

MINUTES
Battle Creek Recreation Center
75 S. Winthrop Street
March 11, 2015
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Erick Goodlow, Dave Haley, Dan Marckel, Betsy Mowry-Voss, John Mountain, Emily Shively, Andy Trcka

MEMBERS ABSENT: Salina Vang

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Gwen Peterson, Andy Rodriguez, Joan Phillips

GUESTS: Shirley Erstad, Sandy Martin, Becky Cantellano, Jon Oyanagi, Kara Coustry

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. February 2015 Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:02 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Marckel. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.
- Commissioner Haley moved approval of the February minutes. Commissioner Marckel seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- Andy Rodriguez, Program Supervisor, presented the management agreements to the Commissioners for consideration. Parks staff recommended approval.

A. Res 15-02, Management Agreement for the Desnoyer Recreation Center.

- A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Marckel. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.

B. Res 15-03, Management Agreement for the Dunning Recreation Center.

- A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.

C. Res 15-04, Management Agreement for the Griggs Recreation Center.

- A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.
- Sandy Martin, Board Member, and Becky Cantellano, Executive Director, of Saint Paul Urban Tennis spoke in favor the management agreement. They appreciate the partnership of the past twenty four years that has grown to 31 sites,



14 thousand dollars in annual scholarship funds, and annual programming that serves over 2,500 youth and look forward to a continued relationship.

D. Res 15-05, Management Agreement for the Orchard Recreation Center.

- A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Hahm decided to forego his report in the interest of time but did note for the group the excitement around the 8-80 Initiative and the impact on the Grand Rounds project and Dickerman Park. Chair Trcka volunteered to participate on the Grand Rounds Advisory Committee.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Highway 5 / Shepard Road Access Options Study – Community Advisory Group

- Commissioner Mountain volunteered to join the Community Advisory Group.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

A. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel

- No update. Director Hahm reported that construction continues on the Pavilion build out. Dockside recently launched a Facebook page with updated information on the progress at the building. Parks staff will convene a collaboration of the advisory committee for Como transportation improvements and Dockside.

B. Blooming Saint Paul – Commissioner Mountain

- No update. Commissioner Mountain asked that the task force report be removed as a regular agenda item.

C. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Commissioner Trcka

- No update.

D. Trees Advisory Committee – Commissioner Goodlow

No update.

E. Dickerman Park Committee – Commissioner Mowry-Voss

- Commissioner Mowry-Voss reported that a successful open house had been held with a good amount of input and larger than expected attendance numbers. The current goal is to find funding for the project. A Dickerman Park proposal was presented to the CIB Committee. CIB recommendations are forthcoming.

F. Rice Park Revitalization – Commissioner Haley

- Commissioner Haley reported that a design plan was adopted at the March meeting that improves upon the green space and accessibility while preserving the character of the park. An open house is scheduled for April 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Landmark Center. A proposal for 1 million of 2 million in phased funding also went before the CIB Committee. CIB recommendations are forthcoming.

G. Community Engagement Reports

- No update

H. Other Reports

- No update

A motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The vote was 6-0, with three Commissioners absent. The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

6. JOINT MEETING WITH RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

- A.** Welcome and Introductions
- B.** Phalen / Keller Regional Park
- C.** Pig's Eye Lake
- D.** Battle Creek Regional Park and Winter Recreation Area
- E.** Arena System Task Force
- F.** Funding for Outdoor Recreation in Regional Parks
- G.** Lexington Regional Trail
- H.** Highland Arena
- I.** Racial Equity / Concentrated Financial Poverty
 - Director Hahm and Director Oyanagi presented information and highlighted the partnerships across jurisdictions for each of the agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.