

Manhattan Project Park Advisory Committee Subcommittees

Three subcommittees were formed by the Manhattan Project Park Advisory committee at the last meeting. The three subcommittees will consist of one County Councilor and dividing the committee members onto the subcommittees. Other subcommittee members will be solicited by Linda Matteson by contacting the citizens that applied for the original committee but were not selected. Below is a brief description of the issues and/or questions that each subcommittee will be assigned. Each subcommittee will bring all findings and recommendations to the advisory committee for further discussion and possible recommendations to Council.

Items for all subcommittees to consider

- Look at visitation numbers at the peak times (first two weekends of October for Balloon Fiesta, ScienceFest weekend)
- Examine any issues experienced by visitors and residents during the peak visitation times
- With all recommendations, determine what effect it will have on the quality of life for county residents

Signage – Chair Henderson

This subcommittee will focus on the following items:

- Recommended wayfinding and directional signs in town and into town from all directions
- Investigate the current sign ordinance to determine if it is overly restrictive or adequate for avoiding tacky/annoying signs
- Research other cities with national parks to see if there are best and worst practices for directional, wayfinding and commercial signs
- Consider wayfinding signs for handicapped/wheelchairs

Transportation – Councilor Izraelevitz

This subcommittee will focus on the following items:

- Parking

- RV/Bus parking
- Pedestrian issues/walkability in downtown
- Examine current parking rules to determine if changes need to be made to discourage use of prime spaces by residents
- Review prior transportation plans/studies. Does the current transportation plan need updating?
- ADA parking
- Last parking study was completed in 2005. Should a new parking study be undertaken?
- Will our current transit system be adequate for the new park visitors?
- Should the town encourage bike sharing?
- Should some other transportation options be explored such as golf carts?

Other Attractions – Councilor Chrobocinski

This subcommittee will focus on the following items:

- What other features/attractions could be created for visitors to the new park?
- Research other cities with national parks to see if there are best and worst ideas for other attractions
- Is there a use for Kiwanis/Entrada Park?
- Should a companion park be built downtown and where should it be?
- Should a Manhattan Project-themed children's park be built to enhance visitors' experience of our town and the new park?