

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
LAGO VISTA, TEXAS
APRIL 4, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 4th day of April, 2013 the City Council held a Joint Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M., at City Hall, 5803 Thunderbird, in said City, there being present and acting the following:

Randy Kruger	Mayor	Frank Robbins	Assistant City Manager
Richard Bohn	Mayor Pro Tem	Danny Smith	Police Chief
Dale Mitchell	Council Member	Christina Buckner	City Secretary
Darrel Hunt	Council Member		
D'Anne Gloris	Council Member		
Ron Smith	Council Member		
Ed Tidwell	Council Member		

Mayor Kruger called the Joint Public Hearing to order and recognized that all Council Members were present.

Jim Moss
Paul Smith
Lisa Marie Contaldi
Gary Zaleski
Vernon Reher
Bob Besett

Jim Moss recognized that all members of the Planning and Zoning Commission were present except Tara Griffin and a quorum exists.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Mayor Kruger stated the purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input concerning a Special Use Permit for the Lago Vista Property Owners Association for a dog park in Arrowhead Park, located at the end of Arrowhead Point Drive and adjacent to Lake Travis.

Mayor Kruger opened the floor for comments from the Council and Commission.

Richard Bohn asked what the highest and lowest elevation points are for the post and cable area.

Mayor Kruger stated the water is currently at about 630'.

Frank Robbins stated the city limit line runs at about 681'. He stated the POA owns the property much deeper into that.

Richard Bohn stated his question was whether the fence would be under water, if the lake was at 681'.

Vicki Wood, Lago Vista POA General Manager, stated it has been designed to be above the 681' line, but in the event of a flood stage it would be part of their normal procedure to remove hazards. She stated unless they are in flood stages, the fence would not be in water.

D'Anne Gloris questioned the process the POA followed to get here and asked whether a survey had been done.

Vicki Wood stated this project started in 2012 with a survey on their website. She stated they emailed all of their members and asked for their participation and this was the top item selected from a given choice of items. From there the survey results went to the Facilities and Planning Committee, who reviewed it and made recommendations as to the best location, what type of park size, etc. The survey was then reviewed at their annual meeting last year where they discussed the results. Early this year the Facilities and Planning Committee recommended it to the Board, as a project to move forward with, and it was discussed at two Board meetings, for which notices were sent to all members. In February the Board approved the funding for it and there was a presentation with the details of it at their March meeting.

D'Anne Gloris asked if those meetings were well attended.

Vicki Wood stated the February 22 meeting was the best attended meeting she'd seen and they had more attendance at it than at their annual meeting. She stated they received lots of input and both projects were heavily supported.

Darrel Hunt asked what other locations were considered for the dog park.

Vicki Wood stated they looked briefly at the land behind the K-Oaks building, but it was more expensive to use that land and that land is more useful for other purposes. She stated the reason they chose Arrowhead, other than that it is practical and is unused land at this point, is because that is where everyone is taking their dogs now and it is sort of an unofficial off leash dog park. She stated they can't enforce it, there are too many people there, and they don't have the manpower. She stated people in this community have gravitated there with their animals.

Lisa Marie Contaldi asked how many people responded to the survey with representation to the population.

Vicki Wood stated it wasn't a large response. She stated they received 250 responses and noted they are doing everything they can to get input and can't seem to get more people interested in getting input

Lisa Marie Contaldi questioned how many members there are

Vicki Wood stated there are 7,700 individual members but most of them do not live here; they own lots. She stated she believes about 2,000 of those live in the community.

Frank Robbins stated there are about 2,300 households.

Vicky Wood stated a household is considered as one member.

Lisa Marie Contaldi asked whether the data was available.

Vicki Wood stated yes, a summary of the results is available on their website under surveys.

D'Anne Gloris stated the City has had the same experience with regard to having only a small sample respond to surveys.

Jim Moss questioned a statement in their submittal which read "There is a path below the fenced area for access to the remainder of the park for off leash users as long as the lake is at full or below." and asked what is "full".

Vicki Wood stated 681'. She stated even when the lake is at 681', there is still a passageway between where the fence is and where the lake level is so you can move to the areas beyond the fence. She clarified that she was referring to the chain link fence for the enclosed dog park.

Jim Moss asked whether they would move the fence when the water comes up.

Vicki Wood stated they have flood stage procedures, where they try to move POA property that is in danger of being destroyed when the water rises. She stated they would have to evaluate the risk hazard, but in all likelihood would remove anything that would be a hazard.

Jim Moss asked what provisions they're making for surface parking.

Vicki Wood stated it is surface parking just like in all of their other parks. She stated they do not have a plan to put in paved parking area.

Jim Moss asked Frank Robbins whether it was possible for them to have parking without an improved surface.

Frank Robbins stated yes.

Jim Moss stated LCRA does not require a permit to do this but they did comment on the possibility of pollution from waste. He stated this appears to be a self policing operation and that it seems optimistic to expect people to pick up after their dogs. He asked if any provisions have been made for POA personnel to police the area with respect to fecal matter.

Vicki Wood stated they do not have any provision to police the area but it will be part of their on-going park clean up. She stated that she believes developing the park will improve the situation because they will be adding trash stations and have pick-up bags which will make it easier for people to clean up after their pets.

Dale Mitchell asked whether we have a lot of complaints today from adjoining properties for people letting their dogs off leash. He asked where those complaints go and what is done about it.

Vicki Wood stated she has not received any complaints. She stated she has only received complaints from persons regarding off leash dogs that know it's against City policy but she has never received a call from a homeowner regarding a dog coming from a park onto their property.

Danny Smith stated they get the occasional complaints, but they are not indicative of just one park. He stated it generally happens more in the summer when there are more people in the park.

Jim Moss stated that the proposed rules and regulations state the dog park will be for POA members and their guests only and questioned the use of the dog park by POA guests.

Vicki Wood stated they ask members to accompany their guests and they have a gated access.

Jim Moss questioned whether people can enter the park other than by vehicle.

Vicki Wood stated there is no way to keep people from walking into the park and that is the same with all of their parks.

Jim Moss referred to a dog park in Dallas that had two fenced areas with a vestibule, or smaller fenced area, for taking the dogs off the leash before entering the larger fenced area, and questioned whether this park would have any such thing.

Vicki Wood stated it is in the design and there will be a double entry. She stated the fenced area is one acre which is too small to divide into two sections, but this is what they could afford at this point.

Jim Moss stated he does not understand the off leash area.

Vicki Wood stated this was requested by the members. She stated the members are taking their dogs there anyway off leash and a lot of members have larger dogs that want to run in a bigger area.

Jim Moss asked why they are even talking about this if they're going to have a larger area for dogs to run off leash.

Vicki Wood stated animals are different. She stated some people have animals they can control by voice and know their animal's temperament but others need a confined space. She stated people judge the character of their dog and pick the area that's most appropriate. They need the enclosed area because there are many dogs that should not be off leash.

Jim Moss asked what happens if someone gets bitten.

Vicki Wood stated it is the owner's responsibility and this issue is the same for all dog parks and is no different than an owner who is walking their dog down the street that attacks another dog or person.

Jim Moss asked whose responsibility it is to report dog bites.

Danny Smith stated whoever gets bitten typically reports it, at which point the police department would step in and take action with a citation.

Jim Moss asked whether the dog has to be quarantined.

Danny Smith stated yes, in most cases, unless the owner can provide immediate proof of vaccination.

Vernon Reher questioned whether there is a maximum occupancy for dogs.

Vicki Wood stated that is interesting point that she's not prepared to address. She stated she didn't envision that there would be that many people there at the same time, but if it were to happen, they would have to review it and make a rule to deal with the issue similar to issues they've had with the pool.

Darrel Hunt questioned whether they anticipate an odor being generated from the confined area.

Vicki Wood stated no, it is a full acre, and they will pull the trash from there frequently.

Darrel Hunt questioned whether they anticipate an odor from urine.

Vicki Wood stated she has never heard of a dog park where that was a problem and that one acre was a large area. She stated they may have to water the fields if it becomes a problem.

Lisa Marie Contaldi questioned the level of research done regarding maintenance, and whether it's going to be a fix it as we go type of mentality, versus having a plan for clean up with an anticipated amount of participation based on the survey.

Vicki Wood stated they have not set a maintenance schedule because they have no idea what the use will be. She stated all of their parks are well maintained, considering the number of parks they have, and they anticipate the same attention to this park as others. She stated they have the staff to take care of it. She stated it is really difficult to predict what the use numbers will be, which will drive how often the park has to be cleaned.

Gary Zaleski questioned how many 200' notices were mailed out.

Frank Robbins stated 48 notices were mailed out and 19.9% of the land within 200' is opposed. He stated it was his understanding that the city will be receiving a petition which will push the percentage of land opposed over 20%, which means that in all likelihood it will require six votes of the Council to approve.

Mayor Kruger stated that the responses submitted are overwhelmingly negative and estimated that of the responses received, approximately 25 were against and 7 or 8 were for the request.

Mayor Kruger opened the floor for comments from the audience.

Rene Loya, resident of 21502 Lakefront Drive, spoke in opposition to the request. He expressed concerns regarding the post and cable area, stating there is nothing to prevent dogs from crossing into the non-dog area; there is no maintenance plan in place and it does not appear that a lot of thought was put into it; and only 2% of the population wanted the park.

Dan McAlister, resident of 6105 Cimarron Trail, spoke in favor of the request stating he is a dog lover and it is a great way to meet people and provides camaraderie for dogs. He compared the concerns about barking and the mess from dogs to the mess from deer. He compared the concerns regarding the survey results to the number of people that vote in general elections stating the percentage is low. He stated he is tired of driving to other cities to visit their dog parks. He stated the people against the dog park need to get a dog. He stated dogs need exercise.

Stuart Gehrke, resident of 21466 Lakefront Drive, spoke in opposition to the request. He expressed concerns regarding the comments that this park was chosen because it has little use and is undeveloped. He stated the trails and roads were made as a result of a lot of traffic. He expressed concern that the area is being taken away from the people and being given to dogs. He stated the park is heavily used by people. He stated he fishes in this park and doesn't want to lose that. He expressed concern regarding the increased amount of people that will use the park.

Linda Harting, resident of 3507 High Mountain Circle, suggested permitting dogs to be off leash in this park

stating it would not eliminate canoers, kayakers, picnickers and fisherman from using the park. She addressed concerns regarding pollution stating she has picked up tons of bottles and cans from the shoreline. She asked if people minded sharing the park with the dogs and leaving it as it is now.

Mayor Kruger stated there is a plan to allow unleashed dogs outside of the fenced areas which would require the city to rescind the leash law. He stated rescinding the leash law in that area would definitely require a fence.

John Brewer, resident of 21603 Lakefront Cove, spoke in opposition to the request. He stated he didn't know about the dog park until he got a letter from the city. He stated he owns 5 rent houses that all have POAs or HOAs and he's never been on any of their websites. He expressed concern that a dog park would prohibit his enjoyment of the park and he does not want a dog park there under any circumstances. He stated Vicki Wood told him last week that a majority of the people wanted a dog park. He stated he and his neighbor went to 150 houses got 115 signatures of persons opposed to a dog park. He stated they do not have a majority and the majority rules.

Irene Spindler, President of the POA, stated she is the owner of two large dogs and she drives to Cedar Park where they can run free and have access to water. She stated there is a desire from dog owners to have access to the water but due to the floodplain they cannot fence in an area near the water. She stated the post and cable idea was to limit vehicular traffic and allow dogs who can be off leash to run free without being run over. She stated she did not believe they would be opposed to rescinding the off leash ruling for that park, doing away with the post and cable area, and just have a fenced in area, if that is the Council's preference. She stated their concern was for the safety of the dogs if traffic were allowed in that area. She stated the post and cable was not to prevent people from accessing the area and it was intended to make people aware that dogs would be off leash in the area. She stated there are many off leash areas and parks that allow dogs in the water in Austin and they have talked to them and have not heard of any major problems with clean up or odor. She stated the dog park in Cedar Park closes once per week for clean up. She stated they would make every attempt to keep it clean. She stated they are equally frustrated that they do not receive input from their members and they can only go by the members who choose to give input. She stated they have had more participation since website went up. She stated they would love to have more members come to their meetings and sign up for committees. She stated they would have loved to have input at their board meeting which was posted two months ahead of time.

John Brewer asked whether Mrs. Spindler she would want that park right behind her house if she paid a premium to live in one of those homes as they do.

Irene Spindler stated she would not object to it at all.

Trevor Schwartz, resident of 21604 Lakefront Cove, spoke in opposition to the request. He stated he believes they have a dog park now and there is no problem with allowing dogs to run off leash. He expressed concerns with regard to the use of the park by non-property owners, increased traffic, parking issues, liability and health issues and maintenance by the POA. He questioned the period of time that the 46 votes in favor of the dog park were tabulated.

Vicki Wood stated the survey was open for five or six weeks.

Trevor Schwartz stated he obtained 115 signatures in 4 days.

Mayor Kruger requested the petition by given to Frank Robbins stating it would be included with the city's calculations.

D'Anne Gloris asked Mr. Schwartz whether he allows his dogs to run off leash and whether they go swimming.

Trevor Schwartz stated he does not allow them off leash and leaves their leashes on when they go swimming.

D'Anne Gloris asked Mr. Schwartz whether he was OK with the off leash idea.

Trevor Schwartz stated there has to be common sense. He stated dogs can be allowed off leash if no one is in the park but they should not be allowed in neighbors' yards. He stated only 50% of the homes near Arrowhead park have fenced yards. He stated responsible pet owners will have their dogs on a leash, especially if there are other dogs around.

D'Anne Gloris stated the city has a leash law and they have to consider whether to allow the ordinance to be lifted for this particular area.

Mayor Kruger stated this is a possible solution.

Abra Zobel, resident of 21703 Blue Jay Blvd., spoke in favor of the request stating she and her husband do not allow their dogs to run off leash because they are rule followers and they do not want to get citations. She stated they take their dogs to parks in Austin on weekends and spend their disposable income elsewhere. She stated they would like to know their neighbors and it would be nice to have a dog park here. She stated they do not have a strong opinion about fences. She stated she's hearing it's already a dog park, but it would have been nice to now that, and allowing it to be such would be nice for the people who don't live on it.

Mickey Gregory, resident of 21517 Lakefront Dr., spoke in opposition to the request expressing concerns with regard to the devaluation of his property, the safety of citizens and children, potential danger from aggressive dogs, danger of injury and lawsuits, parasites and disease to dogs, noise, odor, and the number of dogs. He stated the City Council has 17 ordinances related to this topic and the safety of Lago Vista citizens. He stated Arrowhead is a family oriented park not a dog park. He stated his wife researched waterfront properties along the Highland Lakes and noted that she did not find any properties listed as adjacent to a dog park. He stated a dog park could be

located on property that is not lakefront.

Diana Rolette, resident of 21490 Coyote Trl., spoke in favor of the request. She stated she pays a premium and pays taxes and she likes to enjoy the waterfront park with her dog even though she doesn't live there. She stated a dog park would be a good selling point to promote Lago Vista.

Jean Stroup, resident of 6301 Camille Court, spoke in favor of the request. She stated she has lived here since 1983 and it appears that people only attend meetings when the issue is close to their house or affects them. She questioned what other means input can be received. She stated she has taken her dogs to Marina Park for years and often drives them to Bison Trail and lets them run off leash. She stated good owners have ways to control their dogs. She stated the issue is how to accommodate small and large dogs and suggested the POA consider separating them. She stated she is surprised they chose Arrowhead but is pleased they are considering a dog park. She stated dogs need exercise and socialization. She stated there are ways to install the fence so it can be removed when the water rises. She stated the park can be disinfected which would address sanitation concerns.

D'Anne Gloris asked how many POA parks there are.

Vicky Wood stated there are 9 parks plus the campground.

Ted Hollen, resident of 3307 Mac Arthur Avenue, spoke in opposition to the request expressing concern with regard to danger, the post and cable fence location in relation to lake levels, the safety of children and people that fish in the park.

Bill Lawler, resident of 4700 Comanche Cove, stated that the other dogs parks that have been mentioned are all owned by political subdivisions and he does not think there are many private dogs parks due to the liability, especially with regard to the off leash area.

Gilbert Hubert stated he has no problem with the way the park is today and stated it is not a nuisance. He expressed concern that once it is labeled a dog park, there will be an increase in dogs and they will have no control over the number of users. He stated it doesn't seem well planned out by the POA. He expressed concern with regard to insects attracted by poop, and that dogs chasing deer could harm children playing. He suggested a reasonable compromise that would allow dogs off leash in all POA parks under established guidelines.

Dale Mitchell asked for clarification with regard to Frank Robbins' statement that the POA lakeside property was not in the city limits.

D'Anne Gloris clarified that he was saying that the city limit line goes to the 681' mark.

Dale Mitchell stated the POA owns to the middle of the lake.

Mayor Kruger stated he believes all of the POA property is inside the city limits and are dedicated parks to the city.

Dale Mitchell questioned why the POA would not request to have all of their property annexed into the city.

D'Anne Gloris stated the map shows that all of the property is not in the city.

Mayor Kruger stated this needs to be researched further.

D'Anne Gloris stated that technically the leash laws do not apply to the property below the 681'.

Frank Robbins stated the city limit boundaries were established when we annexed the MUD and it is the MUD boundary.

Steve Spindler, resident of 21410 Patton Avenue, stated he believes in following the rule of law, and off leash dogs are in violation of the city ordinance. He stated it seems that the city is being asked to wink and nod and look the other way while people violate the law. He stated if they want to leave the park the way it is, then the city should lift its leash law for this and possibly other areas so people who want to take their dogs into the water can do so without getting citations.

Mayor Kruger clarified that the request does include areas for off-leash dogs which would require the city to change the leash law.

Rod Hosman suggested locating the dog park on Bar K Ranch Road, where the old horse barns used to be, stating he believes people would not be as objectionable since there are no houses surrounding that area and it's not lakefront. He stated he does not believe most people are opposed to a dog park but they are opposed to the location.

JoAnn Dewhurst, resident of 21602 Arrowhead Park, spoke in opposition to the request, expressing concern with regard to traffic. She stated the traffic there is heavy and not everyone obeys the speed limit.

Bob Besett asked how this came to fruition and by whom.

Vicki Wood stated it was brought up at the beginning of last year when they were discussing amenities.

Jason Shoumaker, member of the Lago Vista POA Facility and Planning Committee, stated they reviewed it last year and have looked at and considered many of the issues brought up tonight, which they discussed at their board

meeting. He stated they originally looked at the area behind K-Oaks but determined it was their only undeveloped land that's land above the flood plain. He stated Arrowhead Park was their second choice and when it was discussed everyone there supported it. He stated he wished they'd have had more feedback. He stated they understand that there are regulations and issues with regard to pollutants and they have discussed this.

Janet Monaco, resident of 21606 Arrowhead Point, spoke in opposition to the request. She stated her property borders the park and the disk golf was set up so that their property routinely becomes part of the playing field. She stated crime has increased they have been vandalized many times. She stated people are accessing the park throughout the night and they are entering through the exit gate. She requested the gate be closed and locked at a certain time of night. She expressed concern with regard to an increase in crime.

Mayor Kruger told Mrs. Monaco to contact Danny Smith if she has any problems.

Janet Monaco stated she has done that many times.

D'Anne Gloris stated the city is not in charge of the gates. She stated the POA is.

Janet Monaco stated she understands that but no one wants to take responsibility for it. She stated the POA says it's not their problem and the police can't help them since it's on POA property, or if it's simple vandalism they're not going to do anything about it.

Danny Smith stated if they have the ability to charge someone with it, they will, but that generally takes a witness.

Janet Monaco stated it generally happens at night and there are no witnesses.

Danny Smith stated it's not that they won't do something about it, but they need evidence to charge somebody.

Janet Monaco stated she can't hire someone to stand there all night long.

Bob Bessett stated only two of the POA parks are used; K-Oaks and Bar K. He stated the rest of the parks aren't used. He stated the POA needs to go back to square one and get someone to help them establish the reason they want a dog park.

Mayor Kruger announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the request next Thursday and make a recommendation to the Council.

Jason Shoumaker asked whether it is possible to amend their request and whether another location could be considered without starting an entirely new process.

Mayor Kruger stated yes and suggested everyone show up at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, talk it out, and come up with a solution. He stated if there is a desire to have the dog park at another location the Planning and Zoning Commission could make that a recommendation. He announced the meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. next Thursday.

Patricia Nixon spoke in opposition to the request and expressed concern with regard to irresponsible dog owners who don't control their dogs, the safety of children and pollution. She stated she does not want the leash law to change.

Ed Tidwell questioned those persons that had done research on existing dogs parks, how many of them are multi-use parks.

Stuart Gehrke stated none of them converted existing parks to dog parks. He stated they found new unused land to create dog parks.

An unknown person from the audience stated she read online that most of the time children are excluded from dog parks.

Irene Spindler stated Lady Bird Lake has an off leash area that is open to others and it is not listed as dog park.

Mayor Kruger stated if there is a petition that has been signed it needs to be given to Frank Robbins. He stated that if greater than 20% of the property owners within 200' object to the request, it will require 6 votes of the 7 Council members to pass.

Jason Shoumaker asked whether anyone would be opposed to the dog park if it were located behind K-Oaks, within the existing walking trail perimeter.

Mayor Kruger asked for a show of hands from those that would oppose that.

2. Mayor Kruger stated the purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input concerning a Special Use Permit for the Lago Vista Property Owners Association for a boat ramp in Cody Park, located at the end of Cody Avenue and adjacent to Lake Travis.

Mayor Kruger opened the floor for comments from the Council and Commission.

Darrel Hunt questioned whether any consideration had been given to opening it to the public.

Vicki Wood stated they have had that recommended by a member but the Board hasn't proposed that.

Ron Smith questioned whether they had considered extending the ramps at Emerald Bend or the Marina.

Vicki Wood stated there is no place to extend the low water ramp at Marina because it's at the edge of a huge drop off. She stated they can take it three more feet. She stated they believe the ramp at Emerald is going to continue on, but the difficulty of it is the steepness and many of their members can't use it. She stated it's too steep at the current water level to get boats out. She referred to a graph showing current ramps they have and where they start losing them. She stated they start losing the Marina ramp at 640'. She stated they don't know how far the ramp at Emerald goes but they know it's difficult. She stated the proposed ramp will allow an easier more gradual ramp that goes down as far as they can lay it, but the water level will determine how far out they can go. She stated it can extend a long way because there is a gentle slope there. She stated they own the land past the center of the lake. She stated they think it will be usable up to about the 678' flood line and it will probably have the longest spread of any of the ramps and be usable in low water.

Dale Mitchell asked Frank Robbins to display a map of the property showing the zoning. He questioned whether the POA owns the entire property on Cody.

Vicki Wood stated they own past the lowest point and a little bit up the next bank.

Dale Mitchell questioned why the POA has not applied to rezone the lakeside portion of Cody park to P-1A.

Frank Robbins stated he did not know.

Dale Mitchell stated TR-1 zoning doesn't allow a boat ramp.

Frank Robbins stated that is why they're requesting an SUP.

Dale Mitchell questioned why they didn't apply to rezone the property.

Vicki Wood stated they asked the City what they needed to do to get this approved and this is what they were told they needed to do.

~~Mayor Kruger stated they couldn't install a boat ramp on it even if it were zoned P-1A.~~

Dale Mitchell stated they can't do anything in TR-1.

Mayor Kruger stated that is correct with the exception of getting a Special Use Permit.

Vicki Wood stated they were following the direction of what they were told they needed.

James Long, resident of 2903 Boone Drive, questioned why they are stopping at 630'.

Vicki Wood stated the only way to build beyond the water line is to build cofferdams and the engineers are telling them that it is extremely expensive and is probably beyond their budget. She stated that is why they're getting an engineer study but they are not putting a lot of money into studies until they know it's approved. She stated all of that will be addressed. She stated this location will allow the ramp to be extended further should the water drop further. She stated they just don't know the capabilities of laying a ramp beyond the water line.

Richard Bohn stated a boat could not be launched right now if they build the ramp as proposed and questioned whether they would have to come back for another special permit to extend the ramp if the lake drops further.

Frank Robbins stated no.

Jason Shoumaker stated it is their intension to dam the area and extend the ramp another 20 feet.

Mayor Kruger stated his wife thought it was a great idea.

Jim Moss questioned whether the ramp could only be used by POA members.

Vicki Wood stated the same rules apply as with everything else: POA members and their registered guests.

Jim Moss questioned how they arrived at the need for 40 parking spaces.

Vicki Wood stated she believed it was based on the activity at Emerald.

Jim Moss questioned what hours the ramp would be available.

Vicki Wood stated that has not been determined yet. She stated the ramps are typically available during the time the parks are open and access through the park gates which are open 6:00 am to midnight. She stated that could be changed but they have not had any discussion regarding that.

Jim Moss questioned what they are going to do about driveways and surface parking.

Vicki Wood stated that would be done with the engineering study and worked out with city when they file a site plan. She stated they are hoping to use gravel parking as opposed to asphalt. She stated the road to the ramp and the ramp will probably be asphalt.

Jim Moss questioned where the boundaries of the P-1A and TR-1 zoning were.

Frank Robbins indicated the areas on a map.

Mayor Kruger opened the floor for comments from the audience.

Mayor Kruger stated Darlene Taylor, resident of 20046 Continental Drive, submitted opposition to the request but did not wish to speak.

Mayor Kruger stated Leah Long, resident of 2903 Boone Drive, submitted opposition to the request but did not wish to speak.

Hans Schuster, resident of 3004 Davenport Cove, expressed concern with regard to access to the ramp. He stated the current road will be inadequate and questioned whether the City will consider and regulate this.

Mayor Kruger stated they will have to present a plan to the city and comply with regulations relating to road access, parking, and safety considerations. He stated the City will review much more than just the granting of the permit.

Hans Schuster concern with regard to an increase in traffic and the proximity of the road to existing trails and the playscape and asked that consideration be given to those items.

Mike Hatchett spoke in opposition to the request expressing concern with regard to increased traffic. He stated they are not gaining much more than what mother nature has given them by adding two feet of ramp. He stated Cody is one of the few untouched parks and introducing a boat ramp bring in people that never used it before. He stated this proposal is in a neighborhood that doesn't need to be touched.

Mayor Kruger stated he shared Mr. Hatchett's concern that we need to get deeper than 630'.

Mike Hatchett stated he fishes in the cove between Hancock and Cody, and he hates to see the area go to waste for a boat ramp.

D'Anne Gloris questioned what the current usage is at Emerald.

Vicki Wood stated they usually see fifteen to twenty trailers there on weekends but many members can't use it due to the steepness and difficulty of it.

D'Anne Gloris stated there is limited parking there.

Vicki Wood stated 20 to 30 trailers can squeeze in there. She stated the next ramp that comes online, comes online at 640', and they could only use it a few weeks over the last two years.

D'Anne Gloris questioned whether anyone knew how far down the ramp at Arkansas bend will be.

Mayor Kruger stated it will be that far down but it will be a while before it's built. He stated he was not aware of any other ramps that are open.

Randy Myzer, resident of 20104 Bunker Cove, expressed concern with regard to an increase in traffic, specifically along Boone Drive. He also expressed concern with regard to current enforcement of park rules, and additional issues resulting from increased use of the park.

Mayor Kruger stated there is a possibility that they would consider rerouting traffic across continental.

There being no further comments, Mayor Kruger closed the Public Hearing and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Kruger, Mayor



Tara Griffin, Chairperson Jim Moss, Vice Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission

ATTEST:



Christina Buckner, City Secretary

On a motion by Council Member Darrel Hunt, seconded by Council Member D'Anne Gloris, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved this 6th day of June, 2013.

The above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on the 13th day of June, 2013.