

# MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 26, 2023, 3:30 – 5:30 pm | Rondo Community Library

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Tobolt at 3:31 pm
- II. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum / Introduction Icebreaker:**
  - **Members present:** Abshir Ali, Lauren Dees-Erickson, Jack Fei, Raymond Hess, Jon Kelly, Pat McQuillan, Darren Tobolt, Elsa Vega Perez, and Pang Yang
  - **Members Absent:** Abdi Ahmed, and Ryan Vue
  - **City Staff and Guests Present:** Nichelle Bottko Woods, OFS, Neal Younghans, OFS, and Jane McClure, Villager/Monitor
- III. **Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes** 5 min
  - Vega Perez moved, and Hess seconded to approve the minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup> with the amendment to correct attendance to reflect that Pang Yang was excused, motion passed.
  - Yang moved and Ali seconded to approve the minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dees Erickson abstained from voting, motion passed.
  - Ali moved and Dees Erickson seconded to approve the minutes from June 12. Motion passed.
- IV. **Budget Amendments**
  - **Parks Budget Amendment Presented June 12**
    - i) **RES PH 23- 129 Mica Park Bud Amd for U of St Thomas Funds:** Vega Perez moved and Kelly seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
    - ii) **RES PH 23-136 NECC ORLP Grant Bud Amd:** Kelly moved, and Dees-Erickson seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
    - iii) **RES PH 23-137 Fish Hatchery and Sam Morgan Fed Grant Bud Amd:** Kelly moved, and Vega Perez seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
    - iv) **RES PH 23-138 NECC NFL Foundation Grant Bud Amd:** Vega Perez moved, and Hess seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
    - v) **RES PH 23-146: Midway Peace Park:** Vega Perez moved, and Ali seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
    - vi) **RES PH 23-148: Cochran Park Fountain:** Hess moved, and Ali seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
    - vii) **RES PH 23-150: Pedro Park:** Kelly moved, and Ali seconded to recommend approval, motion passed.
- V. **Unfinished Business**
  - **OFS Annual Program Items:** Debt Manager, Neal Younghans, from the City of Saint Paul Office of Financial Services presented on CIB Bond Sale Costs and CIB Contingency in the annual budget.
  - **2024 Recommendations to the Mayor:** Chair Tobolt lead conversation on finalizing the CDBG Funding Recommendation to the Mayor and the Capital Improvement Bonds Funding Recommendations to the Mayor.
    - i) **CDBG funding recommendations:** Yang moved, and Kelly seconded to approve the tentative funding recommendations with \$156,000 in funding for the Cerenity Senior Care proposal and funding for the Parks Department Carty Park Play Area proposal in the CDBG funding recommendations. Motion passed.
    - ii) **Capital Improvement Bond Funding Recommendation:**

- (1) Dees-Erickson moved and Vega Perez seconded to move \$200,000 in funding tentatively approved for other projects in 2025 to create funding for Hazel Park Phase II from the CDBG proposals. Motion passed.
  - (2) Vega Perez moved, and Dees-Erickson seconded to move \$31,000 in funding tentatively approved for other projects in 2025 to reinstate the Children's Play Area Improvements Annual fund. Motion passed.
  - (3) Ali moved and Hess seconded to recommend the Capital Improvement Bond funding recommendations as amended. Motion passed.
- iii) approve the tentative funding recommendations include the Carty park proposal and approve the tentative funding recommendations
- **Recommendation Letter to the Mayor:** Chair Tobolt lead discussion and answered questions about the recommendation letter to the Mayor.

**VI. Announcements**

- July Meeting: Monday, July 10, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

- VII. Adjournment:** Hess moved, and Vega Perez seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

**Minutes Prepared by:** Nichelle Bottko Woods, Senior Budget Analyst, City of Saint Paul