

## April 2014 Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2014

Northwest Como Recreation Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Bishop, Erick Goodlow, Dave Haley, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Betsy Mowry, Emily Shively, and Salina Vang

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Andy Trcka

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Hahm, Clare Cloyd, Rachel Coyle, Tyler McKean, Gwen Peterson, Paul Prior, and Camolly Williams

**GUESTS:** Pete Bolstad, Shirley Erstad, Rebecca Koetter, Leben McCormick, and Kristen Nelson

### 1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Goodlow at 6:32 p.m. Commissioner Bishop arrived at 6:45 p.m. and facilitated the meeting from that point.
- b. Commissioner Haley moved to approve the March 2014 Meeting minutes. Commissioner Mountain seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.
- c. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Goodlow. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.

### 2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### a. Aquatics– Tyler McKean

Tyler McKean, Supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department's Aquatics section, presented facts and information from the 2013 season and laid out goals for the upcoming season. The results of an aquatics survey distributed to community members last year were also discussed.

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Resolution 14-08 Adoption of Parks & Recreation Vision and Mission

Director Hahm introduced this resolution and indicated that after staff review, the current vision and mission still reflects the City's comprehensive plan and recommended its passage.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Marckel to approve Resolution #14-08. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent.**



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

##### **a. Recreation Services Reorganization Plan**

Gwen Peterson, Recreation Services Manager, introduced the recreation services reorganization plan indicating a transition to a north/south model and updated job specifications which will help provide a clearer set of services to the community.

##### **b. Service Partner Evaluations, Reviews, and Metrics**

Paul Prior, Special Services Supervisor, discussed how the department evaluates service partner sites and discussed a survey that was distributed to the public to help determine if there are sites that may need further evaluation.

##### **c. Emerald Ash Borer Update**

Rachel Coyle gave an update of EAB affected areas and discussed upcoming tree removal plans.

##### **d. Tree Advisory Panel Update**

Members of the Tree Advisory Panel discussed possible future collaboration opportunities with the Parks Commission. Commissioner Goodlow indicated that he will work as a liaison between the panel and the Commission for future discussion between the groups.

##### **e. Discussion of the June Facility Tour**

Director Hahm and members of the Commission discussed potential locations for the June facility tour.

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

##### **a. Budget Update**

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

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

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

Commissioner Marckel discussed the addition of a Nice Ride station near the Como Pavilion and new signage in parking areas around Como Park.

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

No update.

**c. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Commissioner Treka**

No update.

**d. Trees Advisory Committee – Commissioner Goodlow**

Commissioner Goodlow indicated that the previous discussion by the Tree Advisory Panel served as an update from the Tree Advisory Committee.

**e. Community Engagement Reports**

**f. Other Reports**

Commissioner Vang announced a new news channel coming to Saint Paul that will deliver news to Hmong and other Asian communities. She requested that the Commissioners and Parks and Recreation staff work with her to help provide announcements and event notifications.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.