

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Foy and Council
FROM: Terry Blalock, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission
RE: Potential Revised Phasing Plan for Southern Community Park
DATE: April 20, 2006

At the April 19, 2006 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Commission voted 7-1 to recommend that the Council adopt the phasing plan proposed by the Project Planning Committee with one change: the Commission believes the Town should include \$35,000 to share the cost of a traffic light at the 15-501/Dogwood Acres Drive intersection. This could be funded by reducing the dog park from 2.5 acres to 1.5 acres.

Key components of the Commission's recommended phase I are:

- 40 parking spaces on Dogwood Acres Dr.
- 110 parking spaces in Northeast portion of Park (no connection to 15-501)
- Traffic light at Dogwood Acres Drive
- Art
- Restroom
- 3 athletic fields w irrigation and fence
- Trails incl greenway to Dogwood Acres Dr.
- 1 large picnic shelter
- 1.5 acre Dog Park
- Basketball Court (1)
- Play Area and equipment
- Disk Golf Course

The Commission recognizes that the recreation elements not funded in the first phase are urgently needed and encourages the County Board of Commissioners to include completion of Southern Community Park in an upcoming bond referendum.

Mr. Bench dissented, stating that he believes that all recreation elements should take priority over funding of a traffic light. He believes the state Department of Transportation should bear the full cost of a light.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to review and make a recommendation regarding development of Phase I of the much needed Southern Community Park.

For
Terry Blalock, Chair
Diane VandenBroek, Vice Chair
Bob Broad
Cory Brooks
Eugene Farrar
Pam Hernminger
Faith Nager

Against
Neal Bench

Absent: Pete Schwartz, Terri Tyson.