

400 City Hall Annex, 25 W. 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 - (651) 266-6400

#### MINUTES

McDonough Rec Center 1544 Timberlake Rd. Thursday, March 8, 2018 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:Susan Bishop, Sara Chamberlain, Dan Marckel, Melvin Robinson, John Mountain,

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Trcka, Clara Haycraft**

#### STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Liz Wagoner, Trenton Henspeter

GUESTS:Katie Berg, Sheila Arnett, Flint Arnett, Jenna Fletcher, Seema Kairam, Michael Johnson

#### 1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SuChann Yang resigned from the board via email on February 28 due to personal work.
- The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bishop at 6:35 p.m.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chair Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with 3 commissioners absent (Trcka, Haycraft, Espinosa).
- A motion to approve the February 2018 minutes was made by Commissioner Sara and seconded by Macrkel. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor with 3 commissioners absent (Trcka, Haycraft, Espinosa).

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Katie Berg spoke to the commission to ask that Pedro Park be added to a future agenda. She does not support possibility of the Police Annex building being sold to be converted into office space.
- The commission decided to add Pedro Park as an agenda item once the details of the proposal from the tentative developer become available.
- A motion to close the public comment period was made by Vice Chair Bishop and seconded by commissioner Mountain. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with 2 commissioners absent (Trcka, Haycraft).

### 3. SERVICE UPDATE WITH EQUITY FOCUS

- Trenton Henspeter presented on behalf of Recreation Services regarding Parks and Recreation's low cost, widely accessible fitness programs including Fitness in the Parks, fitness centers, and fitness classes for youth and adults.
- Liz will distribute Health and Fitness Coordinator Katie Foss's information to the Commissioners.

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

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#### **Res 18-04 Naming New Central Corridor Park Midway Peace Park**

• (Jenna, Michael - Park Listener) Representatives from TPL and Liz Hixon of Parks and

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- Recreation spoke regarding the background of the park and the extensive public engagement and voting process of the naming and planning of the park.
- Commissioner Chamberlain motioned to approve the resolution; Commissioner Espinosa seconded the motion. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with 2 commissioners absent (Trcka, Haycraft).

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Review Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws
  - Bylaws will be reviewed in April
- **B.** Parks and Recreation Commission Officer Elections
  - The commission will hold elections in April

# C. Adoption of 2018 Strategic Plan

Tabled until next meeting

# D. Pedro Park

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## 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Accreditation visitors in town April 30 May 3 with site visits May 1-2.
- Spring Cafe is making cosmetic updates at the Lakeside Pavilion. A soft opening is planned for sometime in April.
- Como miniature golf provider negotiations are underway.

# 7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

- A. Como Regional Park Committee Commissioner Marckel
  - District 10 is doing a walking pedestrian survey.
- B. Community Engagement Reports

## **2.** ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chair Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Mountain. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with 2 commissioners absent (Trcka, Haycraft).
- The meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.