Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 21, 2006

REPORTS

Minute No. 450 Siddall Werrell Park - Land Dedication Reserve
File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and recommends to Council:

1. That funding to assist with playground redevelopment, repair of the asphalt pathway, and a secondary sitting area as improvements to Siddall Werrell Park, in the amount of $80,000.00, be allocated from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve Fund.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee be concurred in and forwarded to the Council.

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 13, 2006, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended:

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2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.

On May 9, 2006, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee requested the Administration to provide a break-down of fees as it relates to each of the components required to upgrade the playground structure at Siddall Werrell Park and report back to its meeting to be held on June 13, 2006.

From: Bell, Jason
Sent: June 13, 2006 2:48 PM
To: Skundberg, Inga
Cc: Thomas, Lillian; Livingstone, Darryl

Subject: Estimates for repairs and improvements to parks in the Elmwood Ward.

Hi Inga,

Here are some rough figures that may assist Councillor Thomas in deciding how she may wish to allocate some improvement funds from Land Dedication Reserve.

A typical park bench (Tache style or recycled composite material style) costs $1500.00 to supply and install. This is the standard type of park bench, and it is promoted for the same price in our "Donate a Bench" program.

A 2" caliper tree, supplied and planted, guaranteed for 2 years and water 5 times per year during that period, costs $400.00 each

Crushed limestone installed for a park bench/picnic table pad or a park pathway is about $27.00 per square meter.

An expanded metal mesh trash basket supplied and installed with a gravel pad, attachment post and chain with lock costs $325.00.

Shrubs, 2 to 5 gallon size, cost $125.00 each to supply, install and guarantee for 2 years.

A shrub bed costs about $40.00 per square meter to supply and install.

For de Groot Green I would suggest two seating areas, each with a bench, two trees, a small shrub bed behind it, and a trash basket near the road. This would cost roughly $8000.00 to meet the community need there.

At John Coulter Park, I can not fix the pathway closest to the lake until the drainage problem is corrected above (to the South of) it. This could cost anywhere from $60,000.00 to $130,000.00.

All of the other cost estimate information previously supplied is valid. I however have to express some urgency for two neighborhood parks – Siddall-Werrell and Tomlinson. Both structures have become extremely unsafe due to the advanced age of the equipment. I will have to remove both structures soon. Kelvin C.C., Roy Davis Park and Avaco-Snowden are not far behind. East End Cultural and Leisure Centre has been almost completely removed and I must remove the rest shortly, and we have just recently received a residents valid concerns about Sherwood Park, which would cost about $85,000.00 for new play equipment and safety base.

As always, please call if I can provide further clarification on the issues I have addressed.

Best regards,
jason

Jason Bell
Superintendent of Park Services - East Area

From: Bell, Jason
Sent: May 9, 2006 3:25 PM
To: Skundberg, Inga

Subject: Some of the park sites requiring renovation in Elmwood Ward

Councillor Thomas,

Here are what we may consider on a per square foot basis for redevelopment "Class "D"" level estimates:

I have about $60,000.00 in capital for the Elmwood ward that was set aside 8 or 10 years ago and has come forward for park improvement. I would suggest that I should spend it all at Siddall/Werrell, given its terrible condition and the injuries that have recently occurred.

PRIORITY SITES

Siddall/Werrell Park - $85,000.00

- *Playground redevelopment (playground is about 25 years old plus – very poor condition)*
- *Repair asphalt pathway*
- *Secondary sitting area by trees*

NOTE: This play structure should be removed very soon as the wood has split so badly that children have gotten slivers

DeGroot Green - $ 30,000.00

- *Establish new sitting area*
- *Trees and shrubs*
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John Coulter Park - $ 200,000.00

- *Improve accessibility to existing structure (play structure is in good condition)*
- *Establish 5 to 12 year old structure near Timberline*
- *Improve drainage with boardwalk*
- *Repair soccer field as damaged by sitting water*
- *Restore granular path where eroded*
- *Add seating nodes*

NOTE: The land drainage and filed repairs are the most costly element as the drainage pattern of this park was poorly designed and installed. The water sits in numerous areas, and the turf quality is poor – some of this due to inadequate topsoil depth beneath the grass, I believe.

SECONDARY SITES

Avoca Snowden Park - $62,500.00

- *Playground redevelopment (playground is about 25 years old plus – very poor condition)*
- *Reinforce informal pathway*
- *Secondary sitting area by trees*

Tomlinson Park - $140,000.00

- *Playground relocation redevelopment with accessible structure (playground is about 15 years old plus – very poor condition)*
- *Reinforce informal pathway*
- *Improve drainage with dry river creek and informal plantings adjacent residences at Lemmen entrance*
- *Improve entrance*

London Reay Park - $62,500.00

- *Playground redevelopment*
- *Secondary sitting area by trees*

John Degraff Park - $130,000.00

- *Playground improvements with accessible structure*
- *Restore informal*
- Improve entrance

Rockspur Park - $62,500.00

- *Playground redevelopment*

Secondary sitting area by trees

NOTE:

Roy Davis Playground is also in very poor condition, as is Kelvin C.C. play ground. Both should be removed soon. There are play sites in good condition near both.

Unfortunately these are not all of the sites requiring renovation in the Elmwood Ward.

If the city replaced all of the play equipment that is over 25 years old (some is closer to 4o years plus!) and in poor condition, we could spend $8 million this year alone.
Overall, there is about a $90 million need of capital funds to repair and improve everything that is below standard in the Parks and Open Space inventory.

Best regards,
jason
Jason Bell
Superintendent of Park Services - East Area