

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

January 7, 2013

4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor St. Ores.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Carlson, Goldston and Hanson

Staff Present: Administrator Berg, Assistant Administrator/City Planner Taylor, Public Works Supervisor Horak, Park Consultant Larry Wacker

OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN CONCEPTS FOR PERRO PARK

Park Consultant Larry Wacker reviewed the master plan process to date, noting city staff has had multiple meetings to assess current park facilities and uses, as well as identify opportunities for potential upgrades and improvements, which included input from Sheila Folden, Physical Education teacher at Andersen Elementary School. Following this review, Consultant Wacker presented an overview of the existing facilities and conditions of Perro Park, recognizing that several of the structures were currently at or have exceeded their life expectancy and are in need of repair.

Consultant Wacker continued the workshop by reviewing two preliminary concept layouts for the park, which incorporated suggested improvements for City Council consideration. For the most part, Concept A maintained the existing general layout of the park, with the exception of eliminating one of the three tennis courts, and repurposing the second tennis court into a half basketball court. Other enhancements, such as the addition of a trail system, expanding the warming house building to include a picnic shelter area and restroom, and moving the playground equipment toward the interior of the park were also shown on the plan. Concept B retained two tennis courts, but moved the hockey rink toward the interior of the park and relocated the warming house and playground area to the northeast corner. Both a trail system and expansion of the warming house were also shown as enhancements on Concept B.

Discussion followed on the concept layouts, including reduction of tennis courts and size of the hockey rink and need for improved park access, turf, trail, picnic area, restrooms, lighting, and a focal point/park identity feature. Although it was noted that several of the current facilities/features serve their purpose, i.e. lighting, turf areas, satellite toilet, and warming house, there are definitely opportunities to make improvements in the way of beautification, efficiency, and accessibility, as well as increase overall park use and generate revenue through park reservations. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to revise both concepts to include two tennis courts, eliminate the proposed half basketball court, complete proposed trail connections to the warming house and other facilities, and increase the size of the proposed hockey rink (resulting in a slightly smaller hockey rink than what currently exists). The revised concepts will be presented to the public for input and comment at an open house, tentatively scheduled for late January or early February.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor St. Ores adjourned the workshop at 5:55 p.m.