

**SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1995  
7:00 P.M.  
TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER**

**Members Present:** John Gormley, Jamie Hamilton, Karen Madsen, Keith Mumby, Lynn James, Dennis King, Frank Dunn

**Staff Present:** Erik Joe Stevens, Gail Woodmansee

**Meeting called to order. This is the second special meeting for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as it relates to the development of a skatepark and its proposed location. At the November 21, 1995 meeting, a substantial amount of public comment was accepted. The Parks and the Recreation Advisory Board has had an opportunity to review the comments, talk with neighbors and review staff recommendations.**

**Joe Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director, presented staff observations and recommendations. Following the public hearing and additional comments received via fax, phone, written and in person, a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was prepared based on staff's perspective. The alternatives for review included:**

- 1. Recommend that the City Council sell South Sherwood Park contingent upon at least a \$5,000 donation (from the buyer) toward the development of a skatepark at Westlake "Park", utilizing a portion of the proceeds from the sale toward the development of the skatepark and the balance being utilized for the development of Canyon View Park which will also have an in-line skating feature.**
- 2. Recommend that the City Council retain South Sherwood Park and move forward with plans to develop a skatepark at that location.**
- 3. Recommend that the City Council look at other locations for a skatepark and retain ownership of South Sherwood Park.**
- 4. Recommend that the City Council sell South Sherwood Park, contingent upon at least a \$5,000 donation (from the buyer) toward the development of a skate park at a site yet to be determined, utilizing a portion of the proceeds from the sale toward the development of the skatepark and the balance being utilized for the development of Canyon View Park which will also have an in-line skating feature.**

**Based on all comments received, staff recommended alternative #1 to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.**

**Jamie Hamilton stated that based on comments and evaluation, the only change to Alternative #1 would be to designate the Westlake area as a park site.**

**Jamie Hamilton moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to accept staff Alternative #1 recommending that the City Council designate the Westlake/Buthorne drainage area as a neighborhood park site and sell South Sherwood Park contingent upon at least a \$5,000 donation (from the buyer) toward the development of a skatepark at "Westlake Park". Utilize 50% of the proceeds from the sale toward the development of the skatepark with the balance being utilized for the development of Canyon View Park which will also have an in-line skating feature.**

**Keith Mumby stated that the open-endedness of the recommendation was not acceptable. The recommendation should include a commitment that a definite portion of the proceeds from the sale of the South Sherwood parcel be designated to Westlake and a portion to Canyon View Park. A substantial portion (60% +/-) should be committed to Westlake and the amount could increase based on funding sources.**

**Frank Dunn commented that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has reviewed the comments and concerns and does not want anyone to think that the board does not listen. The board does not want to put a facility where it's not wanted. The kids do need a skatepark and a substantial commitment should be made to the Westlake site. The board would like to make Westlake Park nice and needs to do additional improvements to the area.**

**Dennis King agreed that more money should go to the Westlake Park site.**

**Jamie Hamilton has difficulty designating as much as 75% of the proceeds to the Westlake area. The Park Development Task Force has held over 33 meetings and Canyon View is and has been, the number one priority while Westlake was never even on the list.**

**Joe Stevens stated that staff does not have an estimated construction cost at this time and the costs will depend on what is included in the skatepark along with any additional amenities. Staff will meet with area residents to incorporate their concerns and requests in the design process.**

**Keith Mumby said he was not set on 75% but Westlake Park does need a significant amount of development dollars.**

**Lynn James stated that he was pleased that the South Sherwood site will not be used and the Westlake area will be a fine place for the skatepark and may also be a catalyst for additional development.**

**Karen Madsen asked what the "fair market value" of the South Sherwood site would be. (This information is private during negotiations).**

**John Gormley stated that designating the Westlake area as Westlake Park will help their cause for future development. In addition, based on comments from the Sherwood area, Sherwood Park already has too many activities and adding an additional amenity would take away from the park. He also felt that no more than 50% should be designated to Westlake Park citing other prioritized needs and the potential to leverage other funding sources.**

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**Jamie Hamilton amended the original motion, seconded by Dennis King, to recommend that the City Council designate the Westlake/Buthorne drainage area as a neighborhood park site and sell South Sherwood Park contingent upon at least a \$5,000 donation (from the buyer) toward the development of a skatepark at "Westlake Park". Utilize 50% of the proceeds from the sale toward the development of the park with the balance being utilized for the development of Canyon View Park which will have an in-line skating feature.**

**Approved: Yes-7, No-0**

**This item will be presented to the City Council at their December 20, 1995 meeting**

**Meeting adjourned, 7:35 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gail Woodmansee**  
**Sr. Admin Secretary**