

December 2013 Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2013

Martin Luther King Recreation Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Dave Haley, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Erick Goodlow, Emily Shively, Andrew Trcka, Salina Vang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy Mowry

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Hahm, Dan Undem, Brian Tourtelotte

GUESTS:

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 Haley and seconded by Commissioner Vang. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 2 commissioners absent.
- c. Commissioner Bishop moved to approve the November 2013 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Mountain seconded the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 2 commissioners absent.

2. ACTION ITEM

a. Resolution 13-16 Administrative Code Change Chapter 86

Director Hahm introduced Resolution 13-16 to the Commission and stated that it is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation staff to table the resolution until the February Parks Commission meeting. Tabling the resolution will allow Parks and Recreation staff time to work with community groups to better define the language surrounding the nexus of investment and lease extension in the administrative code change.

Commissioner Haley made a motion to delay voting on the resolution until the January Parks Commission meeting and Commissioner Markel seconded. The vote was 8-0 with 1 commissioner absent.



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b. Resolution 13-18 Arlington Hills Community Center Parkland Diversion and Land Exchange

Brian Tourtelotte presented resolution 13-18 to the Commission and explained that the resolution would allow for the Parks Department to exchange a section of parkland along Maryland Avenue needed by Ramsey County as construction right of way for the right turn lane on Maryland Ave for the remnant of the former Kendal Hardware property. The proposed exchange has the Parks department exchanging 4,296 square feet of parkland in exchange for the approximately 9,343 square feet contained within the former Kendall Hardware site. The acquisitions required for the Arlington Hills Community Center were made understanding that the street widening would happen as described in this agreement.

A motion to approve Resolution 13-18 was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Markel. The vote was 8-0 in favor with 1 commissioner absent.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Budget Update

Director Hahm reported that City Council had adopted the 2014 budget. The adopted budget included a \$225,000 infusion which will be used for an expansion of Recreation Programming. The additional money will be used to better coordinate youth services and help to expand youth outreach based out of the Arlington Hills Community Center and Teen Zone on Rice Street.

b. Golf Request for Proposals

Director Hahm provided an update on the Golf Request for Proposals (RFP) for Como and Phalen Golf courses. The Department received a great response to the RFP and ended up with six proposals for the courses. The Department will now begin the process of reviewing the proposals and will interview those who submitted a qualified proposal. Staff will provide an updated next steps schedule to the Commissioners for their review.

It was decided by the Commissioners that a special public hearing meeting on the Golf RFP will be held by the Parks Commission to allow the public to comment on the RFPs. The meeting will feature a presentation from staff on the Golf RFP followed by an opportunity for the public to offer comments.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Como Regional Park Advisory Committee – Commissioner Marckel

The next meeting is scheduled to take place in January

b. Blooming Saint Paul – Commissioner Mountain

The Blooming Saint Paul Awards are scheduled for January 27 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

c. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Commissioner Trcka

No Update.

d. Trees Advisory Committee – Commissioner Goodlow

The next meeting date is December 18. The group will set the agendas for the upcoming year's meetings.

e. Victoria Park – Commissioner Shively

The Victoria Park advisory group has finished their work on the Victoria Park Plan and Commissioner Shively presented to the Commissioners an informational copy of the plan that was developed. The formal presentation of the Victoria Park Plan is scheduled to come before the Commission during the February meeting.

f. Community Engagement Reports

g. Other Reports

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.