

**Como Regional Park Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2015**

Members Present: Dan Marckel, Pete Bolstad, Kathy Korum, Art Oglesby, Kim Johnson (District 11)

Guests: Don Ganje, Parks and Recreation Design and Construction Division

Today's guests and the members of the committee exchanged introductions with each other.

Discussion Items:

- **Agreement with Met Council/Transportation Improvements:**

Don reported receiving an agreement from the Met Council for funding related to the Como Campus and McMurray projects.

McMurray: An RFP for consultants (engineering firm with traffic expertise) has been approved. Don reported there was an agreement to buy land from BNSF around 1990, but there was no funding. He is proposing Traffic Analysis Study with traffic engineer. Data was collected in 2009 and can be compared with the proposed new study. After analysis the Design staff would work with consultants about schematic design. BNSF seems open to leasing land to Parks and Recreation for parking. After the design/development phase the project manager will be able to come up with cost estimates/engineering. Timeline for Community participation: regular meeting with CRPAC and plan for public information and at last two public meetings or workshops. Don showed the committee proposed maps of McMurray. Dan Marckel brought up the idea that there are other parties (e.g. Lao Family Freedom Celebration and Saturday soccer leagues) that use the space and should be included in any discussions related to planning around McMurray. The Grand Rounds project may include a path from Johnson Pkwy to Pelham (northern loop) – and has had impact on planning for this RFP. Construction is planned for 2016 and must be finished by June 2017.

Como Campus: The Como Campus RFP has been separated from the one for McMurray. The Committee discussed having an open house that would also keep public posted about activities on the Como Campus. Construction is planned for 2016 and must be finished by June 2017.

Separate from both projects, there is a CIB request for Lexington Pkwy crossing by golf course and a CIB request for Lexington and Horton and intersection of Midway Pkwy and Horton - \$1 M for those three intersections.

Updates:

- **Historic Pedestrian Bridge:** Project work will start up in late March-early April. The estimated completion date for the project is mid-June. The committee asked questions about the inclusion of interpretative signage and the bridge railing.
- **Golf:** Rates will stay the same. Range costs might increase.
- **Como Lakeside Pavilion:** The Dockside is currently painting the interior at Como and completing a few other updates. The DNR being consulted for dock dimensions that will require approval from the Parks department. Dockside and Parks staff are discussing placement for the kiosk for rentals. Dockside plans to hold their grand opening in spring. Parks will have 20 dates for Music in the Parks concerts.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Korum/Pete Bolstad