

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:15 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Josh Lampa, Dick Rynearson, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Keith Smith

Absent: Chris Yonish

One vacancy

MOTION: To excuse Mr. Yonish. Motioned by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rynerson. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

None at this time.

New Business:

Public input meeting for the Community Stage Presentation by the Thrasher Group

Marcus Chrzanowski introduced himself and the Thrasher Group. Mr. Chrzanowski began by saying a few weeks ago he visited the area and spoke to the stakeholders on what they were looking for in an amphitheater. Mr. Chrzanowski said concept one was near the police station and concept two was in the current City Park. Mr. Chrzanowski explained everything he was presenting were just concepts and up for discussion. Mr. Chrzanowski then went into discussion about the two concepts.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked how many parking spaces there were in the main parking area of concept one and Mr. Chrzanowski replied with approximately 80.

Mr. Rynerson asked about the noise and lights that would be generated from the parking lot if it would impede on the performances [concept one]. Mr. Chrzanowski there were methods to screen both.

Councilman Hannan asked how many people the amphitheater would hold and that his concern was if there were only 80 parking spots but the venue could hold 800.

Mr. Mytinger said events could vary in size. Mr. Mytinger said any concept they chose they would need additional grass parking and walking.

Councilman Hannan said he would like to see an additional roundabout for porta pots. And asked if the stage was flat or elevated. Mr. Chrzanowski said it could be built up.

Councilman Kocisko said on a fair night they would need 700 plus parking spots. Mr. Kocisko did not think it was a great idea to use grass parking because of rain. He also added they would need approximately 15 – 20 porta pots.

Mr. Lampa then navigated the group to move to concept two. Mr. Chrzanowski described the renderings.

Mr. Mytinger questioned if food trucks were too close to the stage and if it would be difficult for the vendors to hear orders. The group then had some brief discussion on the topic.

Mr. Smith questioned if they could combine the two plans. The group then discussed a few logistics of the suggestion.

Councilman Ring asked which plan was more expensive. Mr. Chrzanowski said he felt a lot would come down to utilities. He said as far as infrastructure they were apples to apples.

Ms. Gestring asked if the seating was comparable on both plans and Mr. Chrzanowski confirmed.

Mr. Mytinger asked if the stage faced in the SW location how much sun could interfere with the performer's eyes and also if noise would carry to the homes nearby. Mr. Chrzanowski felt concept two noise would not carry too much and had heard a lot of the time stage lights were worse than the sun.

Councilman Ring asked Mr. Mytinger how would the location of venue effect the baseball tournaments. Mr. Mytinger said he would never overlap the two. Mr. Ring said he did not want to hinder use of the fields.

Councilman Kocisko felt concept one would be more expensive. He felt there was lot of dirt to be moved. He also felt the walk from the schools to the location of concept one [near police department] was too long of a walk. Mr. Kocisko went into more detail about why he felt it would be more expensive.

Mr. Ring felt there were pros and cons to both concepts.

Mr. Mytinger then discussed crowd control and pitch points.

A resident of Streetsboro, Tom Vasko, felt the groups should consider putting the amphitheater by the library because everything was already there for utilities. Mytinger said the area Mr. Vasko was referring to was already scheduled to be Sand Volleyball Courts.

Ring said his biggest concern was parking.

Mr. Lampa asked how drainage worked for concept one. Mr. Chrzanowski said they would direct water elsewhere.

Councilman Hannan asked who would determine which plan the city would go with. Mr. Mytinger replied with either the PRCAC Committee or Stage Committee would make a recommendation to Council.

Councilman Ring clarified there would be a recommendation made to Council. Mr. Mytinger agreed and said he did not believe they needed Council's approval for a conceptual design to be created as long as PRCAC and Stage Committee were in agreement on the recommendation. Councilman Ring said he would hate to see the city spend money on the conceptual design if Council did not agree with the recommendation they chose. Mr. Mytinger then questioned why have the Committees if Council was going to choose the location regardless of the recommendation. They all then had discussion on who should make the recommendation.

The Thrasher Group then explained the idea was to take the two plans and make it the City's.

Mr. Vasko asked how it would be financed and Councilman Ring said it was to be determined.

Mr. Rynearson said he was a bit concerned about Council. He said in other government organization the board specified the process. He felt in this situation Council may or may not like the process and may not accept the process. The groups then discussed and clarified some confusion from earlier comments.

Councilman Kocisko felt they were great concepts. He was leaning more towards concept two and asked if there would be an option to loop around the stage.

From the Thrasher Group, Mr. Steve Musto, said concept one could provide a quicker exit and concept two was a little more congested.

Mr. Kuhstos said neither concept one or two offered an area for a box office. Mr. Mytinger said he looked at doing an Event Bright for tickets and a pinch point to funnel crowds. Mr. Kuhstos said it appeared concept one allowed for more parking and kept the park the park.

Mr. Lampa said both plans looked very nice. He was personally in favor of concept one. He felt more could be gained from that concept. He felt concept two encroached on the park too much. Mr. Lampa asked if anyone from the Police Department had concerns about the parking being so close. Mr. Lampa also suggested a tree line to hide the service equipment. The group continued to discuss Mr. Lampa's suggestions.

The group continued to have more conversation about parking and Ms. Fitzsimmons suggested shuttles for parking that is further away.

Mr. Mytinger said the park was very dark at night and suggested they should discuss lights and concrete walkways.

Councilman Kocisko said Streetsboro Family Days used generators instead of investing in actual lights. He also said there was a cost to shuttle people and questioned who was going to pay it. He then brought up security for the individuals walking to their cars.

The PRCAC Committee, Thrasher Group, Stage Committee, and citizens agreed to gather all feedback and send it to the Thrasher Group in approximately two weeks. From there the Thrasher Group would have more detail of the City's wants and needs to present and discuss.

Directors Report:

Adjournment

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7:15 pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation