

The Cameron Park Board & Economic Development of Cameron Work Session
May 20, 2015
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

President Bill Gimson
Jason Jones
Al Briggs
Cory Brown
Ruth Hammontree
Jennifer Helmich
Carrie Sybert

Members Absent:

Kari Teel
Richard Whalen

EDOC:

Kent Osborn
Mike O'Donnell

City Council:

Bill Rose-Heim

Other Attending:

Drew Bontrager- Public Works Director
Mark Gaugh- City Manager
Barbra O'Conner- City Clerk
Steve Garr- Parks

Drew Bontrager started the meeting at 6:00 pm. Discussed this was the beginning of the parks master planning process including the ball field complex.

Steve Rhoades, with the planning firm Vireo, started the meeting with an exercise called "Think Tank" that allowed the people to vote for park features that they would like to see in the new ball fields that the community will be voting for in August. Those who attended the meeting from the community were able to decide on what they would like to see and softball/baseball fields were a given. Ideas were brought together to have fields that could be the size for a softball field and a fence that could be moved to create a baseball field. Many people agreed on this decision.

Mr. Rhoades showed the attendees of the meeting past ball fields that have been created and was able to show them how they begin to construct a field by placing what they community would like to see and how it will be set up when it comes to building the field. It may show many different options in the beginning, but it will have to all develop overtime.

The quality of life was brought up many times. People in our community want more attractions for families and out of state families to be able to go to a park with different areas for each family to have something they like to do. A minimum of approximately 20-30 acres will have to be purchased in order for the ball fields to be built. There was also discussion about not making it over 5 miles out of town.

Mr. Rhoades concluded the meeting and left the community to think about what they would like to see at the new ball fields and that there would be another meeting that will take place to look over the master plan of the ball fields that will be voted upon in August for the ½ cent sales tax. The master plan is not a final decision and changes can be made.

Work Session adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Susan O'Donnell
Secretary Recorder
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Bill Ginn
6/25/15