



Item No. 5a Town of Atherton

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – REGULAR AGENDA

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: SALLY BENTZ-DALTON – PARK MANAGER

DATE: OCTOBER 7TH, 2020

SUBJECT: Staff to discuss the turnaround design at the end of the Holbrook-Palmer Park Pavilion parking lot and a motion could be made to recommend design to staff

DISCUSSION

Per the Park Master Plan there is a circulation issue to address in the Jennings Pavilion parking lot. When the parking lot is full, cars typically back up into the flow of traffic because the parking lot near the Jennings Pavilion has no turnaround. Parking/Turn Around Parking at the end of the park drive does not provide an adequate place to turn around if all the spaces are full. In the plan it was stated that a car turnaround should be added at the end of drive to address this need.

Per the Park Master Plan the circulation options are to create a turnaround in the Jennings Pavilion parking lot. Locating a “Y” or hammerhead turnaround at the end of the lot would provide 3-point turn access. A circular roundabout at the end of the parking lot would not require cars to back up, but it would require more space than the hammerhead option.

Recently, Interwest started working on potential layouts for the turnaround. It was initially suggested a hammer head type turnaround and after discussion, the hammer head may lead to people using the area as an additional parking space, even if signed and striped to discourage, which would render the turnaround ineffective when capacity at the park is reached. When we have large events or multiple events then every last space is used.

After further review a suggestion was a flattening of the Y as illustrated below. In this case the entry would be narrowed so that it lines up with the parking space striping. The Y configuration is consistent with the layout in the Holbrook-Palmer Park Master Plan approved by the City Council.

Staff is looking for input from the Park & Rec committee on the updated design.

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