

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS

June 10, 2020 MEETING

Item 5.1 – Magical Bridge

1. If Magical Bridge Foundation funding (or any other funding) has a shortfall at the time of construction, what playground plan adjustments is the City considering?

The plans will include only elements within the construction budget when the project is released for monetary bids and some items will be bid as Alternate Bid Items to select if bids are favorable. An example is to reduce the number of swings and the rubberized surface.

2. Where does the City anticipate Magical Bridge users will primarily park? Will parking at the Senior Center be allowed (along with suitable pathways and wayfinding signage)?

Primary parking will be at the community center. Future improvements to this lot are anticipated. Parking at the senior center will be allowed and users can access the site through the existing accessible pathway between the childcare and senior centers. Parking is also available at the BBQ and Aquatic Center lots within the Rengstorff Park.

3. "What is the anticipated height and type of perimeter fencing?"

The perimeter fence is 42-inches tall and will be a painted metal fence.

4. The report indicates a west side pathway (near the tennis courts) providing access to the "slide mound" area. Assuming the project has perimeter fencing, does this west pathway access to the slide mound necessitate a 2nd entry gate? If so, what is the location of that gate?

The west side pathway outside of the play area and fencing provides access to the tennis courts and no access to the play area. A separate pathway within the fence/play area provides access to the slide mound.

5. Could staff's presentation about the Magical Bridge playground include a map of the area, clearly showing where the location of the playground will be in relation to both Rengstorff Park itself and the future new maintenance building?

Yes. It will be included with an overlay to show its location in Rengstorff Park.

Item 5.2 – Community Services Budget for FY20-21

1. How is the "Advisory Greens Committee" formed and who are the current members?

The Committee consists of five members. There is a member from each club: Shoreline Golf Club, Shoreline Women's Club, and Shoreline Seniors, as well as 2 at-large members (preferably City of Mt. View Residents). There are currently four members on the

committee with one at-large position vacant. Below are their names and the position they represent.

- *Teru Harada – Shoreline Golf Club*
- *Robbie Gray – Shoreline Women’s Club*
- *Bill Mardsen – Shoreline Seniors*
- *Mark Diamond – 1st At-Large Member*
- *Open – 2nd At-Large Member*

The members are selected by the City through an application and questionnaire process. The Committee is not an official Council Advisory Body and therefore follows different selection processes than the PRC.

Item 5.3 – PRC Work Plan for FY20-21

1. I see a Feb 2021 annual report from Canopy. I assume, then that a contract has been signed? I think it would be productive to have an update from staff and/or them before a full year has elapsed on what they anticipate the first year to look like, so we can review and potentially provide feedback. Is that possible?

An agreement for FY 2020-2021 has not been finalized to date. The work plan includes an update from Canopy to align with annual updates from similar groups with the understanding an agreement will be finalized soon. Staff and Canopy are currently in discussion regarding the elements/activities that will be included in the agreement. Due to COVID, these conversations were delayed and both agencies are working to determine final scope. A presentation from both staff and Canopy will be added to a future PRC agenda to review the collaboration between the agencies.

2. Regarding the update to the Tree Master Plan, I hope to hear during the presentation how and when the PRC will be involved. Will we discuss the scope? When will the PRC have the chance to discuss issues such as additional tree protections, more severe fines for illegal heritage tree removals, closer cooperation between CDD and CSD staff on tree issues?

Staff is planning two paths forward regarding the items raised. First, there are topics that mostly pertain to staff processes and coordination between CDD and CSD when it comes to tree decisions such as additional protections and applications of current fines. Second, there is the Community Tree Master Plan Five Year Update and larger policy or budget considerations.

As a next step for continual improvement to CSD and CDD processes, staff will put together a set of recommendations for Canopy to review. CSD, CDD, and Canopy will then bring these recommendations to PRC for review. This should be added to the work plan and will be brought to PRC before the first Community Tree Master Plan meeting in November so that any recommendations that should be included in the Master Plan Five Year Update can be added.

The second path for the Community Tree Master Plan Five Year Update and larger policy or budget changes is not mutually exclusive to the first path but will follow a different overall timeline than improving staff processes. There are two parts to the Five Year Update. First, the update will include an inventory of trees, canopy coverage, and other information such as percentage of impermeable surface in the City. At the November meeting, PRC will review the items need to be studied for data and when the public should provide input on the update. The contractor will then go collect this data and work with staff to come up with recommendations for the next five years to continue to improve our canopy coverage based on the data.

At the second Community Tree Master Plan meeting in the spring, staff and the contractor will present the data and recommendations to PRC. At that time, if the PRC believes there are other items that need to be addressed or looked into that staff has missed (Heritage Tree Policy, Street Tree Policy, Tree Penalties), then that would be the time for PRC to include those reviews and studies as goals over the next five years until the next update. The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide staff's work to improve the Canopy of Mountain View. Specific items like tree fines and stricter policies are items that should be included in the update for staff to further review or change as a goal. However, actually amending the fees or policies would not be recommended to be included in the actual update.