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> Park Oversight Committee October 29, 2012

The Park Oversight Committee meeting was called to order at 2.00PM, Monday, October 29, 2012 by Robert Davie. Attending were Commissioner Mooring, Carla Norwood, Rebecca Harris and, Robert Davie, Town Administrator and note taker.

Robert Davie stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss updates to the park plans including land across from the proposed pocket park, design changes, costs of relocating power lines and costs associated with appraisals of easements or deeded property.

Public parking was heavily discussed. Options included parking across Bragg Street in potentially available land, reduced parking behind Odom's and access to the bays behind Odoms.

The cost to place power lines underground is \$28,000 per a quote from Progress Energy. This estimate did not include any change in the power lines along Bragg Street. A solution to the overhead power lines along Bragg Street was to run them underground from one specific pole to the next. It must be verified with NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund whether or not the power lines have to be removed.

It is believed that some current building owners may not be willing to grant an easement to the town for the property behind their buildings. If this is the case, an alternative plan would be to utilize only the property behind Odoms with property across Bragg Street.

Design elements were discussed that included a gazebo, picnic tables, walking trail. The more recreation elements that are included the higher the potential score for Warrenton in the grant process.

Noise ordinances and public parking ordinances must be verified to be compliant in a residential section across Bragg St.

Appraisal of easements is much more costly than regular appraisals because of lack of comparables and alternatives were discussed. Prior to submitting the grant, a certified appraisal must be performed to determine the value of the Town's match to the grant.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.