

MINUTES
Thursday, September 8, 2016
Merriam Park Recreation Center
2000 St. Anthony Ave.
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Melvin Robinson, Emily Shively, Andy Trcka, SuChann Yang.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rafael Espinosa, Clara Haycraft

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Korum, Joan Phillips, Cy Kosel, Tabitha Mitchell

GUESTS: Dee Schutte

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:31 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent (Espinosa, Haycraft, Marckel).
- A motion to approve the July 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Bishop with a minor correction to include Commissioner Robinson's name on page 1 of the document and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent (Espinosa, Haycraft, Marckel).
- Commissioner Marckel arrived after the votes had concluded for the agenda and minutes.

2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

A. EAB – Cy Kosel, Natural Resources Manager

- Cy Kosel presented information on plans for 2017 Emerald Ash Borer monitoring and inspection, sanitation, inventory, insecticide treatment, reforestation and outreach.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Installation of the Youth Commissioners, - Tabitha Mitchell, Community Youth Worker

- Tabitha Mitchell presented the Commission with information on the 18 incoming Youth commissioners set to be installed. The Youth Commissioners attended the meeting and spoke about their reasons for joining and topics of interest for the coming year.

B. Res 16-05 Rice Park Donor Recognition – Kathy Korum, Deputy Director/Manager of Design and Construction

- Deputy Director Korum presented the staff report on the item and relayed that staff recommended approval of the resolution. Dee Schutte, Rice Park Revitalization, also attended the meeting to address any questions.
- Chair Trcka made a motion to amend the third 'whereas' to strike "or less". Commissioner Mountain made a motion to amend the first 'whereas' to correct the word fund to "funds.
- Commissioner Bishop moved to adopt the amended resolution; Commissioner Mountain seconded the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent (Espinosa, Haycraft).



4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Replacement for the Tree Advisory Panel**

- With the change to the meeting schedule, the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings will now conflict with the Tree Advisory Panel meeting. The Commissioners were encouraged to reach out to their networks about the opening on the panel.
- Round, Duluth & Case and/or Eastview, any projects under construction.

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Deputy Director Korum provided the Director's report in Director Hahm's absence. Deputy Director Korum discussed the City Council Budget presentation and asked that staff provide those materials directly to the Commissioners.
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6. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

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

- Commissioner Marckel reported that the next meeting was scheduled for September 13th. He invited the Commissioners to come and view the transportation improvements that have occurred at McMurray Field as well as the organics recycling that has been put into place.

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

- No update. Chair Trcka inquired about the status of the City's designation under Bicycle Friendly America.

C. **Community Engagement Reports**

- Commissioner Bishop reported that the Changsha delegation would be visiting Saint Paul over the weekend and that private fundraising efforts continued for the Chinese Garden at Phalen Park. She also encouraged that the Commission hear a presentation on the garden as a future agenda item.

D. **Other Reports**

- No update.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.