

PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 26, 2009

Mayor pro-tem John M. Keith, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order. Mayor pro-tem Keith announced this public hearing is for the purpose of providing a forum for open discussion of the submission of a Recreational Trails Grant application. This grant money would be used to construct a mountain bike trail located at the Handy Farm in the very back portion of the farm that is very steep and covered with dense underbrush. A list of the attendees are hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Mr. Wayland Quesenberry advised the grant is a 50/50 match: 50% of the funds will come from grant funds; 50% of the funds will be shared by the City and County governments.

Mr. Quesenberry further advised there are 8.13 acres on the north side of park that will be cut off from the rest of the park when proposed bypass goes through. There will a tunnel run under the road for access and a parking area. This trail will be used for non-motorized bikes. Bikers from as far away as Louisville have expressed interest in this type of recreation for the Handy Farm Park.

The projected cost of the project is \$66,510.00. Mr. Quesenberry submitted a proposed budget for this mountain bike trail. A copy is hereto attached and made a part hereof.

The length of the trail is two miles long. There may be a possibility of two trails that will be one mile each.

It was questioned if the state would hold up funding for this project because of the pending by-pass. Mr. Quesenberry stated that was not a problem.

Mr. Quesenberry was questioned if the \$66,510.00 included the cost of a professional to help layout this design. Mr. Quesenberry stated that it did not include funds, however, the Mt. Bike Trail Club of Louisville has offered to help with the design and layout. This is a winding nature trail of dirt, gravel, undergrowth, woods with two creek crossings. (Indian Creek)

The maximum amount that can be applied for is \$100,000.00. It is not sure at this time how many parking spots will be available. Mrs. Bonnie Teater suggested that a letter of support from the Louisville Mt. Bike Club would be helpful with the grant application. It was questioned about bathroom facilities. Mr. Quesenberry advised he has not applied for any funds for restrooms because it is very costly, however, there are bathroom facilities at the park.

It was asked if Mr. Quesenberry was working on any other grant applications. He replied that he was working on an application to secure crumb rubber that could be applied to two playground areas. This grant is a 75/25 match. The areas can be covered with this crumb rubber and new playground equipment placed in these areas. It was questioned if these areas will be tarped or covered in some manner while awaiting playground equipment. Mr. Quesenberry replied that he was unsure; there are different thoughts on this matter.

Mr. Quesenberry stated these are the only two grants he is currently working on.

Mayor pro-tem Keith advised there being no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

John M. Keith, Jr., Mayor pro-tem