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City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, Bill Beecher, Sandy Hinz, Diane Jovick-Kuntz and John Rosenbaum. Also present were the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, Directors of Community Development, Fiscal Services, Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Acting Directors for Planning and Park and Recreation, and the City Clerk.

1. CTEP FUNDS USE FOR LAND ACQUISITION.

Andrew Finch, Planning Department, explained that the Commission heard this original proposal on January 16, 2007. At the end of the presentation, the Commission had several questions the group requesting CTEP Funds could not answer. Since January 16, 2007, several developments have taken place on the project and the working group wanted to update the City Commission and respond to the questions that were asked.

Mr. Finch reminded the City Commission that the request was for the City Commission to allocate \$50,000 of future CTEP funds to help purchase land along the Missouri River. He explained that the land would connect River's Edge Trail on the west side of the river, provide for natural area expansion and improve the view-shed from the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Giant Springs State Park.

The questions the City Commission asked on January 16, 2007, were:

1. Who would own the land. Response: Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
2. Who would maintain the property. Response: Fish, Wildlife and Parks would maintain and manage the parcels.
3. Was there funding to reclaim the property. Response: None at this time. However, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Foundation successfully employed volunteers to clean up the land to the west and was currently investigating support for removal of the site improvements.
4. What would be the City's financial liability: Response: If enough funds were not raised, the CTEP monies would not be expended and could be reallocated to other CTEP projects.

Commissioner Beecher asked what other CTEP projects would be competing for this funding. Mr. Finch replied that the City had not received official notification of the amount of CTEP funds it would receive this year. Because of this, the process to solicit proposals had not started. However, from years past many CTEP projects were related to River's Edge Trail, and the River's Edge Trail group supported this project.

After a brief discussion, the City Commission directed Mr. Finch to prepare the necessary staff report for official Commission action at a future meeting.

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2. BLUEGRASS ON THE BAY.

Art Taft, volunteer for Bluegrass on the Bay, updated the City Commission on the annual event. He stated that the event, now in its fifth year, has grown each year and was not growing to a point a new location may have to be found for it. This year the event will be held on July 13, 2007.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of April 3, 2007, at 6:20 pm.