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From: Colafella, Douglas G <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 25, 2019 8:44 PM
To: Keith Smith
Cc: Linda O'Neil; Sean McGurr; Deb&Tom; Wash, Trent; Frank Comeriato; Hanink, Dennis; Frank Griffiths; Brett Shriver
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Parks Survey information

100% agree with on the letter and requesting a meeting. I don't see the merit of putting the brakes on a well thought out and focused parks survey project.

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On Aug 25, 2019, at 7:34 PM, Keith Smith <[REDACTED]> wrote:

YES.

Thank you Linda

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On Aug 25, 2019, at 3:59 PM, Linda O'Neil <[REDACTED]> wrote:

All,

I too think a meeting with Council is important. I would also suggest that we draft a letter to Council supporting our position on proceeding with our survey just in case our request for a meeting is delayed/denied. I think if it included all of our signatures it would emphasize it's importance to all the Park Board members. If the letter could be agreed upon prior to our September meeting the signatures could be collected that evening. Though the outside funding issue is important for us to understand and navigate, I think it can be addressed at a later date. The time and effort our Board has put towards our survey should be our number one priority in the letter.

Linda

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On Aug 25, 2019, at 1:08 PM, Sean McGurr <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I think this sounds like an opportunity for a constructive meeting. I agree with everyone thus far.

Sean

On Sat, Aug 24, 2019 at 3:27 PM Deb&Tom <[REDACTED]> wrote:

| Trent, Frank, Keith,

I think a meeting with Council about the Master Plan survey is very necessary. I can't understand not proceeding with the Park Plan survey minus the recreation programming Q's. If the survey found high interest in a recreation center a whole lot of defining and costing would be necessary which could be another survey or subject of an ad hoc committee. I have no envy of getting into the merits, feasibility or advocacy of a rec center. To do an initial instrument (like the Park Plan survey draft) to test the temperature of interest in the context of other park improvements may well prove insufficient interest. To abandon the Park Plan survey to think it the info from a city service and facility survey will give us detail to shape the Park Master Plan doesn't compute. A survey can only take 10-15 minutes of questions. It seems like the repeated message from the administration and Council is they don't want the crazy Park Board going off on wild ideas. The Charter says we are advisory to Council. But we are not supposed to advise and undertake research to advise? I'm open to shaping the questions about indoor recreation differently, even just a question "should the City undertake a study of the feasibility of a community recreation center given the presence of existing privately owned recreation centers, a multi-million dollar construction and the continuing operating subsidy experienced by similar communities?". Maybe Frank or Jane could meet with us to explain the concern and options forward.

I don't like sitting on my hands.

Tom King

On Sat, Aug 24, 2019 at 7:52 AM Brett Shriver

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Keith,

I am in agreement. I would love to meet with council and get some feedback and instructions on a few issues. The two most prevalent to me currently would be

1. New Comprehensive Plan - we need this to be completed in order to guide us in our plans. We have been diligently working toward this only to now have plans stopped. I want to make sure that council understands this.
2. Funding for the parks. Recent council comments indicate they would like park board to look for outside funding of projects. I would like to understand these instructions formally.

Best Regards,
Brett

On Aug 24, 2019, at 6:41 AM, Keith Smith
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for the information Trent. Let
Me first say - I understand that you are simply the
messenger here. Second, I want to point out that I
think you and John Spivak and all
Of the Park staff to an exceptional job.

Here's the "but".....and it's NOT reflective of the Park
management and staff:

Handcuffed again! While I appreciate the desire and
need for an overall community survey, I'm growing
weary of what I perceive as a decreasing amount of
independence the Park Board has from council. We
have been tasked to be an advisory board in Parks yet
council is consistently attempting to "steer" our
process and thus becoming an influential factor in the
opinion given by the board; whether we like it or
not.

Wouldn't it make more sense to let us complete our
survey and then utilize that information gathered by
the survey to design a more complete and detail
community survey of their own?

Trent....can you please request a joint meeting of the
Park Board and council. I think this should occur once
per year.

Other Park Board members - if you disagree please let
me know. I deeply respect all
Of your opinions and hard work you put in to our
tasks.

Thank you

Keith Smith

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On Aug 23, 2019, at 11:55 AM, Wash, Trent
<TWash@hudson.oh.us> wrote:

Yes, that is the direction.

Trent Wash

Assistant Director of Public Works

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From: Brett Shriver

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:48 AM

To: Wash, Trent

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Cc: Hanink, Dennis

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Colafella, Douglas G

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Frank Griffiths

<[REDACTED]>; Seam

McGurr <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Parks Survey information

Trent,

Thank you for the direction. If I'm reading this correctly we would complete the questions for the survey but then table it until some time in the future when city council decides to continue (possibly this fall). I believe this essentially tables any work being done on the new Park comprehensive plan going forward as the survey is a gating item to beginning this work. We would then begin work on the Comprehensive plan some time in 2020 if the survey is begun again in the fall.

Best Regards,

Brett

From: Trent Wash
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Date: Friday, August 23, 2019 at 11:16 AM
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Cc: Dennis Hanink
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Subject: Parks Survey information

Good morning- below is an email from Assistant City Manager, Frank Comeriato regarding the park survey we are currently working on. Frank and I have red lined what we believe is the direction of City Council. I will forward to you later today. We will then need to structure other questions that we feel pertain to our parks and the community in replacement of the deleted subjects that will best fit our vision of the final survey/Master Plan. Let me know if you have any questions.

Trent: Following a meeting with the City Manager and her meeting with Council Members this morning we have been asked to do the following regarding the Parks Community Survey portion of the master plan development:

1. Continue to develop the Parks Survey as you are.

2. Complete the refining of the questions as not to include any questions or references to parks programming or those items related to a potential indoor Community Recreation Center 3. Upon the Park Board's final draft of the document send it to me and you and I will discuss with the City Manager.

4. Upon agreement on the draft and the development of the final document we are to hold and table the document. City Council as you know wishes to address the idea of a potential Community Recreation Center utilizing some type of community survey. There will also be discussions moving into the fall of the year to perhaps develop and distribute a new Community and City Services Survey. Whichever is ultimately decided upon, the Parks Survey questions can be incorporated into a final survey document. I would envision that a comprehensive City Survey would be an RFP project within the Community Development Department. That said, it is feasible that the consultant that you and the Board have been working with could submit a proposal and continue its work with the City.

Please share this information with the Park Board Chair and the Park Board Members so they are fully informed of this change in plans.

Let me know if you have any questions and keep the group working towards a completed Parks Survey that is ready to add to a comprehensive document whatever that may look like.

Thanks, Trent. And nice work reviewing the document.

Regards,

Frank J. Comeriato, Jr.

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