



To: Current and Incoming Glencoe Park District Board of Commissioners Date: 4/30/15

From: Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Central Park Task Force

I am requesting that the Park Board create a Task Force with the purpose of gathering community input and consensus on Central Park and field improvements. Input from the Task Force is not binding; under the Park District Code, all final decisions reside with the elected Park Board of Commissioners. Due to the growing conversation and speculation on what the park district is planning for Central Park improvements I would like to begin the Task Force meetings on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. I am recommending the Task Force duration be two months in length.

Attached to this memo is a draft for the Central Park Task Force function, goals, areas to consider, application requirements, and group make-up for the Board to discuss and approve as part of the creation of the Task Force at Tuesday's Special Board Meeting.

Also, attached is the application form for the Task Force, which must be completed and returned by Monday, May 4. At the Special Board meeting I, with the consultation of the Board President, will recommend residents to be appointed to the task force.

The Central Park Task Force meetings will follow the Open Meeting Act, so other citizens may observe the Task Force meetings and offer comments during the scheduled public comment section of the meeting.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions or comments.

Central Park Task Force

Function

Serve as advisory committee to the Park District Board of Park Commissioners

Goals

- Understand park and field use
- Discuss field/park concepts, ideas and options
- Work with the landscape architect, Park District staff and community to create a conceptual design identifying form and function of the park
- Meet with the residents of Glencoe in community meeting forums to gather input on conceptual park design.
- The duration of the task force will be no longer than 60 days.

Areas to Consider

(In alphabetical order)

- Aesthetics
- Athletic and Recreational Usage
- Current Property Conditions
- Drainage
- Environmental Stewardship
- Neighborhood Impact
- Ordinance Enforcement
- Park and Field Maintenance
- Safety
- School Impact and Use
- Sustainability

Application Requirements

- Provide a written statement expressing interest in serving on Task Force.
- Commit to attend 4-5 evening meetings lasting 1-2 hours.
- Include home address, length of Glencoe residency, and contact information with application.

Group Make-up:

2 Immediate Neighbors to Central Park
2 Glencoe Baseball Association representatives
1 Donor or Designee
2 Community Members at Large
2 Glencoe Park Board Members (Ex officio)
Park District Staff (Ex officio)
1 Village of Glencoe representative (Ex officio)
1-2 School District 35 representatives (Ex officio)

(Ex officio means that if the Task Force needs to vote on any issue the Ex officio members would not have a vote but attend meetings to give information, input and be kept informed)

**Glencoe Park District
Central Park Task Force 2015
Application form**

The Glencoe Park District is forming a short-term Task Force for the purpose of gathering input on Central Park and Field improvements. The Task Force meetings will be approximately 1-2 hours and held in the evenings. The task force will possibly meet four to five times beginning in May. The input from the task force is not binding; the final decisions reside with the Park Board of Commissioners.

Forward this application by Monday, May 4 to lsheppard@glencoeParkDistrict.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Years as Resident: _____

Phone: _____ Day Evening

Email: _____

1. Please describe your interest in serving on the Central Park Task Force.

2. Will you be able to attend 4-5 evening meetings lasting 1-2 hours? ___Yes ___No

The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The Park District is limiting the amount of members who are on the Task Force. You will be contacted by May 6 with the selection results. In addition to the Task Force, there will be opportunities for the general public to give input on the plans as we move through the design process.