

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2006**

Councilmembers present: Dwight Thompson, Mayor *pro tempore*; Alan Kiest, Roger Olstad, Ed Sterner, Don Fiene, Sandy Koppenol, Donovan Tracy

Staff present: David R. Hutchinson, Mayor; Karen Haines, City Administrator; Sarah Phillips, Community and Government Affairs Program Manager; Tema Nesoff, Parks & Recreation Administrator; Neil Jensen, City Engineer; Susan Stine, City Clerk

Others present: Four visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the May 25, 2006 council study session meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Cmbr. Sterner said that he must leave at 7 p.m. for another engagement, and he will return approximately 9 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There being no objection, the May 25, 2006 study session agenda was adopted as proposed.

CONFIRMATION REVIEW CALENDAR

Candace Richards, Parks and Recreation Commission, Position 8, term ending 3/31/2009

Hutchinson introduced Candace Richards, his nominee for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

In response to a request from Hutchinson, Richards discussed her interest in serving as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and provided information about her interests and experience and other volunteer activities.

1 **Agenda Items/Discussion**
2 **Grace Cole Nature Park**

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4 City Administrator Karen Haines discussed issues that had been raised
5 previously regarding the proposed development at Cole Nature Park.

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7 She said that Steve Worthy of Worthy and Associates and Martin Page of
8 Shannon & Wilson were present to discuss issues related to the park master
9 plan and the geotechnical study for the site.

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11 Cmbr. Fiene requested the opportunity to speak first regarding his concerns.
12 He noted that his concerns began several months ago when information was
13 presented that showed the trail was redirected away from the sandpit area
14 rather than following the route proposed in the master plan. He said that his
15 other concern was regarding the intent to go out for bids for a project that
16 was based on revisions to the approved master plan. He said that he believed
17 that the bid process should be postponed until such concerns have been
18 addressed.

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20 Martin Page of Shannon & Wilson discussed the geotechnical study and an
21 evaluation process regarding development of the site.

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23 Following discussion, Cmbr. Sterner expressed his concern regarding the
24 hypothetical risks related to the site and the proposed changes to the trail
25 system.

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27 Steve Worthy of Worthy & Associates discussed how the proposed project fit
28 in the master plan. He said that his recommendations are based on the
29 protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and he recommends that
30 the city proceed with construction of the boardwalk. He also noted that
31 environmental restoration is underway.

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33 Fiene said that he would have no problem with proceeding with construction
34 of the boardwalk if it were clear what was planned for the future. He
35 recommended that the project be postponed until the concerns that he raised
36 have been addressed.

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39 **Traffic Calming Program Policies**

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41 At 7:24 p.m., Hutchinson said that the presentation about the proposed
42 traffic calming program policies would be placed on the regular meeting
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the council study session meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Susan Stine, City Clerk

David R. Hutchinson, Mayor