

Minutes
Hancock Recreation Center
Thursday, November 8, 2018
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – meeting

Members present: Sara Chamberlain, Rafael Espinosa, John Mountain, Andrew Trcka, Dan Marckel,
Members absent: Susan Bishop, Melvin Robinson, Clara Haycraft,
Staff present: Mike Hahm, Liz Wagoner, Gina Stokes, Trenton Henspeter, Jessica Williams, Brad Meyer, Alice Messer
Guests: Julia Burgess, Mike Richardson

- 1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – 6:30-6:35 p.m.**
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Vice Chair Chamberlain.
 - B. A motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Trcka, seconded by Vice Chair Chamberlain.
 - i. Approved 5 Opposed 0
 - C. A motion to approve the October minutes by Commissioner Trcka, seconded by Vice Chair Chamberlain.
 - i. Approved 5 Opposed 0

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

- 3. SERVICE UPDATE WITH EQUITY FOCUS – 6:40-6:50 p.m.**
 - A. Municipal Athletics – Jessica Williams & Trenton Henspeter
 - i. Jessica Williams and Trenton Henspeter gave an overview of the new tacklebar football program launching this spring as well as a recap of participation in free and reduced priced summer sports camps and fall and winter sports participation.

- 4. ACTION ITEMS - 6:50 – 7:25 p.m.**

- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 7:25 –7:45 p.m.**
 - A. Athletics – Rafael Espinosa/Trenton Henspeter
 - i. Commissioner Espinosa expressed concern that some coaches were not following the Municipal Athletics code of conduct with regards to equal play time and age limits in youth sports. Commissioner Espinosa requested that the code of conduct for coaches be read before each youth sports game.
 - ii. Director Hahm will research these concerns and present a recommendation during the Director’s Report at the next meeting.

 - B. Comp Plan – Mike Richardson
 - i. Saint Paul’s draft Comprehensive Plan is now under public review. Mike Richardson is asking the Commission to review the Parks and Recreation chapter of the draft plan and provide feedback before the January 11 public meeting of the Planning Commission. The deadline to send the plan to the Met Council is June 30.
 - ii. Brad Meyer stated that additional info will be included for the Commission in the packet for December Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.



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

- A. Boyd Park Recognition
 - i. Julia Burgess and Alice Messer spoke on the completion of the play area at Boyd Park. A sign in recognition of Vivienne Burgess will be erected in the park and will include a donor list.
- B. Mike Hahm -
 - i. Updated the commission on recent weapons incident at West Minnehaha Recreation Center during a 10U football game. Three neighborhood meetings were held and feedback was collected from community.
 - ii. Parks and Recreation Department budget is still on track.
 - iii. Senior level staff retirements will be happening next year and recruiting for new staff to start soon.
 - iv. Grand openings were held for renovations at Marydale Park and Parque de Castillo.
 - v. Ramsey Count Parks and Recreation has a new director.
 - vi. City Council voted 5-2 in favor of Pedro Park agreement. Construction set to begin next year.
 - vii. Director Hahm will follow up with the Mayor's Office regarding new Parks and Recreation Commissioner appointments.

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

- A. Como Regional Park Committee – Commissioner Marckel
 - A. Spring Cafe closed for the season.
 - B. Community survey on wayfinding in Como Park.
- B. Transportation Committee – Andy Trcka
 - A. Commissioner Trka to deliver letters from bike clubs to Director Hahm in support of bike lane plowing on Summit Ave.
 - B. Cycles for change is closing. Commissioner Trka requested support from Parks and Recreation to help them relocate.
- C. Community Engagement Reports
- D. Other Reports
 - A. Commissioner Mountain –
 - A. Ford Plant to potentially change meeting times to attract more community members
 - B. Highland 9 Hole - next meeting Nov. 19

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

- A. Vice Chair Chamberlain moved to adjourn at 7:39pm. Commissioner Mountain seconded.
 - i. Approved 5 Opposed 0

NEXT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 13, 2018 – El Rio Vista Community Center

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