



# JAVA

Joint Antelope Valley Authority

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### Citizens' Committee Meeting at Engineering Services April 11, 2007

Meeting Began at: 9:05 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Glenn Johnson,

**Citizen's Committee Members Present:**

Beth Thacker, , Mike Morosin, Robert Campbell,  
Jim Cook

**Citizen's Committee Members Absent:**

James Mastera, Delores Lintel, Jim Christo, Ed Price

**Others Present:**

Amy Cornelius-Jones, Bruce Sweney, Wayne Teten,  
Wynn Hjermsstad, Lynn Johnson, JJ Yost, Ken Almquist

**Order No. 07-01 - Call Meeting to Order and Introduction -**  
Glenn Johnson called the meeting to order.

**Order No. 07-02 - Discussion of the Trago Park Master Plan**

JJ Yost from Parks and Recreation gave a power point presentation on the Trago Park Master Plan and asked the members of the Citizen's Committee to consider giving their endorsement for the plan at the April 2007 JAVA Board meeting.

Yost stated that Trago Park is a place where people come together as individuals, neighborhoods, and the community. The Master Plan had a committee that included representatives from Urban Development, Parks & Recreation, Lower Platte South NRD, University of Nebraska, Malone Community Center, Malone Manor, Malone Neighborhood Association, Hawley Neighborhood Association and the Vietnamese Community.

The park's timeline shows the Army Corps of Engineers completing the design for construction of the channel during the Summer of 2007, preparing the legal description for the park during the Fall of 2007 and finally during the Winter of 2007-2008, dedicating the park land as required by the Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, this will be the end of the 1988 Malone Redevelopment Area Implementation Plan.

The Program Elements recommended by the Trago Park Committee include: a picnic shelter, playground, play court, play field(s), sand volleyball court, Historic Art elements, restroom, and aquatic facility. The plan identifies three locations for historic art or interpretive elements and this is waiting on grant notification for funding. This element should begin Summer 2007.

The playground/sprayground has many proposed elements. For the playground some of the apparatuses include: Eddies, a Nexus Core, a Small Nest, a Playweb, a Dino, a Bean, a 4-Bay Swing, the Standpoints, and an Early Childhood Play Structure. These features are meant for a wide range of ages from 18 months up to 14 years. The sprayground proposes to include: Jumping Jets, Lighted Laminar Streams, Foam Jets, Calyx and Vertical Spray Posts.

Other features of the playground/sprayground include: shade sails, site furnishings

such as benches, bike racks and trash receptacles, a perimeter walk, a trike track, a seating wall and improved landscaping.

The entire master plan carries an estimated \$625, 000 price tag. \$500,000 of funding has been identified. As a result, this will take a phased approach along with some fund-raising to come up with the remaining dollars for the project.

The Malone Center is looking at whether they should renovate their current building or build a facility. The study is indicating that the better choice would be to build a new facility. There is an inset in the boundaries of the current Trago Park plan at 22<sup>nd</sup> and T Street that would allow for the potential relocation of the Malone Center.

The Trago Park Committee is also looking at expanding the parking in the area.

There was discussion surrounding the closing of Kuklin Pool, the transfer of services to the Woods Pool area and the sprayground's potential to provide adequate service.

Yost stated that an endorsement and recommendation from the Citizen's Committee to the JAVA Board is being sought for this plan.

There will be a Public Open House on May 8, 2007 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the picnic shelter, weather permitting. The back-up location is the Malone Center.

**Order No. 07-03 -**

**Other Discussion**

Wayne Teten briefed the Citizen's Committee on the proposed *Draft* Banner Policy for the Antelope Valley Roadways. The policy identifies some of the rules and guidelines based on the Nebraska Department of Roads policy that is used on federal aid routes. The main item being that the banners cannot be used for advertising for a private company (ex: sponsored by "name of company" on the banner). All requests will be routed through the City Engineer's office for approval. Banner specifications such as size, design, content, duration, eligibility, placement, fees, etc. are all covered within the draft policy.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.