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City Council Workshop

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Conference Rooms A & B

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
2. Bus Tour is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Prairie Knoll Park (Field Use)
 - Proposed Dog Park Location/10-23 (Andover Station North)
 - 2011 Proposed Street Reconstruction/Water Main Potential
 - Hawkridge Park
 - 2010 Street Reconstruction
3. Joint Meeting with Park & Recreation Commission - 7:00 p.m.
 - A. Consider Location of Dog Park/10-23 - *Engineering*
 - B. Consider Location of Skate Park – *Engineering*
 - C. Discuss Use of Fields & Maintenance Concerns – *Public Works*
 - D. Discuss Use of Free Skating Rinks - *Public Works*
 - E. Discuss Public Works Campus Rinks – *Public Works*
4. Community Center Update Presentation
5. 2010 Budget Implementation Progress Report
6. Review “Draft” 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan
7. 2011 Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Enterprise & Internal Service Funds Budget Distribution
8. 2011 Budget Development Update - Verbal
9. Other Topics
10. Adjournment

TO: Mayor and Council Members 

CC: Jim Dickinson, City Administrator
David D. Berkowitz, City Engineer/Director of Public Works 

FROM: Todd J. Haas, Asst. Public Works Director

SUBJECT: **Consider Location of Dog Park/10-23 - Engineering**

DATE: September 28, 2010

INTRODUCTION

The City Council is requested to consider Andover Station North Ball Field Complex as the location of the dog park as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION

The Park and Recreation Commission over the past few months have been exploring the idea and the location of a dog park at the request of Jen and Rob Frisby. As you may know, the Frisby's have a website (<http://andoverdogpark.com/>) which has drawn a lot of interest which resulted in the creation of a Dog Park Committee. The Frisby's on behalf of the Committee will be at the meeting to present the idea of the Dog Park and answer any questions the City Council may have.

The Park Commission did review 4 locations based on suggestions from the Dog Park Committee and the Public Works Parks Department staff. The Dog Park Committee indicated that their preferred site would be either Andover Station North or Eveland Fields. The preferred location of the Public Works Parks Department staff is Fox Meadows Park. The Park and Recreation Commission (based on input from the Committee and staff) at their meeting of September 16th recommended that Andover Station North be the site of the dog park that is currently owned by the Economic Development Authority (EDA). If the location is acceptable and recommended by the City Council, it will be necessary for the EDA to approve the location. Listed below are the 4 locations that have been explored by staff. Three of the locations are somewhat centrally located which was suggested by the City Council when discussions took place back in May.

- **City Hall/Public Works in the wooded area west of playground (also known as Purple Park)** – This site location is centrally located within the city but is a concern of the Public Works staff. The area is a heavily wooded area and some trees and brush would need to be removed. As it stands right now, the wooded area does provide a nice buffer area for the residential area and for the school. The Public Work Parks maintenance staff does not recommend this location.
- **Andover Station North Ball Field Facility** – The proposed location would be located between the ASN ball field outfield fences and the WDE Landfill fence. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has given the City approval to utilize the fence as part of the dog park area. The disadvantage is that the area is mostly a drainage area for storm water runoff. The ponds do hold water after the larger rain event but most of the time the drainage ponds are dry. Also this area has not been mowed and has been allowed to grow into a natural area. If the area is recommended, the entrance to the dog park is to be located around the outfield fence of the far east field. Dog owners could use the existing paved parking lot or use the grassy overflow

parking area that is adjacent to the east field that will need to be mowed every so often. The Public Work Parks maintenance staff does not recommend this location.

- **Eveland Fields** - The proposed location would be located between the south and middle fields. Again the disadvantage is that the area that is being considered is mostly a drainage area for storm water runoff. The ponds do hold water after the larger rain event. One of the ponds is saturated most of the time. Also this area has not been mowed and has been allowed to grow into a natural area. The Public Work Parks maintenance staff does not recommend this location.
- **Fox Meadows Park** – The location of the dog park would be somewhere closer to the existing tall fence located at the south end of the park that was built for the frisbee golf course so it can be utilized as part of the enclosed fencing area. The park has not been used by any of the associations (soccer or lacrosse) for the last couple years, as the turf is mostly sand/weeds and has not been mowed this past growing season. In addition, without irrigation, it does not appear that the associations are interested in using this park until the turf is usable for practices or games. The park is 12.5 acres and is underdeveloped. The park does have playground equipment, a shelter, basketball court and has adequate parking. It is centrally located but on the west side of the city. The Public Work Parks maintenance staff does recommend this location for the dog park.

Staff did meet recently with Rob Frisby to review the location of the area that would be enclosed. Attached is a drawing of the approximate location of the fences that would need to be installed to enclose the area.

BUDGET IMPACT

As indicated back in May by the Frisby's, the goal was that any improvements (fence, signing restoration, etc) that is needed would be funded by donations. The details as to who will construct the fence will be determined at a later date once adequate donations have been made.

ACTION REQUIRED

The City Council is requested to consider the location of the dog park. If ASN is recommended, this will be forwarded to the EDA for consideration.

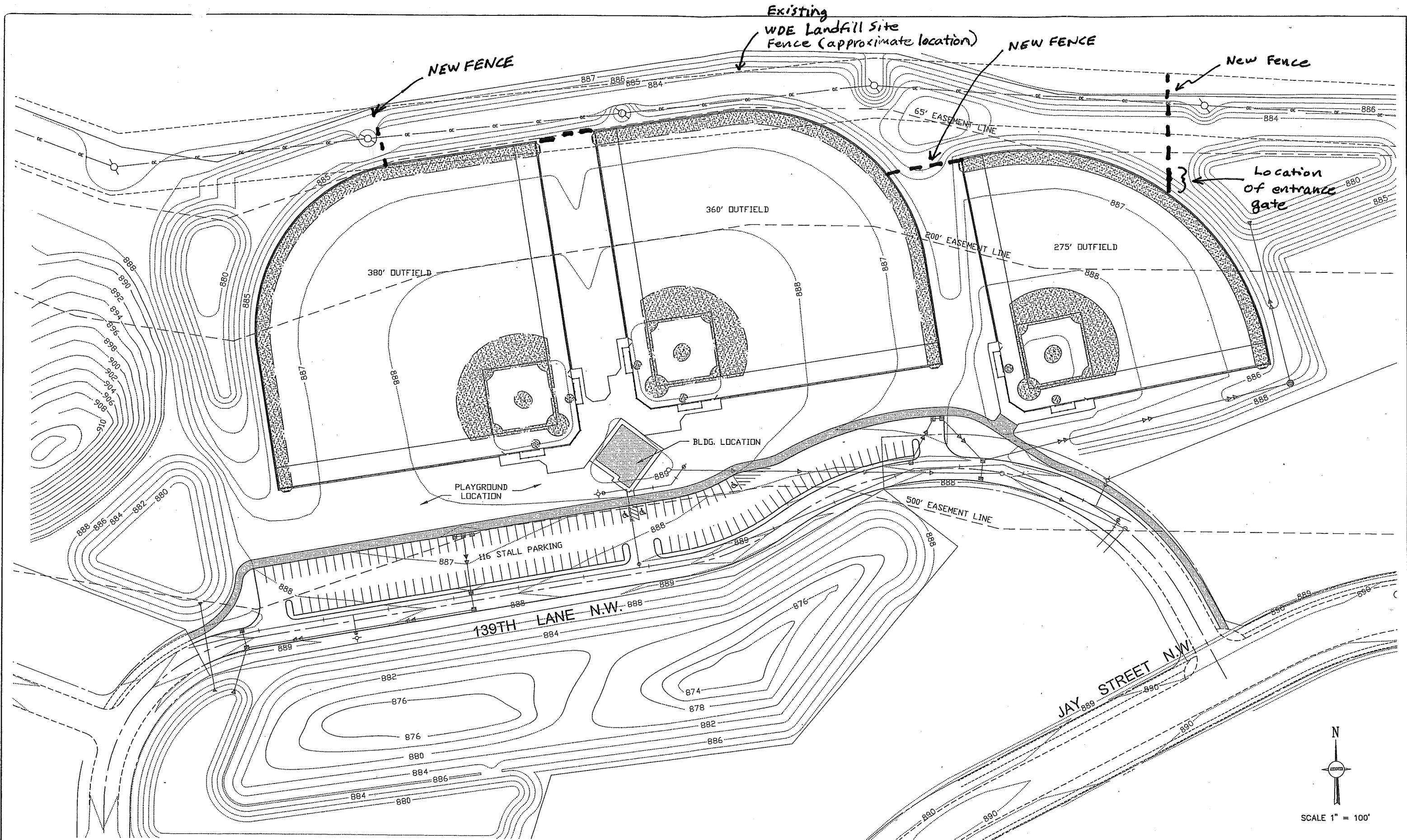
Respectfully submitted,



Todd J. Haas

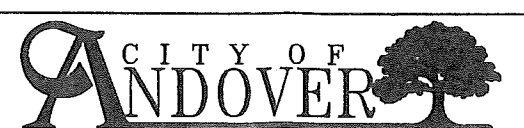
Cc: Jen and Rob Frisby, AndoverDogPark.com (copy sent by e-mail)

Enclosures: Map of Andover Station North ✓



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 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.
DAVID D. BERKOVITZ
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ANDOVER STATION NORTH BALL FIELD IMPROVEMENT
 CITY PROJECT 07-22

SITE PLAN
 SHEET NO. 1 OF 2 SHEETS