

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1987, CONTINUED

instituted by January 1, 1988; and 3) The River Parks Authority should be consolidated with the City Park Department, with the consolidation plan to be completed by January 1, 1988. With regard to the third recommendation, the Tulsa Parks Consolidation Study committee recommends that the County continue joint funding of River Parks for a five-year period after consolidation and that this funding be on a declining basis.

Mr. Cadieux, who prepared the minority report of the Tulsa Parks Consolidation Study Committee, stated he believes that River Parks should become a "County" park, if any consolidation is done. However, he opposes consolidation of the River Parks Authority with the City Park Department.

Commissioner Selph stated he feels we should continue to look at the possibility of a Metro Park Authority and that Mr. Cadieux had agreed River Parks would be glad to participate in this type of program.

Commissioner Rice noted that the Board of County Commissioners has always supported the River Parks Authority's philosophy and, assuming availability of funds, will continue to do so.

Mr. Bubenik asked for consideration of another alternative, that of consolidation with the City's Stormwater Management Division, due to the fact that many of their aims are the same. Mr. Bubenik said he would send the Board a memo regarding the official position of the River Parks Authority.

Commissioner Harris gave a brief history of the River Parks and stated he believes if River Parks is consolidated with the City Park Department, further development will not be seen. He also noted that the original concept for River Parks was for it to become self-financing at some point and this concept has been lost through the years. Commissioner Harris also stated his feeling that it would be a mistake to proceed with consolidation at this time.

Mr. Langenkamp noted two dangers to River Parks. One of these is the expansion of Riverside Drive and the other is the possibility of having to sell park land to raise money.

Commissioner Selph thanked Mr. Langenkamp and Mr. Cadieux for their participation in the consolidation committee. He expressed his concern for funding for River Parks and his belief that if consolidation would result in a more stable funding source, then was in favor of consolidation. Commissioner Selph also noted that the report asked for the development of a plan for consolidation with the City, and after the plan was developed, the City and County would have to approve it.

Commissioner Rice stated the Board would wait to receive Mr. Bubenik's memo and then meet with the Board's representatives to the consolidation committee. Following this, a formal position paper would be prepared within the next thirty days.

Mr. Phillips' memo regarding flood damage to the levee at the PSO soccer complex was discussed. Mr. Phillips will be meeting with the soccer league tonight and will ask them to provide fencing, or financing for same, to fence off the levee. The fence will need to be approximately 1800 feet in length. The Board concurred with Mr. Phillips' suggestion and requested a formal letter be prepared for the February 17 Board agenda with the results of his meeting.

The Chairman will forward a memo to Building Operations to clarify policy regarding parking in the sub-basement area.

Mr. Clyde Cole and Ms. Sandra Downie, Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, presented a position paper on Local Government Capital and Operating Revenue Initiatives. The paper recommended a full planning procedure be implemented before the County requested a bond issue. Mr. Cole stated that there should be a perception on the part of the voter that a sense of cooperation exists between the City and the County even though a joint bond issue might not be undertaken.

Commissioner Rice agreed with the need for a County planning process for capital improvements. Mr. Cole stated the Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping in any way possible.

A brief recess was taken and when the meeting reconvened, the following people were introduced: Judge Clifford Hopper, Don Austin, Terry Simonson, Judge M. M. McDougel, Neil Kennedy, Dave Hill, Margaret Hamlet, Joey Senat, Pat Rink, Jim Sinclair, Bonnie Kleiman, Jim Crawley.

All were present for a discussion for a proposed agreement between Tulsa County and Resolution Resources of Oklahoma.

The Chairman provided the history concerning the agreement and the problems that have been encountered. Commissioner Selph noted he had grave concerns with the new application for funds for RESOK, and Commissioner Harris stated he could not support this agreement due to its impact upon Tulsa County.

After lengthy discussion, the following motion was made: Motion by Harris, seconded by Selph, to decline to participate in the proposed dispute mediation services program. Upon roll call, Commissioner Harris, yes; Commissioner Selph yes; Commissioner Rice, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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