

MINUTES
North Dale Recreation Center
1414 St. Albans St. N.
May 13, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Gwen Peterson, Anne Gardner, Tabitha Mitchell, Karl Mueller, , Bianca Paz, Joan Phillips

GUESTS: Shirley Erstad

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. April 2015 Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:32 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Marckel. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.
- Commissioner Marckel moved approval of the March minutes. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.
- Commissioner Goodlow arrived at the meeting.

2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

A. Arbor Month Celebration – Karl Mueller

- Karl Mueller, Urban Forester, presented information on upcoming events celebrating the Great American Elm tree and Arbor Month in the City of Saint Paul.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Process Issues

- Elections were postponed until after appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission are completed.

B. Discussion of the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Process – Anne Gardner, Bianca Paz

- Anne Gardner, Landscape Architect and Bianca Paz, Landscape Architect – Design & Construction, presented an overview of the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) process as it related to Parks projects seeking potential funding.

C. Recreation Services Reprogramming & Hours – Gwen Peterson

- Gwen Peterson, Manager – Recreation Services, presented information on the new community engagement model and the current staffing model for rec centers.

D. Work Plan Update – Saint Paul Youth Commission, Tabitha Mitchell

- Tabitha Mitchell, - was joined by three Youth Commissioners who provided the



Commissioners with an update on the work that has been completed by the three sub-committees

E. **June Networking Event – Como Park Zoo & Conservatory**

- Date, time, guest list and the menu for the event were discussed.

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Director Hahm provided a legislative update for the Commissioners. He highlighted the opening of CHS Field and invited the Commissioners to attend an exhibition game prior to the grand opening. He also discussed the opening of Dockside at the Como Lakeside Pavilion, the beginnings of fitness partnerships, and bike and boat rentals on-site. He also reported that budget details would be made available after Mayor Coleman had released his budget.

5. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

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

- Commissioner Marckel reported that work continues on the historic pedestrian bridge which should open in July; a consultant has been hired for the traffic improvements; and Forestry will be working with the University of Minnesota on an oak tree restoration project in the park.

B. **Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Chair Trcka**

- No update

C. **Trees – Commissioner Goodlow**

- No update.

D. **Dickerman Park Committee – Commissioner Mowry-Voss**

- Commissioner Mowry Voss stated that the project remains under consideration for CIB funds.

E. **Hwy 5/Shepard Rd. Access Options Study Community Advisory Group – Commissioner Mountain**

- Commissioner Mountain reported that an open house to gather feedback was held in April; the first working meeting for the group is scheduled for May 26th.

F. **Grand Rounds Advisory Committee – Chair Trcka**

- Chair Trcka reported that the group, comprised of 28 people, had met that day. 12 meetings and 2 open houses are planned.

G. **Community Engagement Reports**

- No update.

H. **Other Reports**

- No update.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The vote was 9 to 0 with zero commissioners absent.