

**CITY OF PALMER
ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 12-023**

Subject: Accept the Concept for Both the Wilson Park Design and Layout Plan and Authorize the Action Steps Needed to Build the Park

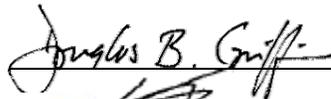
Agenda of: June 12, 2012

Accepted and direction given to the Manager: that consideration of standard features related to the practical needs such as safety, parking, sanitary facilities be considered during the design phase.

Council Action: _____

Approved for presentation by:

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk





Certification of Funds:

Total amount of funds listed in legislation:	\$ <u>12,000</u>
This legislation (√): ____ Has no fiscal impact	
Creates:	
√ A negative fiscal impact in the amount of:	\$ <u>12,000</u>
____ A positive fiscal impact in the amount of:	\$ _____
√ Funds are budgeted from this (these) line item(s):	
➤ 08-01-10-7038 Park Improvement	\$ <u>12,000</u>
➤	\$ _____
____ Funds are not budgeted. Budget modification is required. Affected line item(s):	
➤	\$ _____
Unrestricted/undesignated fund balance (after budget modification)	\$ _____
Director of Finance signature certifying funds:	 _____

Attachment(s):

- Wilson Park Concept Design and Layout Plan
- Wilson Park Design Event Flip Chart Notes
- Photos from March 31, 2012 neighborhood meeting
- Wilson Park Action Steps

Summary statement: A conceptual Park Design and Layout Plan was developed for Wilson Park on March 31, 2012, by a team of Landscape Architects with direct input from the Brittany Estates neighborhood. The plan as envisioned by the community includes topographic elements that will need to be engineered prior to park development.

Background: In 2005, the City acquired 0.6 acre on Felicia Street for a neighborhood park as part of the development of Brittany Estates Subdivision. Part of the park parcel was donated by

the developer and a part of the 0.6 acre was purchased by the City.

Over a two day period this Spring, the City partnered with the National Park Service, the Sustainable Design Group, Ptarmigan Trails, and the American Society of Landscape Architects to meet with neighborhood residents to discuss their open space needs and design elements of the park that the neighborhood residents wanted in this small park space.

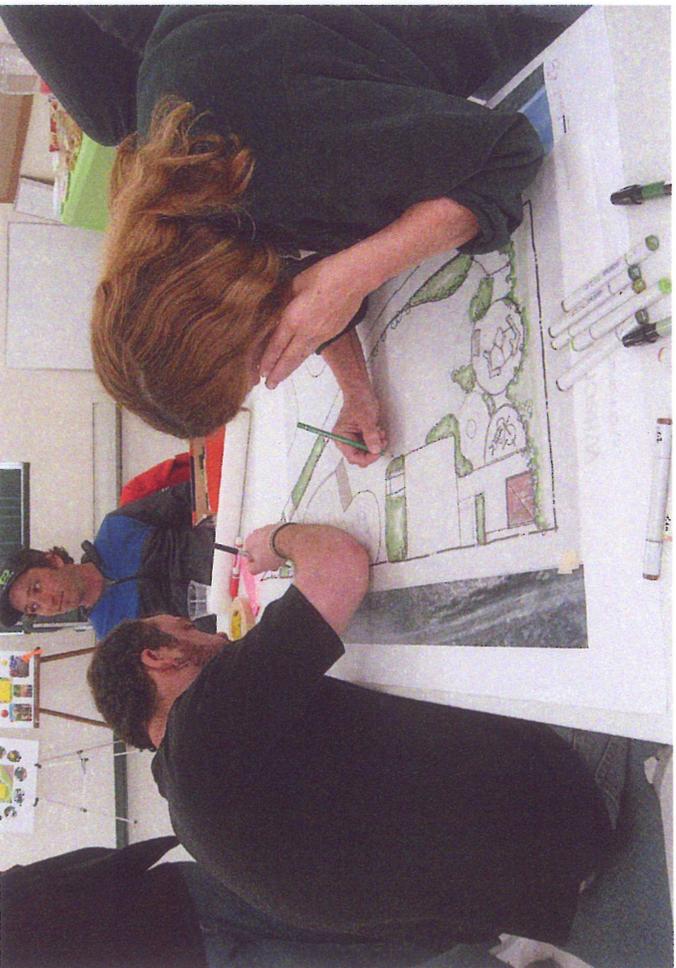
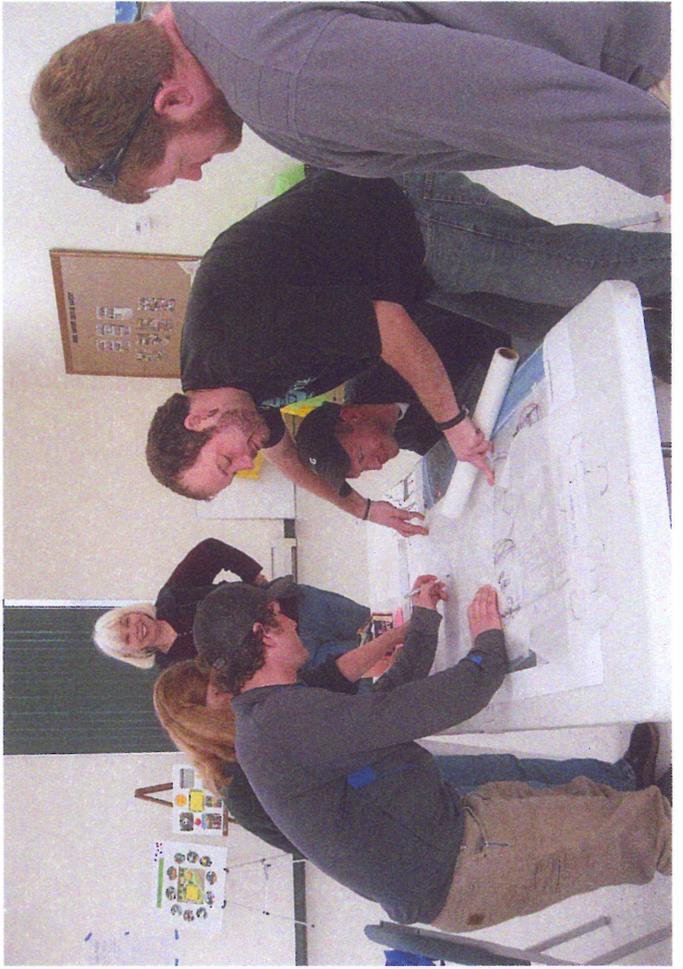
On Friday afternoon and evening, March 30, 2012, neighborhood residents were invited to a Potluck Design meeting held at the First Baptist Church on Helen Drive. Participants discussed potential elements that could be part of this small park and used "dots" to indicate the elements that were most important to them.

On Saturday morning, March 31, the team of Landscape Architects from the Sustainable Design Group and the National Park Service developed a schematic design for Wilson Park and a layout plan based on the elements most desired by the community. The neighbors then returned to the Church at Saturday afternoon to see the results of their input.

The design for Wilson Park includes a small pump track on the narrowest part of the park property, a flat open space for active play, a half court basketball area, a small pavilion and two play areas- one for tots and one for children seven-12.

If the concept design and layout plans are approved by Council, \$10,000 to \$12,000 from the General CIP – Projects line item 08-01-10-7038 Parks Improvements will be used to have a consultant prepare the specifications and detail sheets for drainage and grading plans and the materials list and construction drawings for this park. There is currently a balance of \$96,291 in the Parks Improvement line item.

Administration recommendation: Approve action memorandum 12-023.

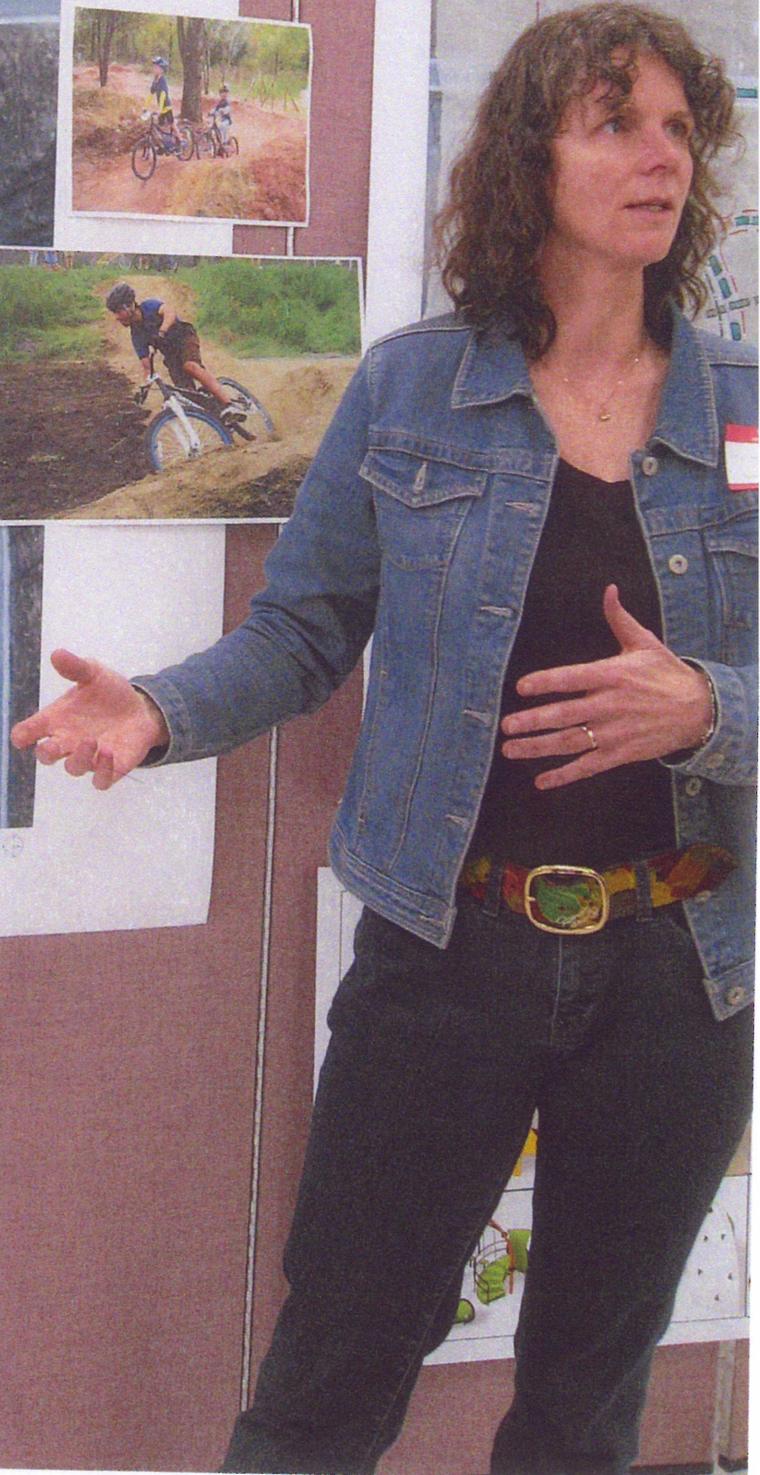




Wilson Park

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GAMES - Hopscotch
 all Pump TRACK 11" ↑
 younger green, less typical
 SQUARE Park for little kids
 and Family ride together (13-5)
 ones pushswing) Park needs to cater to all Ages
 seating with view of whole
 park, would not sit in pavillion
 see pump track
 HAVE A PATROL to protect
 "Jackson will help"
 summer



WILSON PARK DESIGN EVENT
March 30 and 31, 2012
Final Flipchart Notes

DOT VOTE RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Friday, March 30, 2012

- Multi use basketball area with winter use area
- Climbing rock & structures
- Pump park element
- Graffiti wall – chalk
- Shelter/pavilion (picnic/grill/bench/waste receptacle/poo bag)
- Balancing feature
- Multi-generational fitness
- Dual purpose
- ?Parking? residential vs coolers to park
- Pavilion for distance – rolled curb
- BBQ = destination; vs picnic area, table, snack
- Neighborhood park vs city park
- BBQs elsewhere
- Limited real estate
- Multigenerational
 - Some parking?
 - Commercial behind...?
 - Walkability/connectivity
 - Young families
- For every opportunity, also a downside
 - BBQs bring non-neighbors
- Playgrounds also unique pieces
- Utilities, basics – restrooms, bike racks, trash cans, lighting
- Winter?
- Involve school kids in doing artwork in park – design mosaic wall, plant flowers, make it theirs (no elementary art in schools now)
- Cost, how much do, how quickly build
- Restrooms, etc...expensive
- Time, money
- Work with commercial developers for restrooms – cost, space, maintenance

VOLUNTEERS

Friday, March 30, 2012

- Erin- work with elementary art in park (fund raiser)
- Nate – push stuff over, mover and shaker
- Advocacy – Mat Su Health Foundation
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Family Friends of Park
- Open space – free play

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PARK PROGRAM ELEMENTS

March 31, 2012 (Morning)

(3/31/12 discussion based on previous night's dot results)

Socializing

- Benches and picnic tables (art)
- Shelter near skate area
 - Large vertical element (destination)
 - 12' x 12' size
 - Shelving/storage space/hooks
 - Solid wall to block wind
 - (art)
 - Potential to lash vegetation together to form wall
- Watching area to see park/people
- Open space

Chalk Wall

- Wind block
- One side – climbing
- Wall ball

Rock Wall (with ropes/nets?)

- Natural
- Potential chalk wall on one side
- Good for older ages (but little kids will copy older and try to climb)

Tot Spider Assembly

- Focused area for tots
- Supervised – but adults able to see all of park

Art

- Entries/gateways
 - Reflect community desires
 - Ideas: historic, cultural, new, other??
- Valley Art Alliance
- Gateway with arms that morph into climbing
- Recycled materials
- Colorful (but not garish) – looks good in winter

Bike Elements

- Needs to maintain interest
 - Looped
 - Multi-directional
- 45' x 45' is good size
- Track is 3' wide

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- 2-3% vertical slope; < 5-6% grade
- 2 bike lengths away from the road (safety)
- 9' space between roller crests
- For mountain bikes, 20" BMX bikes, 24" cruisers
- Tap for water hose
- Potential to put dirt up against climbing rock
- Bury flat rocks/sliced logs

Ball Court

- 4-square
- Hopscotch
- Basket ball free-throw line
- Basket ball hoops
 - 10' goal
 - 8' goal
 - Multi-hole thing ["fun hoop"]
- Half-court 50'x 50'
- Benches (art)
- Integrate wall with court space for wall ball

Winter

- Potential skate area on ball court or low spots (wind)
- Lighting
- Pump humps = sledding

Other

- Time capsule
- Edible vegetation (moose resistant)
 - Raspberries
- Trash receptacles and poo bag dispensers
 - animals with mouths open (art) [Lisa has photos]
- Gateways (2)
- Future path/gap to commercial area
 - Loop trail?
- ADA

FEEDBACK on CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

March 31, 2012 (afternoon)

- Like - painted games – hopscotch painted on half court
- Rock Wall Pump Track >11+
- Youth younger green, less typical
- Town square park [This is good - No little kids by road. Family ride together (13-5 years)]
- Little ones push swing
- Park needs to cater to all ages

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- Better seating with view of whole park, pump track
- Should have a patrol to protect kids ; “Jackson will help”
- Create a park – wonderful for summer and something to do in winter
- Ice and sledding
- Bird feeding station
- What steps can neighbors take to help

Wilson Park Action Plan

Task	Who	Notes
City Council reviews and accepts or modifies design and layout plan	City	June 12, 2012 Agenda AM 12-035
Finalize the park design	Consulting professional	June/July 2012
Develop materials list	Consulting professional as part of final park design process	July
Begin construction of bike park element - pump track	Volunteers working with City	Early August Volunteer builders may be some need for heavy equipment work.
Begin Phase I landscaping	City - local Civic groups will be asked to participate	This year - Trees & shrubs Next year - Plant grass & flowers
Seek funding for other park elements	City	June - December National Park Service has provide some leads; this is a potential AK Land and Water Conservation Fund project
Construct park	City; local Civic groups will be asked to participate	May be done in phases

We are here in the Action Plan.