

BCC Actions

Notes from Your Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Hearings & Staff Briefings

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Regular Agenda

Preliminary-Final Combination Plat of Otis Acres

The Board of County Commissioners had to consider an appeal of the Planning Director's decision to deny a waiver related to a drainage easement in the Plat Case of Otis Acres. The Board upheld the Planning Director's decision.

The Commissioners moved for approval after hearing a presentation from staff and testimony from the applicant, and subject to the conditions and rewording of the red-marked print of the plat. They changed the wording in the plat note to make it clear that county use of the drainage easement would be for emergency use only or for maintenance to prevent a future emergency.

The Coon Creek floodplain, which runs through the Otis' property, requires a drainage easement dedicated to the county, according to the requirements of the Storm Drainage Design and Technical Criteria manual. The applicants expressed concerns about the implications and encumbrances of a drainage easement on their property.

Staff had attempted to negotiate a plat note to clarify and limit the use of the drainage easement, but the applicant did not accept two options presented to them and submitted an appeal relating to the requirement for a drainage easement from the Planning Director's decision.

Business Meeting

IGA with West Metro FPD

The BCC approved an Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) with the West Metro Fire Protection District (FPD) for guarantees associated with public improvements on a Site Approval application. The West Metro FPD filed a formal application for a Site Approval to re-develop an abandoned car dealership site to establish a new fire station and training "burn" tower, and to house district offices and the Urban Search & Rescue offices.

As a result of the Site Approval process, Planning & Zoning staff, along with the City of Lakewood, determined that off-site public improvements would be required to develop the site. In turn, these off-site improvements required a Site Development Plan (SDP) with Jefferson County. The SDP process requires the applicant to post Performance Guarantees for any public and/or landscaping improvements.

Purchase Order for Fleet Services Division

The BCC approved a \$729,155 expenditure to Colorado Mack Sales and Services to purchase seven 2009 Mack Cabs and Chassis. The new equipment will replace exist-

ing units under the approved Fleet Replacement Program and is expected to be delivered within 90 calendar days following receipt of an order.

Cathedral Spires Park

The BCC approved the recommendation the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) made and authorized the purchase of approximately 20 acres and an access easement for \$75,000 from the Petrites Family Trust. The Board also authorized the purchase of approximately 20 acres for \$70,000 from Patrick J. Foley and J.C. Heinen.

The Petrites and Foley/Heinen properties each consist of approximately 20 acres located north of and adjacent to Cathedral Spires Park, which is located in the South Platte Valley and is not yet officially open to public use as an Open Space Park. The 40 acres are suitable for the purposes of contiguity and provide a buffer for the park, as well as offer unique and scenic corridor values and a wildlife habitat preservation. The access easement will provide administrative access to Cathedral Spires Park.

County Policy and Procedure Updates

The Jefferson County Policy and Procedure Manual has been undergoing an overhaul for more than a year. The recent updates were to the following policies:

Budget: The new policy is more in line with current practices, adds reference to laws and regulations, and creates procedures for implementation.

Personal Property Tax Incentive: The Jefferson Economic Council continues to evaluate requests and provide recommendations, but the policy has been updated to match existing practices. It also creates procedures for the application process.

Non-County Use of County Buildings, Facilities and Grounds: It has been revised for clarity and simplicity over the existing policy. It allows Facilities to develop use guidelines and standards in procedures and user agreements, and provides for the flexibility to charge if and when it is determined that demand increases to the point of being cost-efficient to collect fees.

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