at this point.

C.A. Daykin discussed that CPRD seems to be orienting the Sander Estate Park towards unspecified event space at this time. He discussed that the passage of the bond measure with the school district may present an opportunity. He shared his belief that the replacement of the Dundee Elementary school will take place on a different piece of property. He pointed out that the present school site seems too constricting, and the preservation of Billick Park does not allow much flexibility for a new school at that location. Discussion ensued. C.A. Daykin explained that if the school does relocate there may be an opportunity for the present building to be repurposed to some other public use. He discussed his thoughts and ideas about ways in which the building space could potentially serve the community. He noted that bringing these thoughts to fruition would require the City, CPRD and the school district working together in great capacity. Bilka expressed concern about the present condition of the building and whether significant improvements or perhaps a tear down of the building would ultimately be necessary. C.A. Daykin discussed that an assessment of the property would need to be conducted to determine the best plan moving forward. He pointed out that there is potential to have contiguous public space with an assortment of amenities which would also be located close to Sander Estate Park. Discussion ensued about the importance that careful consideration be given to amenities included at this location. C.A. Daykin supported that a water feature at Sander Estate Park could also serve as a community gathering space and be integrated with picnic shelters, restrooms, and other types of play equipment.

The Committee felt that speaking directly with Jan Sander about her view of a water feature at the park was important. C. Adlong offered to reach out to Sander directly to discuss her feelings on this issue and provide feedback to her about water feature ideas.

Conversation ensued with regard to water features located in nearby cities and the positive impacts that have been observed in those communities. Committee members discussed water features present in Wilsonville and Sherwood and were encouraged to view photos of each.

C. Adlong pointed out that there is adequate space at Sander Park for a water feature. C.A. Daykin discussed his belief that one concern CPRD may have is with regard to budgeting to maintain this type of feature and may lean towards a more passive type of use for that reason. Dixon discussed that consideration should be given to the upkeep and maintenance of a water feature and what that might entail. C.A. Daykin suggested that gathering information from other local cities about the operation of their water features would be helpful. Discussion ensued about the present water feature in Newberg, which was noted to be free flowing and not recirculated water.

The Committee discussed the most recently proposed park plan. Bilka voiced support that the plan would provide some new park space elements for the community. C. Adlong expressed disappointment that a community garden feature was not included in the plan. Dixon felt that there were more paved areas in the most recent draft of the plan than he had anticipated. Committee members shared additional thoughts and ideas about the park space. C.A. Daykin discussed the process moving forward and pointed out that when things reach the public hearing at the Planning Commission level, there will be opportunities to provide more direct feedback on the specifics of the plan. Discussion ensued and he explained that following the Planning Commission process, things would then move forward to City Council where there will be additional opportunity for public input.

The Committee discussed the best way to move forward and voice their support of a water feature at Sander Estate Park. It was noted that CPRD will host upcoming meetings on November 19 and December 3, 2020. Multiple committee members indicated they will plan to attend those meetings.

C.A. Daykin informed that the grant application for the Third Street project is on hold at this time. He explained that the State is short on revenue with the downward trend in lottery dollars and are still trying to assess where things stand in terms of funding these types of projects. C.A. Daykin explained that an email was sent out approximately 2-3 weeks ago to inquire about whether the City was still interested in pursuing the project to which C.A. Daykin provided a positive response.

C. Adlong read highlights from the First Street Park Draft Concept Statement aloud to the Committee, a copy of which was added to the meeting agenda materials. C.A. Daykin discussed that he anticipates that C.E. Reid will be able to provide a refined plan for the Committee to review by March 2021; he has been working on more pressing projects for the City and has been able to begin work on the Plan at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Jeannette Adlong, Chair

Attest:

Rob Daykin
City Administrator/Recorder