

Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager
Date: February 16, 2021
Initiated By: Matt Earman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Re: Historic Cabin Reconstruction Project Site Location

Summary

As indicated in the January 5, 2021 City Manager's Update memo, staff has evaluated the preferred site locations for the reconstruction of the cabin that was discovered in the home on Riverside Drive back in 2018 (Exhibit A, attached.) Based on the general location of the property on which the cabin was originally constructed, the two preferred park locations include Thaddeus Kosciusko Park and Ferris-Wright Park.

Each of these park sites offer various elements for consideration, pros and cons, some of which include the following:

Thaddeus Kosciusko Park

PROS:

- The property on which the cabin was originally built was owned at one time by Thaddeus Kosciusko, which better represents the historical nature of the cabin
- The park contains interpretive signage related to Thaddeus Kosciusko, the local area and terrain which provides for relevant information to fortify the "story" behind the park

CONS:

- The park is somewhat heavily wooded which limits the specific site footprint to avoid existing tree removal
- From a programming standpoint, the parking and volumes of people it can accommodate are limited (i.e.: School field trips, youth camps, open houses, etc.)

Ferris-Wright Park

PROS:

- By design, this park is planned to support interpretive programming relative to various Dublin settlements holistically over 1,000's of years
- This park offers options for the actual site location that may be less invasive
- From a programming standpoint, the parking and volumes of people it can accommodate are much less restrictive for activities as noted above

CONS:

- Consistent with past protocols for any disruption of soils of this park, archeological excavations would be conducted prior to reconstruction increasing the timeframe for the project
- Adding additional structures that are not consistent with the existing Park Master Plan could be perceived to be encroaching on land of the previous Native American settlement

Recommendation

Staff has conducted more specific site evaluations at both parks to determine more concise locations depending on the selected park. Attached are aerial maps of each park with highlighted areas that are recommended for the reconstruction of the cabin (Exhibit B and C, attached.)

As part of the evaluation process, staff also consulted with the Dublin Historical Society for their review of and input on the preferred park locations. This topic was discussed at the Society's January 26th meeting with a unanimous recommendation of Ferris-Wright Park based on the park's programming opportunities and the concern the cabin would become a "static display" at Thaddeus Kosciusko Park.

Based on the contrasting elements of each location, staff respectfully seeks Council's input and direction for the preferred location of this reconstruction project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matt Earman or myself directly.



EXHIBIT A



CABIN
ORIGINAL
LOCATION

PROPOSED
LOCATION
THADDEUS
KOSCIOUSZKO
PARK

PROPOSED
LOCATION
FERRIS
WRIGHT
PARK

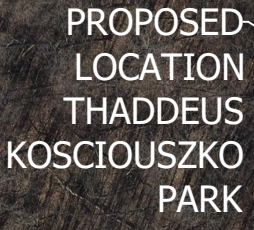


EXHIBIT C



PROPOSED
LOCATION
FERRIS
WRIGHT
PARK

EXHIBIT D