

CITY OF GROVEPORT  
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**September 14, 2015**

**ADMINISTRATION – *Marsha Hall***

Madison Street Parking

Per our discussion at the August 17 meeting, this legislation will prohibit parking on the west side of Madison Street from the rear exit drive of the post office to Main Street and confirm no parking on the east side of Madison Street for the entire length.

Founders Bend Neighborhood Park

I was asked at the last Council meeting to research the cost for possible playground equipment, basketball courts, and a shelter house for a vacant piece of property located between 4329 and 4348 Landmark in the subdivision. Upon further review, that particular area is actually a small piece of a larger 5.3 acre tract provided to the City when the development was approved. This neighborhood park is included in the Master Park Plan adopted by Council in 2008.

The small tract of land that sits on the street is only 40 ft. wide, and is shown in the plan to be an entryway to the larger area. I have included as a separate document the plan itself and the associated costs of \$238,000 as of 2008. Within the Park Master Plan, there is also a Founders Bend Community Park and several other neighborhood parks located in other residential subdivisions.

We had been asked by a Council member to begin reviewing the Master Park Plan in order to prioritize the recommended park improvements noted in the plan so that we can begin including those in our capital improvement projects. We had intended to include costs to develop the “pocket park” at Front and Main Streets for 2016 then proceed with additional projects included in the Master Plan. We have backed off of the pocket park until construction on the second building next to Ace Hardware is completed.

Founders Bend is the only City-owned neighborhood park included in the Master Park Plan that still remains to be constructed. There are several other improvements to already-developed City-owned parks that remain to be completed in the plan.

It is staff’s recommendation to include \$75,000 annually for a Park Development Program within the Park Fund. This fund is financed through development fees and would be supplemented by the General Fund. We would also recommend that City-owned neighborhood park development be a combined effort of the City and the subdivision, from planning to construction. By making this a joint effort, the development will have more of a buy-in, the cost of development can be reduced, etc.

Specifically regarding the Founders Bend Neighborhood Park, I have included under separate cover the conceptual plan of the park and associated costs. The costs noted assume construction performed through an outside contract. After having talked with Mr Chilton of the homeowners’ association, we have already identified portions of the plans, such as the drinking fountain, that can be excluded from the plan. Mr. Chilton is also very receptive to having their homeowners’ association assist in both the planning and the construction of the park.

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In the meantime, prior to the beginning of 2016, we will inventory the items included in the Master Park Plan that are still remaining to be completed for prioritization.

Meetings Attended:

Sept. 14	Preservation Committee mtg.
Sept. 15	Apple Butter Day Committee meeting
Sept. 15	Mtg. with GM Schools Supt.
Sept. 15, 16, 17	Budget mtgs. w/ Dept. Heads
Sept. 16	SWACO mtg. re. residential trash contract
Sept. 16	Violence in the Workplace training