

Testimony For: Dave O'Brien ~ From a marketing standpoint, and trying to sell this property in the past, believes that this is an appropriate use of the land.

Testimony by Opposed: None

Testimony by Undecided: None

MOTION BY: Kathy Hull

SECOND BY: Debbie Haskins

Motion to table discussion to a site visit at the intersection of Boggie and Birdie on March 29, 2017 at 6:30.

DISCUSSION: No further discussion

ROLL CALL:

Debbie Haskins	Yes	Rachel Huckaby	Yes
Kathy Hull	Yes	Judy Nissula	Yes

Note: The recording was not available for this public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Sherry Maupin – ABC Contest Update.

DISCUSSION: Sherry Maupin presented the status of the ABC competition and a handout on what has been accomplished in the last 11 months. They are feeling optimistic and the announcement of winners will be made at a celebration on April 19 at 5:00p.m. in the Commissioners' room. Discussed Housing Trusts progress for workforce housing; Housing Trust is 501(c)(3) nonprofit and question regarding whether their properties will get taken off the tax rolls (Sherry will follow-up); Community Gardens; Regional Food Coalition and local food sourcing; Forestry Summit; proposed Woody Biomass Campus in Valley County; Area Sector process with UI to identify types of business and industry to attract; Valley County Pathway Plan update with Water Trails; Work to Live brochure identifying job opportunities; Grant Writer hired; college credits online; business webinars and more that can be found on their website. If they win they will start a Community Foundation for West Central Mountains to provide funding sources for all types of things that were under their six initial strategies. Operation Facelift is an option to provide paint and volunteers to help upgrade the down towns. Pooling resources is positive for communities.

Pal Sartori – School District Track

DISCUSSION: Pal Sartori and Jason Speer were attending for the School District. The School District is still in a process of elimination to determine their best site location from an economic standpoint. Pal presented a list of questions and asked for discussion as to where the Council stands with regard to their choices of purchasing/donating, leasing or a joint venture. Mayor Terry offered input that he was personally in favor of a lease to be negotiated; that one of key concerns would be maintenance and that the lease price could be reduced if the school was responsible for maintenance; a current lease goes for \$0.04/sq. ft. and that is for a money-making venture, whereas the school is not, so the price could be reduced. Mayor continued that the airport lease term is 30 years

and renewable; advantage to lease would be revenue for City; and also, City could be a major source of grant funding to help with development. Mayor proposed the only limitations would be considering an alternate location for disc golf needing Sports Park Committee input; open to public when not used by school, 100% in favor of geothermal heating track and possibly not plowing Strand in winter; no problems with lights but would need to coordinate with Astronomical Society events; only concern with well is that can't discharge directly into river but could potentially use one of four RI basins as potential UI grad student project; using grant writer is not a problem since City owns property and this is joint School and City project.

R. Huckaby said the question was if the City was willing to incur cost and willing to acquire grants to assist in construction and also partner in keeping the costs down and that she didn't see that the City had funds to expend to any new development. Mayor replied that it would be the School's responsibility to provide funds for a match but that the City was in a strong position to obtain grant funding. Mayor stated that maintenance would be one of the biggest restrictions because the City can't afford to maintain it. Discussed Master Plan with Sports Park and Public Works needing room for stockpiles.

J. Nissula stated she would be in favor of a very low-cost lease for the School and even open to \$1/year if they can get to a reasonable agreement with maintenance and if it would include the baseball field because that would be great for another option for kids; also Fischer Pond was formerly a school project and this could keep it all together; strongly in favor of using geothermal for track and lights could be good to use the track in winter when it gets dark early; does agree that joint application of grants makes sense and that this could be the highest and best use for that property and a nice entry coming in to City.

P. Sartori inquired as to why the School would be interested in maintaining the baseball field? J. Nissula replied that a City lease for \$1/year would free up the \$3000/year they currently pay to use the football field, etc. Pal commented that they would be interested in leasing the property that it would take to put the track and football facilities and not the whole Sports Park and not the additional maintenance. K. Hull asked if they would rather pay the City more for the use of that land than to trade it out for maintenance? Discussion regarding that these are still preliminary discussions and throwing out ideas. R. Huckaby asked if they intend to use the existing facilities and Pal replied that their proposal was to have restrooms, concession and bleachers in a whole complex so need access to water and sewer. Jason Speer spoke regarding their goal to meet compliance to again host State and District competitions. K. Hull asked if the bond didn't pass if they were still interested in working with the City to have a track or large stadium facility instead of the current football field? Pal replied that it would make sense to have the football field in the center

