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Como Regional Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2012

1. Como Play Area Grand Opening – Alice Messer, Parks Design
 - The committee agreed that the focus for the grand opening should be on the neighborhood and that advertising for the event should include: The D-10 and D-6 area newspapers, Chelsea Heights PTO, Parks summer brochure.
 - The committee would like the event to include some “old time recreation” activities and perhaps be incorporated into, or along with another event at NW Como and/or North Dale Recreation Centers.
2. Introduction to the Historic Como Streetcar Pedestrian Bridge site interpretive restoration project – Don Varney, Parks Design
 - Don Varney introduced the Design team. Preliminary information was provided related to this project. Conditions and ADA requirements won’t allow a complete restoration for pedestrian use, but this will become an interpretive site.
 - The group will return in February with design concepts. Additional information about the trail connection and interpretive content will be discussed as information is available.
 - The committee is interested in having an article written about the project that invites input and calls for historic photographs.
3. Update on Signage & Wayfinding Plan – Don Varney, Parks Design
 - Materials procurement is in process for the electronic parking lot signs at the Como Campus.
4. Updates on Como Campus projects – Kathy
 - Gorilla Forest
 - Japanese Garden Experience

Both projects are on track for spring and early summer grand openings. Project updates are available on the Como website at www.comozooconservatory.org Click on ‘about us’ at the top of the page, then construction projects.
5. Putt’er There agreement – Kathy Thanks for the committee’s help in evaluating this park amenity. Parks plans to move ahead with an agreement for continued service.
6. Meeting schedule moving forward – Kathy The committee will discuss options for moving forward at the February meeting. This committee was originally scheduled to sunset in May, 2013. The upcoming meeting schedule will include meetings in February and April.

The next Como Regional Park Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2013, from 6:30-8pm at the Como Streetcar Station.



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