

**MINUTES**  
**Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center**  
**800 Conway Street**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Bishop, Dave Haley, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Betsy Mowry-Voss, Emily Shively, Andy Trcka and Salina Vang

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erick Goodlow

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Hahm, Gwen Peterson, Rachel Coyle, Mike Kimble

**GUESTS:** Bruce Engelbrekt

**1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. January 2015 Minutes**

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:31 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Mowry-Voss and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.
- A motion to approve the January 2015 Minutes was made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.

**2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**A. EAB Update – Rachel Coyle**

- Rachel Coyle, Urban Forester, presented information to the Commission on the City's Emerald Ash Borer Management Program.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Res 15-01, Phalen Avenue Right-of-Way Parkland Diversion Adjacent to 1444 E. Shore Drive**

- Mike Kimble, Design & Construction, presented the resolution and supporting documents to the Commissioners for consideration. Bruce Engelbrekt, Real Estate, also addressed questions regarding the vacation and long term use of the land.
- A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.



#### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. Non-Resident Fee Structure**

- Gwen Peterson, Recreation Services Manager, presented information on the proposed non-resident fee structure policy to the Commissioners for feedback. The Commissioners were supportive of the policy providing access to non-residents with a premium fee, and the use of any new revenue as a source of funding for the fee assistance program.

##### **B. Review 2015 Work Plan**

- The Commission reviewed the 2015 Work Plan and made adjustments to the meeting locations for the September and November meetings.

##### **C. Review City's Legislative Agenda**

- The Commissioners reviewed the City's Legislative Agenda for 2015. Director Hahm noted that areas of interest for Parks.

#### **5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Director Hahm reported on work being done on legislative items, the beginning of the budget cycle, and that many 2015 capital projects are already out to bid.

#### **6. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

##### **A. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel**

- Commissioner Marckel reported that he attended the quarterly meeting. Discussion at the meeting focused on state bonding, the transportation work ahead for the Como Zoo and Conservatory as it related to the potential reconfiguration of the area near McMurray Field, the RFP that will be released for the southern portion, and future community engagement.

##### **B. Blooming Saint Paul – Commissioner Mountain**

- Commissioner Mountain reported that they are on hiatus at this time. The Blooming Saint Paul Awards were successfully held in January 2015. Commissioner Mountain asked that the Commissioners contact him if they have any suggestions regarding encouraging larger participation by Saint Paul's communities of color in the awards nomination process.

##### **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 they hope to seek CIB funding in the near future.

##### **F. Rice Park Revitalization – Commissioner Haley**

- Commissioner Haley reported that two concept plans were presented to the group. One more meeting and an open house for the final design will wrap up the process.

**G. Community Engagement Reports**

- No update

**H. Other Reports**

- No update

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.