

**CIP MEETING OF**  
**10.21.14**  
**MINUTES APPROVED 11.5.14**

**Present:** W. Contardo, **Chair**; R. Hamel; A. Doyle; M. Foote; G. Denio; H. McLean; P. Lambert

**Absent:** B. Kneuer; D. Lasell; S. Saunders, **Planning Director**

**Staff:** K. Snow, **Zoning Technician**

**W. Contardo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He said that the first thing on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the last CIP meeting and called for a discussion or a motion.**

**Minutes:** The motion to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2014 meeting of the CIP was made by M. Foote, with the second by G. Denio. All voted in favor of approval, 7-0.

W. Contardo let the public know we would go right into the public portion of the meeting and asked for anyone who wanted to speak to come forward.

**Public Input: Armand Bolduc: Ward 6:** He said he wanted to let the committee members know how important the tennis courts at Leavitt Park are. These are the last thing to be done here. The rest has been completed. The courts are in bad shape, and are cracked. He feels this is well worth doing. Parks and Rec began a tennis program for young kids last summer. They had a lot of kids sign up and the only place open is Memorial Park. This would be a big help for the Parks Department and the kids in the city.

Mr. Bolduc said that Bob Fortier also spoke about the tennis courts as well. The Leavitt Park Association actually paid to put them in, the City did not pay anything. All of the fencing and lights need to be done, too, in accordance with the codes of today.

**Tony Felch,** said he is the President of the Leavitt Park Association. They started a petition regarding the courts and have between 75-100 signatures that want these courts rebuilt. They have been almost 3 years without the use of the courts as nothing can be done with them the way they are now.

**Fay Nauchbauer** has lived in Lakeport for about 40 years. She said she can see the courts from her house. When they were in good shape they were used a lot, by people of all ages. She asked the CIP to please consider rating this project high. The program set up last summer was focused at Memorial Park but if they could use both parks that would be good. We owe it to our kids for them to be able to use the park for this purpose. This is the one last thing that needs to be done.

**No one else from the public came forward to speak on the tennis courts or any other project. W. Contardo thanked them for taking the time to come out and give the committee their comments.**

W. Contardo asked if the park is used a lot and A. Bolduc yes. There are kids there a lot. Parks installed some equipment for their use. W. Contardo asked if the courts are in, do you think they would be used by the kids and A. Bolduc said yes. They use the basketball court now, and older folks walk the circuit.

H. McLean said he was disappointed with Parks not giving us figures on how many people use the resources. A. Bolduc said Memorial Park was packed with this new program. With 2 locations they can split them up and the kids in the Lakeport area would probably go to Leavitt. He thinks the kids had fun and he has had a number of calls from older folks who want to use the courts, too.

H. McLean said he thinks it seems worthwhile but would like to see numbers. W. Contardo said that is a good point and maybe in the future figures could be presented. G. Denio said there weren't enough courts to use, and people were lined up.

A. Bolduc said all of the parks used to have tennis courts but over the years they were changed to basketball. R. Hamel asked if there are 2 courts here and was told yes.

M. Foote asked if there are a number of multi-family residences here; if so there are probably a lot of kids.

H. McLean said he is also puzzled on the Water Department request as they are all worded the same. It is the same wording time after time. He missed the meeting where they did their presentation and K. Snow said a lot of that information was in the minutes.

H. McLean said he feels that Water should give more details. A. Doyle said this is the Enterprise Fund, and they have their own board. He. Asked why they are here then and A. Doyle said they come in because they tie in their jobs with the streets, and also to inform the public and the City Council as to what is going on.

H. McLean said he got that from DPW but feels that Water should give more details and information. P. Lambert said he does recall hearing more in depth discussion in the past years. He said you have to be here at the right time to get all of the details. R. Hamel said that in the past DPW would do work on the streets and then Water would go in and dig it up after to fix the pipes. This saves a lot of time and money.

H. McLean said that the sewer write up was good. R. Hamel said sewer is done under DPW. H. McLean asked if we rate it and was told yes. We rate everything we received. H. McLean was told that DPW and sewer support each other. R. Hamel said P. Moynihan is on the Water Commission board so they work hand in hand.

R. Hamel said this is a wish list and that maybe 10 projects will be picked. We are here to add weight to certain projects. Sometimes projects don't make the cut but if the City Council thinks that a project is project they try to find money to do it. Roads are coordinated with DPW and Water. Everyone has a road that needs to be done so he likes the way it is currently done coordinating with DPW and Water.

A. Doyle said most of the people here aren't looking at these projects with "new eyes" so maybe we could tighten these proposals up a bit.

W. Contardo told the committee members to rank the projects the way you feel. Some of our infrastructure is quite old.

R. Hamel said that unless a City Council member is specifically interested in the CIP departmental proposals they won't see anything but the final list. The City Manager picks the final projects.

H. McLean asked the history of the tax cap and was told this is the 9<sup>th</sup> year. He asked if there was pressure to hold taxes down at that time? A. Doyle said there was a time that a group funded no roads, no cruisers, no water projects and we got behind. H. McLean asked if the City Council can waive the tax cap, and was told yes but R. Hamel said it would have to be something catastrophic for that to happen.

H. McLean asked if we aren't pushing our problems into the future and W. Contardo said that is assuming that everything is needed. We look at this and decide if they are needed or just wanted.

H. McLean was told by R. Hamel that a lot has done in last 10 years, while under the tax cap. He said he is huge on infrastructure. P. Lambert said the departments are working within their budgets so it can be done. R. Hamel said just think long range.

Ava Doyle said the Council has set up multi funds so the City has other funds to take monies from. If a fireman or policeman retires, that is close to 75K we pay out, so now we have a fund for that. R. Hamel said we are doing what we have to do with pensions.

R. Hamel asked Kris Snow to supply the City Council with the final numbers. Next year she will also ask the City Council members, in advance, if they want to receive the full packets in time to get enough copies from the departments.

R. Hamel said the bike week fund is working out well. They have purchased a generator, the gator, some fire hoses, and some cruisers from that fund.

W. Contardo asked the members to rate out the five years. K. Snow reminded them to leave no numbers blank – if you mean zero put in a zero. Also put your name on your ratings, which is just for use by Kris so she can make sure who she has received rankings from.

H. McLean asked why we maintain the school's fields and only get 5K for that. R. Hamel said they weren't doing anything, and he fought for 3 years to get the 5K. It was agreed that the school uses the fields the most and beats it up the most.

R. Hamel said most of the ball fields are in city parks and H. McLean said it makes sense but feels a user fee should be paid.

**Adjournment:** A. Doyle moved to adjourn, with the second by H. McLean. All voted in favor, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.