

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016  
Oxford Community Center  
270 Lexington Pkwy N  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Bishop, Erick Goodlow, , Dan Marckel, Emily Shively, Andy Trcka,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Haley, Betsy Mowry-Voss, John Mountain, Salina Vang

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Hahm, Kathy Korum, Gary Korum, Brad Meyer, Jody Martinez, Susie Odegard, Gwen Peterson, Joan Phillips, Susie Van Blaircom

**GUESTS:** Deputy Mayor Kristin Beckmann; Councilmember Jane Prince, Debbie Montgomery; Shirley Erstad, Friends of the Parks and Trails

**1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:03p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Marckel. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.
- A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Goodlow. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with four commissioners absent.
- Director Hahm congratulated Commissioner Goodlow as he had been the recipient of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) Commissioner and Board Member Award at the MRPA Annual Meeting and Luncheon on January 14, 2016.
- Deputy Mayor Kristin Beckmann attended the meeting and thanked the Commission for their work. She spoke about the strong connection for Saint Paul residents to the spaces and places in the Parks and Recreation system and the importance of an emphasis on equitable distribution of resources across geographic, socioeconomic, racial and ethnic lines.
- Ward 7 Councilmember Jane Prince attended the meeting and discussed her desire to prioritize access the parks and recreation system for Ward 7 residents.

**2. 2015 STAFF REVIEWS**

**A. Youth Initiatives & Support Services – Kathy Korum**

- Kathy Korum, Deputy Director, briefed the Commission on the issues, division accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

**B. Recreation Services – Gwen Peterson**

- Gwen Peterson, Recreation Services Manager, briefed the Commission on the issues, division accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

**C. Administration, Finance and Planning – Brad Meyer**

- Brad Meyer, Public Services Manager, briefed the Commission on the issues, division



accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

D. **Operations – Gary Korum**

- Gary Korum, Operations Manager, briefed the Commission on the issues, division accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

E. **Special Services – Susie Odegard**

- Susie Odegard, Special Services Manager, briefed the Commission on the issues, division accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

F. **Design and Construction – Jody Martinez**

- **Jody Martinez, Design and Construction Manager**, briefed the Commission on the issues, division accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

G. **Como Park Zoo and Conservatory – Susie Van Blaircom**

- Susie Van Blaircom, briefed the Commission on the issues, division accomplishments of 2015 and requested assistance of the Commission in 2016 for the division.

3. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Review 2016 Commission Work Plan**

- The 2016 draft Work Plan was reviewed. The plan will be finalized at the February meeting.

B. **Parks Commission Meeting Dates for 2016**

- 2016 meeting dates were reviewed and will be finalized at the February meeting.

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. **2015 Strategic Plan Final Report**

- The 2015 end of year report was provided to the commissioners for review.

5. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

A. **Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel**

- Commissioner Marckel noted that the next quarterly meeting is tentatively set for February. Transportation planning for the McMurry area is schematically done and the project will move into specific construction docs. The first meeting of the Como Dockside community evaluation process was held.

B. **Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Chair Trcka**

- Commissioner Trcka invited the commissioners to the Grand Round Open House scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>.

C. **Hwy 5/Shepard Rd. Access Options Study Community Advisory Group – Commissioner Mountain**

- No update.

D. **Grand Rounds Advisory Committee – Chair Trcka**

- Commissioner Trcka invited the commissioners to the Grand Round Open House scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>.

E. **Community Engagement Reports**

- No update.

F. **Other Reports**

- No update.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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- The meeting adjourned at 8:15.