

MINUTES
Linwood Recreation Center
Thursday, April 18, 2019
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – meeting

Members present: Sara Chamberlain, Andrew Trcka, Dan Marckel, Jazmine Glaser-Kelly, Melvin Robinson, Clara Haycraft, Rafael Espinosa

Members absent: Susan Bishop, John Mountain,

Staff present: Mike Hahm, Liz Wagoner, Gary Korum

Guests: Peter Pha, Mai Pha, Tria Thao, Khue Vang, Maytinee Xiong, Mai Ying Exequiel, Lillian Thao, Ge Vang, Joe Vang, Kyaril Ly

- 1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – 6:30-6:35 p.m.**
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chair Robinson.
 - B. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice-Chair Chamberlain, Seconded by Commissioner Marckel
 - A. Approved 7 Opposed 0
 - C. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Vice-Chair Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Marckel.
 - A. Approved 7 Opposed 0

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 6:35-6:40**
 - A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Chair Robinson. Seconded by Commissioner Trcka.
 - A. Approved 7 Opposed 0

- 3. SERVICE UPDATE WITH EQUITY FOCUS – 6:40-6:50 p.m.**
 - A. Trash and Recycling Standards (OFS and DSI) – Gary Korum

- 4. ACTION ITEMS – 6:50-7:25 p.m.**
 - A. Res 19-03 Purchase of 1298 Arlington Ave E
 - A. A motion to approve Res 19-03 was made by Vice-Chair Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Haycraft.
 - B. Approved 7 Opposed 0
 - B. Res 19-04 Parks & Recreation Rules & Regulations Motorized Scooter Update
 - A. A motion to approve Res 19-04 was made by Commissioner Marckel, seconded by Vice-Chair Chamberlain.
 - B. Approved 7 Opposed 0

- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 7:25-7:45 p.m.**
 - A. Hmong International Freedom Festival
 - A. Gary Korum spoke to the Commissioners and public explaining the why it is necessary to close Como Pool during the festival.
 - B. The following visitors spoke in support of opening the pool during the festival:
 1. Peter Pha – CEO of United Hmong Family and Loa Family Foundation
 2. Ge Vang – Event coordinator for Hmong International Freedom Festival
 3. Mai Exequiel - Controller for the United Hmong Family
 4. Mai Pha
 5. Maytinee Xiong – Coordinator for the Hmong International Freedom



Festival

6. Joe Vang -chairman of United Hmong Family.
 - C. Commissioner Espinosa motioned to support the proposal from the organizers to open the pool during the festival to a limited number of people with extra security. The motion was not seconded.
 - D. Vice-chair Chamberlain motions to recommend the City of Saint Paul study the feasibility of opening the pool during Hmong International Freedom Festival. The study will be conducted before, during and after this year’s event. Commissioner Haycroft seconded the motion. Commissioner Marckel amended the motion to request inclusion of a noise study, safety study, and equity study.
 1. Approve 6 Oppose 0
 2. Director Hahm expects study results to be available to the public in September.
- 6. DIRECTOR’S REPORT - 7:45 – 7:55 p.m.**
- A. River expected to crest again at 19ft. Holding off on flood cleanup until water recedes again.
 - B. New Deputy Director Erica Prosser
 - C. Highwood Hills Recreation Center reopened.
 - D. Spring Cleanup April 27
 - E. Tour of Frogtown CC Monday, April 29

SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS – 7:55 - 8:00 p.m.

- A. Como Regional Park Committee
 - B. Transportation Committee – Andy Trcka
 - C. Community Engagement Reports
 - D. Other Reports
- 1. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Vice-Chair Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Marckel.
- A. Approved 5 Opposed 0
 - B. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2019 – TBD

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