

Minutes
Hayden Heights Recreation Center
Thursday, September 13, 2018
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – meeting

Members present: Sara Chamberlain, Rafael Espinosa, Clara Haycraft, John Mountain, Melvin Robinson, Andrew Trcka

Members absent: Susan Bishop, Dan Marckel

Staff present: Paul Sawyer, Moua Xiong, Kathy Korum, Mike Hahm, Cherisse Turner

Guests: Members of the St. Paul Youth Commission- Cindy Yang, Brooklyn Hill, Julie Yang, Dajahari Fowler, Valerie Yang, Muachi Khang, Maxiee Lee, Ntxhaisnag Sarah Khang, Amal Ahmed, Michael Lawson, Tucker Carlson

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – 6:30-6:35 p.m.

A.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Chair Robinson.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Trcka and seconded by Commissioner Chamberlain. Approved 6 Opposed 0
- Motion to approve August minutes was made by Commissioner Chamberlain and seconded by Commissioner Haycraft. Approved 6 Opposed 0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 6:35-6:40 p.m.

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- Motion to close public comment period by Commissioner Chamberlain, seconded by Commissioner Mountain. Approved 6 Opposed 0

3. SERVICE UPDATE WITH EQUITY FOCUS – 6:40-6:50 p.m.

A. St. Paul Youth Commission – Moua Xiong

- Introduced Youth Commissioners. Each Commissioner shared what led them to join, what high school attended and how they each work to make a powerful difference in the communities they serve.

4. ACTION ITEMS - 6:50 – 7:25 p.m.

A. Resolution 18-17 – Parkland Diversion At 420 Portland Avenue

- Paul Sawyer discussed details of parkland diversion located at 420 Portland Avenue. Tucker Carlson requested to purchase and/or be permitted to add wrought iron fence and beautify park. Residents shared maps of property presented during sale of property from real estate agent.
- Commissioner Trcka motioned to change language in Resolution 18-17, replacing “denied” with “approved”. Commissioner Haycraft seconded the commission action. Approved 6 Opposed 0
- Commissioner Trcka motioned to act on Resolution 18-17. Commissioner Haycraft seconded the commission action. Approved 3 Opposed 3



5. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 7:25 –7:45 p.m.

A. 2019 Parks and Recreation Budget

- Director Hahm presented the 2019 proposed Parks and Recreation budget

B. TAP update – Sara Chamberlain

- Commissioner Chamberlain met with City of Saint Paul forestry team and TAP (Tree Advisory Panel). The group discussed various EAB management options related to treatment and removals. TAP recommends offering residents a discount to treat ash trees and suggests educating residents about options for treatment. TAP supports a greater investment in treatment, City management plan supports removal of infested trees in order to quickly reforest boulevards with a healthy, diverse set of species. City plans to remove all infested ROW EAB trees by 2024.

C. Highland 9

- Parks and Recreation secured \$30K from the 2018 budget to conduct a visioning study for the Highland 9 property. A community meeting will be held on 10/1 to discuss and receive input on what the future of the property could look like. A report on the findings is expected later this year.

6. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – 7:45 – 7:55 p.m.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS – 7:55 - 8:00 p.m.

- A. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel
- B. Transportation Committee – Andy Trcka
- C. Community Engagement Reports
- D. Other Reports

1. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

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- Commissioner Espinosa moved to adjourn. Chair Robinson seconded. Approved 6 Opposed 0
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Next Meeting – Thursday, October 11, 2018 – MLK Recreation Center

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