

City of St. Anthony
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Minutes

November 29, 2022

Present:

Mayor & Council:

Randy Stille, Mayor, Bernard Walker, Thomas Randle, Wendy Webster, Jan Jenson, Councilmembers

Planning Commission:

Meridith Socha, Paul Morita, Paul Morita, Thomas Kuykendall, Member, Corey Erickson, Chelsey Hendrickson, Member, Jennifer Gaveske, Commissioners

Parks & Environmental Commission:

James Niemi, Terese Bordeau, Lona Doolan, Michael Guest, Commissioners

Staff:

Charlie Yunker, City Manager, Nicole Miller, Assistant to the City Manager, and Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

Consultants:

Steve Grittman, City Planner

Call to Order:

Mayor Stille called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Green Space:

Mayor Stille summarized the action steps from the 2022 Pyramid of examining open space in the Silver Lake Village area, and the southern part of the City. City Planner Grittman reviewed the information provided in the packet from the Comprehensive Plan for context and to assist in the discussion.

Discussion began with the city-owned parcel at 3803 Stinson and comments from Council and Planning Commission on the desire for more open space in the Silver Lake Village area. Discussion took place on the appropriateness of the parcel as a park and the need to find a funding source. General consensus was a park/open space is preferred, but would consider commercial proposals, possible residential, but low-mid density, with a new building, not a rehab of existing and include some public space. City to pursue ULI TAP program to examine variety of uses and encompass the whole Silver Lake Village area.

Discussion then moved to the southern area of the City and the resident's provided information proposing a City park at 2701 Kenzie Terrace. The Commissioners discussed that the parcel is too small for an effective park and the general consensus priority for park/open space search is in the Silver Lake Village area. Council discussed that the Comprehensive Plan identifies the desire for more open space around the Kenzie TerraCe area, but would be to be in conjunction with commercial redevelopment to provide a funding source.

Bike Trails:

Staff summarized the proposed trail map, which is a refinement of the existing Kiwanis Bike Trail. Markings would include refreshed signage and pavement markings to indicate a shared use area.

Commissioners asked of dedicated trails could be established, and staff indicated that due to the available right-of-way, they would need to be shared. Discussion from the group expressed the desire to consider the Kiwanis Trail a recreational trail, and the City plan should be focused on transportation, Safe Routes to School and regional connectivity.

Staff will revisit and provide further options for consideration.

Other Business:

Staff was asked if Hennepin County responded about the possibility of establishing a dog park on a parcel adjacent to Hwy 88. The County may permit use of property but would consider approval through their permitting process. Another possible location was discussed at Silverwood Park. Some present felt that was a better location, while others preferred the Hwy 88 location. Mayor Stille will inquire if Silverwood is an option.

Future Work Sessions:

Next Work Session will be held on December 7th, 2022, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Yunker, City Manager.