

May 2014 Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2014
Groveland Recreation Center

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Hahm, Clare Cloyd, Megan Mueller, Catherine Penkert, Chris Stark

GUESTS: Contessa Bostic, Carlita Heard, Iyana Morris-Thomas, Carlos Rucker

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Trcka at 6:31 p.m.
- b. Commissioner Shively moved to approve the April 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Vang seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.
- c. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.

2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

a. Right Track / Summer Employment – Catherine Penkert

Catherine Penkert, Right Track Project Manager, presented an update on Right Track, the City's new youth job program model. She discussed the rebranding efforts of the former Youth Job Corps program and the City's goal of creating a pipeline of job opportunities for Saint Paul youth. The new model will allow for an increased number of jobs by partnering with various Saint Paul businesses. She indicated that 2014 has been a record breaking year, and that the program will only continue to grow.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution 14-09 Adoption of 2014 – 2018 Strategic Plan

Director Hahm introduced this resolution and discussed the strategic plan for 2014 – 2018. He indicated that it ties into the City's comprehensive plan and encouraged its passage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haley and seconded by Commissioner Mowry to approve Resolution #14-09. The vote was 9 to 0 in favor with no commissioners absent.



4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Youth Commission Update

Megan Mueller, Community Youth Worker, and several members of the Saint Paul Youth Commission presented an end of the year update which focused on highlighting the annual reflection project. Youth commissioners discussed their projects and philanthropic efforts. Megan indicated that applications are now being accepted for the upcoming school year and encouraged the parks commissioners to spread the word to potential applicants in their districts.

b. Lowertown Ballpark Update

Chris Stark, Architect, presented a slideshow that laid out the progress of the Lowertown Ballpark project. He discussed various environmental components, displayed renderings, and gave a preview of the public art piece, "Meander."

c. Finalize June Facility Tour Schedule

Director Hahm and the commissioners agreed to finalize the suggested route for the June facility tour. Director Hahm indicated that the final route needs to be submitted within the next two weeks so the bus company can create a schedule. Director Hahm reminded commissioners that the June facility tour will begin at 5:00 p.m.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

a. Election of Officers

Commissioner Mowry nominated Commissioner Trcka for reelection as Commission Chair. Commissioner Mountain seconded the motion and the motion was approved 9 – 0 with no commissioners absent. Commissioner Shively nominated Commissioner Bishop for reelection as Commission Vice-Chair. Commissioner Vang seconded the motion and the motion was approved 9 – 0 with no commissioners absent.

Director Hahm indicated that all commissioners eligible for re-appointment were installed by the City Council for another three year term.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Budget Update

Director Hahm discussed the State Bonding Bill that is currently being heard in the senate as well as the Women's Economic Security Act and minimum wage increase and the potential affect they could have on the Department.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel

No update.

b. Blooming Saint Paul – Commissioner Mountain

No update.

c. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Commissioner Trcka

Commissioner Trcka handed out a flyer about MNDOT's statewide bike plan. He encouraged other commissioners to attend a session if they were interested.

d. Trees Advisory Committee – Commissioner Goodlow

Commissioner Goodlow discussed a presentation that the Tree Advisory Committee attended at University of Saint Thomas. He reminded the commissioners about the Arbor Day Celebration taking place at Phalen on May 17.

e. Community Engagement Reports

f. Other Reports

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Goodlow and seconded by Commissioner Haley. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.