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## Phalen - Keller Regional Park Master Plan

June 10, 2010 6:30 p.m.

### Design Task Force – Meeting Five Minutes

In attendance:

#### Staff

Bryan Murphy  
Ken Wehrle

#### Task Force Members

Mara Humphrey  
Susan Bishop  
Robert Barbosa  
Rich Kramer  
Bill Zajicek  
Audra Robbins

#### Task Force

#### Members (not present)

Candace Peterson  
Larry Greif  
Patty Sullivan  
Neil Franey  
Jonathan Carter  
George Johnson  
NaiVasha Hamilton  
Deshawn Dunbar  
Al Oertwig  
Ray Ogren

#### Others Present

Rep. Tim Mahoney  
Craig Berdie  
Charles Sticha  
Larry Simpson  
Susan Tietjen  
Paul Redelk  
Tom Russ  
Jeane Pearson  
Chris Strong  
Bob Klicker  
Jim Nolan  
Kurt Schultz  
Vera Kolar  
Jane Delehanty  
Mike Anderson

Meeting began at 6:45

#### Summary of open house and data results

- 85 people attend the Open House
- 64 feedback forms were submitted
- Environmental Improvements were overwhelmingly supported
- Generally, trail Improvements were supported
- Renovation to buildings was preferred to new facilities
- Both improvements to improve the Phalen Drive connection to Arcade were opposed
- Support to restore the waterfall
- Generally, projects at Keller received support

#### Additional Updates

- There is currently a revised Conditional Use Permit application under review by the City of Maplewood for the former Saint Paul Tourist Cabin Site for high density senior housing. There is a feeling it will be approved.



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- Milfoil can only be managed by mechanical or chemical methods. The DNR will only permit chemical applications in high recreational areas such as boat ramps and beaches. Mechanical removal only removes about the top 5 feet but gets it to a point where insufficient light levels slow the growth (until next season).
  - Perhaps a shared harvester could be bought and stored in the area for the long term management of milfoil.
  - What are the impacts of milfoil on fish? On other plants? Maybe there could be some corporate study of the control, elimination, or use of milfoil
    - Currently the harvested milfoil is used for compost
- The newly formed youth commission may provide an opportunity to reach out to the youth of the area for development of the master plan

#### Additional Discussion items

- Tennis courts are needed
  - The courts at Wheelock and Maryland were built on a wetland, removed and restored the wetland. The City of Saint Paul prepared a study to relocate the tennis courts to the Duluth and Case Recreation Center. Funding isn't available for the tennis courts. Saint Paul Urban Tennis was considering development of a year round tennis facility at Duluth and Case – there isn't funding for that either.
  - Is tennis an approved Metro Parks activity?
- Signage at the entrance to the park at Wheelock could advertise the lakeside center
- There should be a planting plan as part of the master plan
- The task force will have the opportunity to review the written master plan

The Task Force will be voting on the Master Site Plan

Next steps

PKMP Task Force Meeting – July 15, 2010 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Phalen Recreation Center – Multi purpose room

8:05 Adjourn