

March 2014 Meeting Minutes

**March 12, 2014
El Rio Vista Recreation Center**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy Mowry, Salina Vang

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Hahm, Brenda Ullrich, Clare Cloyd, Ryanna Jackson, Gary Korum

GUESTS: Joann Ellis, Shirley Erstad, JanMcClure

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:33 p.m.
- b. Commissioner Shively requested that Victoria Park no longer be a standing agenda item as the committee will not be meeting on a regular basis any longer since the master plan has been completed. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Mountain and seconded by Commissioner Goodlow. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.
- c. Commissioner Shively moved to approve the January 2014 Meeting minutes. Commissioner Goodlow seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent.

2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

a. Volunteer Activities / Parks Clean-Up – Ryanna Jackson

Ryanna Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department's Natural Resources section, presented on one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities as well as annual events such as the Citywide Spring Cleanup.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution 14-05 City of Saint Paul Bikeways Plan

Director Hahm introduced this resolution as a carryover from the February 2014 Commission meeting. At the February meeting it was decided to hold this resolution over until more of the community involvement meetings had been concluded. After discussion, it was decided that the resolution should be amended to read that "the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission supports continued development and improvement of the bikeways plan." The commissioners expressed questions regarding the lack of detail in the implementation plan, including prioritization and funding, whether or not there is any use data available pertaining to improvements that have already been made, and the gaps in the system and when they will be addressed.



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A motion was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Marckel to approve Resolution #14-02 as amended. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two commissioners absent.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Review of Parks Commission Charter

Director Hahm reintroduced the Parks Commission Charter, held over from the February Commission meeting. There was discussion regarding updating the bylaws. Staff will redline for review later this year. Special and standing committees will be added to the annual planning meeting.

b. Recreation Services Reorganization Plan

Discussion of the Recreation Services Reorganization plan was carried over to the April agenda.

c. New Parks Programming within Operations

Gary Korum, Operations Manager, introduced the new Parks Programming section, with Eric Thompson, newly assigned supervisor.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Budget Update

Director Hahm provided an update on the City's bonding projects.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel

Next quarterly meeting is in April.

b. Blooming Saint Paul – Commissioner Mountain

No update.

c. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Commissioner Trcka

No update.

d. Trees Advisory Committee – Commissioner Goodlow

Commissioner Goodlow advised that the Tree Advisory Panel Landmark Tree Program nominations are due this fall, October / November. There will be an Arbor month celebration on May 17, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

e. Community Engagement Reports

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.