

Minutes
Northwest Como Recreation Center
1550 North Hamline
Thursday, July 12, 2018
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Bishop, Sara Chamberlain, Melvin Robinson, Andy Trcka, Clara Haycraft, Dan Marckel, Sara Chamberlain

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Mountain

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Cherisse Turner, Liz Wagoner, Alice Messer, Paul Sawyer, Chris Stark, Asha Shoffner

GUESTS: David Martinez, Emma Nelson, Rod Halverson, Patricia Flaherty, Kati Berg, Amy Schmidt, John Ganey, Peg Ganey

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson Melvin Robinson at 6:40.
- B. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Chamberlain and seconded by Commissioner Marckel. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 1 commissioner absent (Mountain).
- C. May minutes will be included with Agenda at the August 16th meeting.
- D. Mike Hahm announced Cherisse Turner as administrative assistant to Parks and Rec Commission

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- A. Kati Berg, Rod Halverson, David Martinez and Patricia Flaherty present to share feedback of Pedro project.
- B. A motion to close the public comment period was made Commissioner Chamberlain and seconded by commissioner Bishop. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 1 commissioner absent (Mountain).

3. SERVICE UPDATE WITH EQUITY FOCUS

- A. Youth Environment/Outdoor Education – Asha Shoffner
 - i. Asha presented information regarding her work focused on encouraging Youth to appreciate outdoors and experiences

4. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Res 18 – 09 2018-2022 Regional Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Plan
 - i. Alice Messer shared details of projects included in 2018-2022 improvement plan and affected paths, trails and bridge.
Motion to approve plan made by Commissioner Chamberlain and seconded by Commissioner Bishop.
The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 1 commissioner absent (Mountain).
- B. Res 18 – 10 Scheffer Renaming resolution – Chris Stark
 - i. Chris Stark shared information collected via residents and surveys regarding renaming of Scheffer Recreation Center to Frogtown Community Center.
Motion to approve name change by Chair Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain.

The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 1 commissioner absent (Mountain).

1. Will clarify to city council change will apply to outer property.

C. Res 18 – 11 Paul Sawyer – Request for Parkland Diversion – 1400 Jackson

- a. Diversion NW of trail. Proposes easement through park land. Utilities will be run underground and will not disrupt park land. Construction will take 1-2 days.

Commissioner Trcka motions to approve. Bishop seconds.

The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with 1 commissioner absent (Mountain).

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. St. Paul Tree Advisory Panel (TAP)

- i. EAB issue. Cherisse will review meeting on August 8 to verify location and send to commissioners. Requested Commissioners meet with TAP.

B. August Meeting – Reschedule for August 16

- i. Recommendation to reschedule meeting for August 16th as business meeting.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Pedro Park Design Update

- i. If new information emerges related to park land and Ackerberg, will discuss at next meeting.
- ii. Alice presented potential design update which is foundation work for what may be developed.

B. China Garden Update -

- i. Alice Messer informed due to discovery of invasive plant seeds in shipment from China, delivery is suspended. Project will resume when deliveries completed.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- A. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel
 - B. Transportation Committee – Commissioner Trcka
 - C. Community Engagement Reports
 - D. Other Reports
- 8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:12 p.m.**

NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 16, 2018-El Rio Vista Community Center

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