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To: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
Date: March 12, 2020
Subject: Jack Gist UPDATE

Requested Action: Discuss potential purchase of a portion of the lot next to Jack Gist Park and make a recommendation to the City Council

UPDATE: The land has sold. Land clearing will happen this winter. A new subdivision layout is being designed. I recommend the Commission make a decision at this meeting and forward the recommendation to the City Council for action.

Note: There are subdivision code requirements for some basic trail connections. I am not looking for a lot of input on trails. The city needs PARCAC input on if the city should purchase some land as a buffer to park facilities, and how much money we are willing to spend to do so. (Typically the city can't pay more than fair market value for the land.) Any expenditure will require an ordinance of the City Council.

Options:

1. Do nothing.
2. Offer to purchase a strip of land adjacent to the parking lot with a deed restriction. (approximately 1 acre?) For example, the area might be used for future storm water management, green space and trails, but restricted against parking lot expansion or new park facilities. The buffer is for the park and the neighbors, not for expansion of the park towards new homes. The deed restriction may lower the value of the property and make it more affordable for the city to purchase.
3. Purchase approximately 1 acre with no restrictions. Could cost more.
4. Recommend purchase of a larger area, say 5 acres as a park buffer and along the Jack Gist Lane. (may exceed our budget)
5. Are we interested in the extension of water, sewer, or electric service to the park?

Attachments

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