

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:04 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Council Members present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Gabriel Sterling, Council Member Tibby DeJulio, and Council Member Andy Bauman. Council Member Ken Dishman was absent.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Ron Segal, Temple Sinai Atlanta, offered the invocation.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recreation and Parks

1. **17-329** Partnership with National Park Service at Crooked Creek Park

Director of Recreation & Parks Michael Perry introduced Phil Cox with the National Park Service. He gave the Partnership with National Park Service at Crooked Creek Park PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member John Paulson stated the City purchased this property a little over two years ago. The five acres was an interesting "pocket park". The City realized the National Park Service has about forty acres in this area. This is a small Sandy Springs park that gives the community access to a very large natural wildlife area. He encouraged this plan to move forward.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked if the right-of-way is owned by the apartments and if they will have access to the trail.

Director of Recreation & Parks Perry responded they can.

Council Member Sterling stated if the City can negotiate to the maximum, it can raise the value of the property. He asked about parking for the park.

Director of Recreation & Parks Perry stated the preliminary plans call for a limited number of parking spaces. He believes the number is somewhere from two to four.

Council Member Paulson stated he believes there will be more parking spaces offered. It will not be a large parking lot.

Council Member Sterling stated this will be a small pervious paver parking lot like at Marsh Creek.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio asked if ADA parking is required.

Council Member Paulson stated ADA parking would be impossible at this location.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated he is sure the Park Service will ensure all standards are met.

Council Member DeJulio asked who owns the part that is in the floodplain. He asked if that is part of the apartment complex or the Park Service.

Director of Recreation & Parks Perry stated most of the property on all three tracts is floodplain. In Crooked Creek Park there is a little bit of the property that is at a higher elevation, but a majority of it is in the floodplain area. All of the property located behind the apartment complex is in the floodplain and the complex owns it.

Council Member Chris Burnett stated the cost for design and construction is about \$335,000 plus the cost of the easement acquisition. The final total may be around \$375,000 and there is \$266,000 in the budget. He asked how the difference will be made up.

Director of Recreation & Parks Perry stated he is sure those dollars will be available when staff moves forward with this project.

There was a consensus of Council for staff to move forward with this project.

2. **17-330** Heards Ferry Elementary School Tree Installation

Director of Recreation & Parks Michael Perry gave the Heards Ferry Elementary School Tree Installation PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated when the school was built a lot of trees were removed and it created sound issues, because the school is near I-285. If we can begin to replace those trees, it would be helpful to the situation.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated he supports this.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling stated these trees will be much more decorative towards the front in the valley section. He asked if the City is looking at ways to plant along the edge and if we are not, then can we plan to do so.

Director of Recreation & Parks Perry responded staff can look at that.

Council Member Sterling asked how much is currently in the tree fund.

Finance Director Karen Ellis stated the amount is a little over \$200,000.

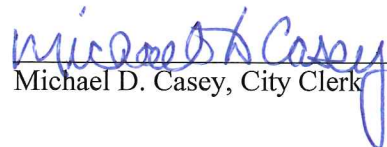
Council Member Bauman stated we could install noise barriers on I-285. That is what the citizens really want. There have been trees planted with other projects. The questions have been related to noise. The trees will not provide a noise barrier until sixty to seventy years later. He would like there to be as much of a canopy as can be planted. He has spoken to PTA members who fully support the partnership between Trees Atlanta and the City. If there is an opportunity to plant more trees, he would agree to it. This is a good start.

There was a consensus of Council for staff to move forward with the tree installation plan.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Date Approved: October 17, 2017


Russell K. Paul, Mayor


Michael D. Casey, City Clerk