

MINUTES
Phalen Rec Center
1000 Wheelock Pkwy
Thursday, September 14, 2017
6:30-8:00 p.m. - meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Sara Chamberlain, Rafael Espinosa, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Melvin Robinson, Andy Trcka, SuChann Yang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clara Haycraft,

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Joan Phillips, Randy Graff, Ellen Stewart, Carlo Franco

GUESTS: Shirley Erstad, Friends of the Parks and Trails; Dr. Bill McGuire, Minnesota United; Paul Johnson, NTH; Councilmember Jane Prince; Jane McClure; Zarina Sementelli and Omar Yasin, Youth Commission

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:32 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent (Haycraft)
- A motion to approve the July 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain. The vote was 8 to 0 in favor with one commissioner absent (Haycraft).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- No one reserved the right to speak.
- A motion to close the public comment period was made by Commissioner Mountain and seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain. The vote was 8 to 0 with one commissioner absent (Haycraft).

3. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

- A. Safety & Security Update – Randy Graff
- Information was presented by of Randy Graff, Safety and Security Supervisor, on the safety and security functions provided department wide by his staff team.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Res 17-09 – Snelling/Midway Parkland Agreement
- Director Mike Hahm, provided a staff report on the resolution in addition to the the resolution, parkland agreement, land use transaction form and graphics the Commission received for consideration. Staff recommended approval of the resolution.
 - Dr. Bill McGuire, Minnesota United, gave an overview of the site as a whole with an emphasis on the Great Lawn and other planned components that mimic park features.
 - After discussion, Commissioner Espinosa motioned to amend the resolution to include items



that had been discussed; Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0 with one commissioner absent (Haycraft).

- Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve the resolution; Commissioner Yang seconded the motion. The vote was 8 - 0 with one commissioner absent (Haycraft).

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Installation of Youth Commissioners – Carlo Franco

- Carlo Franco, Community Youth Worker, attended the meeting with Zarina Sementelli and Omar Yasin of the Saint Paul Youth Commission. Carlo Franco provided an overview of the Youth Commission's functions and the newly installed Youth Commissioners provided an overview of their goals for the upcoming year.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Hahm reported that:
 - Divisions were transitioning from summer to fall work plans
 - Highland Pool was closed early due to an electrical issue.
 - Preparation is ongoing for the upcoming budget presentation to City Council. Items expected to be highlighted in the presentation include the capital maintenance backlog, a modest increase in EAB funding, ongoing investment in the Right Track program and additional funds to provide programming in ACP50 neighborhoods. Cuts and increases include a reduction in the Como shuttle budget with no service reduction and an increase for walk/run fees.
 - The Department has begun the reaccreditation process with a timeline to finalize in April or May of 2018
 - As part of the 2017 budget, the Mayor and City Council had allocated funds for free programming to alleviate cost barriers for residents. Upon initial review, early registration indicated success of the offerings with 50% registration totals.

1. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- A. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel
 - Commissioner Marckel reported that the quarterly Como Regional Park Committee meeting was canceled to continue work with the District 10 Community Council on a pedestrian/bike survey for users of Como Park.
- B. Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Chair Trcka
 - Commissioner Trcka reported that he had attended a meeting organized by Councilmember Prince to discuss the trail closure on Fish Hatchery Trail.
- C. Scheffer Design Advisory Committee – Commissioner Robinson
 - No update.
- D. Community Engagement Reports
 - Nothing additional.
- E. Other Reports
 - Nothing additional.

2. ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chamberlain and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The vote was 8 to 0 with one commissioner absent (Haycraft).
- The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.