

MINUTES
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Northwest Como Recreation Center
1550 Hamline Ave. N
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Rafael Espinosa, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Emily Shively, Andy Trcka, SuChann Yang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clara Haycraft Melvin Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Kathy Korum, Joan Phillips, Randy Graff, Mike Whaley, Dave Gontarek

GUESTS: Chuck Repke, Keith Matte

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Trcka at 6:30 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Shively and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two commissioners absent (Haycraft, Robinson).
- A motion to approve the September 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Marckel. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent (Haycraft, Robinson).

2. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Parks Security Update – Randy Graff

- Randy Graff, Parks Security Supervisor, presented information on the workload of parks security officers and the US National Grid System (USNG) that has been deployed in portions of Lilydale Regional Park.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Res 16-06 1001 Johnson Pkwy, Parkland Diversion – Kathy Korum

- Deputy Director Korum presented the staff report on the item and relayed that staff recommended approval of the resolution recognizing that the determination is yet to be made on a sale, lease or license.
- The commissioners requested that Forestry staff consider the ash trees outside of the impact zone as potential for removal, had questions about the impact on traffic patterns around the site, expenditure of diversion and dedication funds, what the urban design for the site consisted of and additional bicycle parking at the site.
- Chuck Repke addressed the Commission and stated that District 4 had voted in favor a year ago and that they had been working with Public Works about the possibility of removing the median on Phalen Avenue to and that additional parking space would alleviate neighborhood traffic and parking concerns.
- Commissioner Bishop moved to approval of the resolution; Commissioner Yang seconded the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 with two commissioners absent (Haycraft, Robinson)



B. Res 16-07 Non Resident Fee Policy – Mike Whaley

- Mike Whaley, Program Supervisor, presented information on the proposed policy.
- Commissioner Espinosa raised concerns about barriers for community participation in fee based programming. Director Hahm acknowledged the barriers and stated that the department is looking for solutions to better serve the community and create a system of equitable distribution of services. The department is committed to balancing the quality of services offered citywide and will continue to work on other solutions to close the gaps and best position the department in the future.
- Commissioner Shively moved approval of the resolution; Commissioner Mountain seconded the motion. The vote was 6 to 0 with two commissioners absent (Haycraft, Robinson) and one commissioner abstained (Espinosa).

4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment funds through the Parks and Trails program for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019
- Director Hahm & Deputy Director Korum provided information on the legacy requests submitted by the Design and Construction division of Parks and Recreation.
- B. Director Hahm also presented the commission with information on summer wrap up and programming data, the Mayor’s proposed budget and 1.5 million addition of funds dedicated to capital improvement deferred maintenance needs, the community interest survey that was recently completed and the asset management project that the department in undertaking.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- A. **Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel**
- Commissioner Marckel encouraged his fellow commissioners to preview the ongoing Como Transportation Improvement construction.
- B. **Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission – Chair Trcka**
- No update.
- C. **Community Engagement Reports**
- Commissioner Bishop requested a presentation on the China Garden at a subsequent Commission meeting.
- D. **Other Reports**
- No update.

2. ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Marckel and seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.