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DESIGN MEETING MINUTES

Project: Zionsville New Park

Ratio Project No. 03050.000

Date/Time: December 10, 2003 at 7:30 pm

Purpose: Final Presentation of Concepts 3A and 3B

Held at: Zionsville Town Hall

Participants: Zionsville Parks Board, interested members of the community, John Jackson and Dave Rausch of RATIO

1. John Jackson began the meeting by introducing himself and David Rausch (as Principal in Charge of the Project) and stating the goals of the meeting, which were to:
 - a. Present what RATIO has done since the Nov 12 meeting
 - b. Outline probable costs for construction
 - c. Receive feedback on proposed ideas

John noted that since this was the last of three public meetings set up to solicit input and feedback, the hope was that any final modifications to the plans would be minor.

2. John briefly revisited the results of the last meeting, noting that the changes the plans were somewhat minor. The primary modifications were the addition of several connecting pathways and the deletion of any parking in the southwest corner. He noted that there was some discussion at the last meeting about connecting the school's vehicular transportation system with the parks. The plans could still accommodate that should the community ultimately feel it is best to do so. John noted, however, that RATIO generally discourages the use of parks to mitigate traffic congestion in communities.
3. RATIO distributed an "Order of Magnitude of Project Costs" (attached) and talked through the various line items and phases strategies.
4. The meeting was opened to questions and discussion at that point. Some of the highlights of the discussion were:
 - a. Tom Melind expressed concern about the location of the parking lot, indicating he felt it would be more appropriate to locate it adjacent to CR 950 East at the west edge of the park. He was skeptical of the value of a sledding hill, and felt that the amount of parking shown was more than needed given the proximity of the Middle School parking lot to the south. Tom also felt that there should be more playing fields in the plan. Tom felt that it was important to look at the entire area around the park before the plan is implemented to understand how the park fits in to existing parking and recreational opportunities.

Regarding the quantity of fields, John responded that one of the directives of the Parks Board was that the park not be "merely a collection of athletic fields." To that end, RATIO has striven to develop a design that accommodates playfields, but is not necessarily driven by their requirements.

- b. A representative of the Youth Football League expressed concern about the proximity of pathways to playfields. He felt that there should be a 5-meter min separation between the edge of the field and the paths. A pathway connecting the parking lot to the farmstead was discussed as particularly concerning. While George Tikijian indicated that his expectation was that this pathway would be of a softer material than asphalt, the concern remained.

The Youth Football representative also felt that the grading of the fields should be designed with crowns and swales typical of competition field layout. This approach would mean that it would not be possible to lay a rugby field across the three football fields. John noted that the current design could be adjusted so that the central rugby field is rotated

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north-south, which would allow more typical crowning of the football and rugby fields. This revision would impact the layout and probably increase the costs of the lighting, but is certainly feasible.

- c. Bob Bostwick (representing the school corporation) expressed continued interest in a vehicular connection between the middle school parking lot and the park. He pointed out that when the park design is viewed relative to the organization of the school parking lots, the proposed connection from the park does not enter at a point that is conducive to traffic flow from the school. He felt that the parking lot design of the park could be adjusted to facilitate this connection.
5. The disposition of the farm was not discussed beyond identifying potential costs of stabilization and rehabilitation.
6. George asked that the final master plan document describe what is included in the costs associated with the farmstead.
7. George stated that he was quite satisfied with the design process and product.
8. Jeff Glass made a motion to approve the two conceptual plans. A vote was taken and the plans were approved 5-0.

Any additions or corrections to these Minutes should be submitted in writing to Ratio Architects, Inc., within ten (10) days of receipt. Otherwise, these Minutes stand as correct.

Respectfully submitted,



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Associate Principal

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Attachment: Final Order of Magnitude Project Costs