

April 2013 Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2013

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Salina Vang

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Furrer, Brenda Ullrich, Kathleen Anglo, and Brian Tourtelotte

GUESTS: Bill Driver and Roger with Juxtaposition Arts

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:34 p.m.
- b. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.
- c. Commissioner Shively moved to approve the March 2013 Meeting minutes. Commissioner Marckel seconded the motion. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Trillium Nature Sanctuary Name Selection – Resolution 13-09

Parks and Recreation Department Landscape Architect, Kathleen Anglo gave a brief presentation detailing the history of what has been called the Trillium Nature Sanctuary to this date as well as an overview of this site itself. The site has been called the Trillium Nature Sanctuary because of the development company that previously owned the property. As Trillium is a woodland flower which is not found in this area, it is felt a name change is appropriate. After some discussion with the District 6 Land Use Task Force, the name Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary has been recommended due to the park being located in Trout Brook Valley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Mowry to approve Resolution 13-09. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.

b. Trillium Nature Sanctuary Water Quality – Resolution 13-10

Parks and Recreation Department Landscape Architect, Brian Tourtelotte explained that two years ago the commission recommended a policy that allows Parks and Recreation and Public Works to work together collaboratively to treat storm water on Parks property



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that was not generated on Parks property. He explained that this will greatly benefit the city due to being credited 25% of the storm water credits generated. This will be able to be used for future projects as well as it having monetary value.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Bishop to approve Resolution #13-10. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.

3. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. June Facility Tour

The annual Facility Tour route was discussed with all Commissioners suggesting possible sites to visit. Included were: Lilydale; Victoria Park; Crosby Park; Watergate Marina; Cherokee Trail; the Mississippi River – Great River Passage areas; Southwest Area of Saint Paul – Desnoyer; Saint Anthony Park area; EAB sites; the Central Corridor; and Frogtown Park & Farms.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Budget Update

Como Campus Manager, Michelle Furrer, explained there will be more information available soon. Instructions from the Mayor's Office are due out before long.

b. Accreditation Update

Michelle Furrer expressed thanks to the Commission members for their support during the accreditation process.

c. Recreation Center Repartner Request for Proposals

Michelle Furrer explained that the requests for proposals have been released. The timeline is progressing and there seems to be interest from potential partner organizations.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel

Commissioner Marckel explained the Committee met last night. The bridge stabilization

project is progressing. Concrete testing shows there is very high strength left. The bridge can be rehabbed and stabilized to be used as an actual bridge. The committee also discussed the structure of the committee going forward, including meeting quarterly, involving more residents, and having Parks and Recreation staff participant on an issue by issue basis.

b. Blooming Saint Paul – Commissioner Mountain

Commissioner Mountain stated the committee has not met since the last Commission meeting.

c. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Commissioner Trcka

Chair Trcka stated that at the March meeting nothing pertinent to the Commission was discussed.

d. Trees Advisory Committee – Commissioner Goodlow

Commissioner Goodlow explained that the EAB structural removal was discussed at the last meeting. Ann Hunt was also a guest at the meeting. The Arbor day drawing competition judging will take place early next week.

e. Victoria Park – Commissioner Shively

Commissioner Shively said the Victoria Park Committee met on March 19th. They now have three concepts for the park prepared which can be seen on the Victoria Park website. On April 24th their work to date will be presented at Summit Brewery and there will be an open house on May 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Nova Classic Academy.

f. Community Engagement – District Councils

The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Parks Clean-Up Day was discussed as well as the Ramsey County Parks Clean-Up Day. Chair Trcka also mentioned there is a Bruce Vento Trail clean up. Interested Commissioners can send an email to kesid@aol.com for more information and to sign up for their mailing list.

g. Other Reports

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.