

FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2011

Location: Linwood Recreation Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Jonathan Carter, Dave Haley, Erick Goodlow, Paul Middleton, Andy Trcka and Carrie Wasley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy Mowry and Lynda Anderson

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Diana Berchem, Susie Odegard

GUESTS: Dan Marckel, Leslie McMurray, Bill Driver

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Wasley.
- b. Commissioner Middleton moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Trcka 2nd the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four Commissioners absent. Commissioners Bishop and Goodlow arrived after this vote was taken.
- c. Commissioner Trcka moved to approve the January 2011 minutes. Commissioner Haley 2nd the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four Commissioners absent. Commissioners Bishop and Goodlow arrived after this vote was taken.
- d. Director Hahm indicated the meeting record for the January 10, 2011 Public Hearing visitor attendance and visitor speakers will be recognized at the March 2011 meeting.
- e. Director Hahm distributed a copy of a letter he received from Al Oertwig, Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council requesting any language in the St. Paul Parks and Recreation System Plan pertaining to the removal of the Duluth Case Recreation Center be removed.

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution #11-02 Adopt Department Strategic Plan 2011-2015

Director Hahm indicated that creating and adopting the Department Strategic plan is a procedural event that should occur each year. The Strategic Plan provides a tool for looking ahead and setting goals. It is reviewed twice annually and is influenced by the Parks and Recreation Plan, a chapter to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Director Hahm recommended adoption of this plan.

Commissioner Haley motioned to adopt Resolution #11-02. Commissioner Bishop 2nd the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two Commissioners absent.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Approval of 2011 Work Plan

Director Hahm recommended establishing of the 2011 Work Plan as it currently reads, but noted there can be possible changes from this point forward. The Commission agreed to establish the work plan as proposed.

b. Golf Performance Plan – Susie Odegard

Susie provided a brief overview of the Golf Performance Plan. She indicated that due to financial issues the City's golf program is facing, the Parks and Recreation Department is working to develop a solution that would put the golf courses back on stable ground. Objective targets include reduced spending and increased revenue strategies.

Director Hahm indicated that although deliberate efforts to improve the golf program have taken place over the past 12 years, the process of establishing a formal performance plan has not occurred until this time.

Director Hahm pointed out that this discussion item is to make the Commissioners aware of the situation. Susie Odegard will evaluate monthly and provide updates periodically.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Monthly Highlights

Director Hahm pointed out a couple highlights from the January Director's Report: Minnesota Twins' Joe Mauer visited the Wellstone Center (El Rio Vista Recreation Center and Neighborhood House); the new registration system (Active) which was launched in January, is going well; and this year's Winter Carnival event was very successful with 125 events offered in celebration of its 125th anniversary.

- b. Director Hahm mentioned that Governor Dayton will be presenting the State budget on Tuesday, February 15. The Department will be looking closely at the Local Government Aid and Metro Parks O & M projections.

c. Great River Park

Director Hahm talked about upcoming Great River Park - Community Task Force meetings which he encouraged Commissioners to attend. These meetings will be open to the public with discussion on framework plans, preliminary recommendations, implementation and final presentation. A meeting schedule was distributed. Director Hahm and Jody Martinez, Parks Design Section manager, are available to answer questions. It was recommended that the Commissioners RSVP with Jody or Diana.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Second Shift –Commissioner Bishop

Commissioner Bishop and Director Hahm indicated that Second Shift has now launched the "Sprockets Leadership Team" which centers around implementation.

b. **Blooming St. Paul** – Commissioner Middleton

Commissioner Middleton indicated the next Blooming St. Paul meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14. The 2010 Awards Ceremony was on Monday, February 7. Winners will be posted on the Blooming St. Paul website.

Chair Wasley pointed out that Commissioner Anderson has shown an interest in being involved in a committee and with her expertise in gardening, offered her to be included in the Blooming St. Paul Committee. Commissioner Middleton agreed with Commissioner Anderson's appointment to the Committee. Commissioner Middleton will provide the agenda for the next meeting which will be forwarded on to Commissioner Anderson. (Since the February Commission meeting, Commissioner Anderson has accepted the appointment.)

c. **Transportation Advisory Board** – Commissioner Trcka

Commissioner Trcka did not attend the recent meeting as he was on vacation.

d. **Trees** – Commissioner Goodlow

Commissioner Goodlow indicated that the February meeting was canceled. The next one will be in March.

e. **Ramsey Conservation District** – Chair Wasley

Chair Wasley indicated progress is moving forward with some reorganization.

f. **Ford Initiative** – Chair Wasley

Chair Wasley indicated there is a final meeting on February 28. A final draft plan is available which will be forwarded on to all Commissioners.

g. **Other Reports**

No other reports.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was motioned to adjourn by Commissioner Middleton and 2nd by Commissioner Goodlow. The vote was 7 to 0 with two Commissioners absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.