

CLOQUET CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Present: Bjerkness, Kolodge, Langley, Rock, Wilkinson, Mayor Hallback

Absent: Maki

Staff: Fritsinger, Barclay, Peterson

Others: Dan Hinzman and Michael Krick from SEH, Jason Drew and Cathy Shelton from Picture This Granite, Richard Chase, Aaron Johnson, Gary Dahl, John Badger, Jamie Lund, Pine Journal

Fauley and Veterans Park Project Update

Mr. Fritsinger stated the focus item of tonight's discussion is the Veterans' memorial wall. Mr. Peterson gave a brief background and current status review of the parks project.

- Council approved \$945,000 for the project and funding for striping and fencing to direct ATVs will come from CIP. The base bid is \$900,000 but will be flexible with the addition of lighting and fencing.
- The memorial wall schedule is to draft the design in May, finalize in June and be ready to bid. Construction on the wall is estimated for fall of 2016.
- Caleb is working on the Landscape Partnership Program for another MNDOT grant. A resolution is required for the application and is on tonight's Council agenda.
- Ms. Shelton stated the draft artwork for the wall includes everything that was requested but anything can be added/changed based on feedback. The group agreed the angular shape of the wall would work best for the artwork being depicted. Discussion of representation of all branches of the military, POWs, and 148th Fighter Wing.
- It is not recommended to have running water over the wall as originally planned because the artwork will wear over time. The Vets group would like to take the artwork back to the group and get their feedback on the artwork. It was also agreed by all that the Cloquet logo should be removed from the wall.
- Mr. Hinzman next gave a brief overview of the rest of the park plan. Lighting is slated as an alternative. Mr. Peterson stated the electrical pieces of the plan are core infrastructure and is important to make it into the plan. The decorative features with lighting will be what catches the eye and is a critical piece for park events. Unless bids come in high, award the bid and move ahead making it part of this project.
- Discussion on landscape bids. Mr. Peterson stated there will not be any issues with bidding the landscaping because of the schedule in October. The City Council supported the design/bid/build approach.

Skate Park

- Mr. Peterson discussed the process of the Bid-Build concept of the skate park. He is not comfortable going that direction because of the lack of control and the expense if changes need to be made. The Council needs to be comfortable with a detailed plan before we move forward. This is going to be a controversial park going into a neighborhood and we need to have control and defend the design. If the Council is in agreement with the bid/design/build concept, he will meet with the design firm and start the process to come up with a design. The preliminary phase is going to be the most critical part. It is also important to have the kids be involved, but not in control.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Fritsinger
City Administrator

