Bicycling in Trexler Park

Department of Parks & Recreation

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Background

▶ Bicycles currently permitted in Trexler on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during park hours;

▶ Restrictions implemented years ago after an accident between a bicyclist and pedestrian in the park resulted in a fatality;

▶ Requests have been made to open the park to bicycling seven days a week.

Recommendation

- Recommend:
  - Trexler Park be open to bicycles seven days a week during park hours (Dawn until Dusk);

  - The speed limit would remain at 10 MPH;

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- Reasons:

  - Bicycle riding is considered an acceptable passive recreational activity;

  - The paved path in Texler averages sixteen (16') feet and can accommodate multiple users including bicyclists, walkers and runners;

  - Restricting an activity to specific days/times can be difficult to enforce and confusing to those that want to ride the their bike in the park, but are unaware of the restrictions;

Recommendation

► Reasons:

 ► Paved paths in other City parks are narrower than Trexler's and all allow bicycling with no restrictions and few issues;

 ► Multi-use paved paths work across the country with established rules / etiquette and communication / cooperation among users.

Implementation

▶ Park users will be invited to meet regularly;

▶ Signage will be upgraded along the trail to include generally accepted bicycle and pedestrian etiquette;

▶ Change will not be implemented until necessary signage is in place;

▶ Parks & Recreation staff will monitor.

Trail Etiquette

- STAY ALERT, ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS;

- Keep your eyes and ears open – avoid looking at cellphone or wearing headphones that impairs hearing;

- Walk no more than 2 abreast;

- Speed limit is 10 MPH; bikers go slower when trail is crowded;

Trail Etiquette

- ▶ Give a warning when passing;

- ▶ Pass on the left;

- ▶ Protect your children, keep them under control;

- ▶ Keep dogs on a short lead; treat your pets as you would your child;

- ▶ Enter the trail cautiously.

Thank You! Questions?