



Item No. 5B. Town of Atherton

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: STEVE TYLER – PARK SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2016

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEM – BICYCLES IN THE PARK

DISCUSSION TOPIC

The Park and Recreation Committee to discuss the status of bicycle usage at Holbrook-Palmer Park.

BACKGROUND

At the February 3, 2016 Park and Recreation meeting, it was suggested that an item be placed on the agenda to discuss bicycle usage at Holbrook Palmer Park. Staff was asked to supply the current Municipal and/or Park ordinances and other rules so committee could understand the usage and look forward to suggest possible changes.

ANALYSIS

- Currently section 12.24.085 of the Atherton Municipal Code prohibits this activity in Holbrook-Palmer Park:
12.24.085 Restrictions on use of walking paths.
A. It is unlawful to ride any horse, and to use or operate any motorized vehicle, bicycle, scooter, roller blades, roller skates or skateboard on any designated walking path within Holbrook-Palmer Park, excluding mechanized wheelchairs.

B. Violation of this section shall be an infraction and punishable as such pursuant to Section 1.20.050 of this Code. (Ord. 495 § 1, 1998)
- Current posted park rules mimic this MC section by simply stating “no riding bicycles on park pathways.

Current MUTCD standards call for shared multi-directional pathways to be a minimum of eight (8) feet wide. Our current path is for the most part about six (6) feet wide. Some discussion items for the meeting might include the following:

1. Next fiscal year, City Council has funded Masterplan project“PC1” which includes construction/repair of various path links in asphalt or decomposed granite. Could this be a good time to look into doing some widening?
2. Could a “one directional” circulation feature be added to the current path to make it shareable?
3. What type of a feature might make the park entrance more inviting to bicyclists?
4. Bicycle racks – where do we want them placed?

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