

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Commissioners present: Wolfe, Mullenbach, Wahlstedt, Punch, Honzl

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Amundsen

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item H – The Heritage Preservation Commission report. Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) The Commons Master Plan

Chair Wolfe briefed the board on the continuing discussions with the City Representatives, Citizens for the Commons, along with the Park and Recreation appointees, Chair Wolfe and Commissioner Honzl.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Tommy Drummond – Request to Add Crushed Granite and Edging

Tommy Drummond addressed the Park and Recreation Commission via telephone conference and discussed the needed maintenance down at The Commons. He said the property around the Trolley is starting to erode from the pedestrian traffic and is need of repair. Drummond requested to add crushed granite and edging around the area surrounding the trolley to improve safety and make it more visibly attractive.

b) Tommy Drummond – Request to Add Crushed Granite and Edging - Continued

Drummond explained the proposed improvements would cost a little over \$3,000.

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to recommend that the City Council address the suggested improvements that were presented in the plan by Tommy Drummond and to pay for it from the Park and Recreation funds. Motion carried 5/0.

7. VERBAL REPORTS

a) Partnership with Historical Society for electrical boxes:

Discussed no new updates, keep on verbal reports.

b) Mitten Pond/ Gateway:

Discussed, on hold until Hennepin County's traffic study is ready.

c) Arctic Fever:

Discussed, no new update.

Topics for 2017 Arctic Fever:

- Ice Carving
- Ice Rink on Water Street
- Art Fair in The Commons
- Nordic Race and Grooming Equipment for staff

d) Commons Electrical:

Public Works Superintendent Amundsen was briefed by the board on the current options but no new action from City Council.

e) Dock Extension Public Process:

Add to June 14, 2016 Park and Recreation Agenda

f) Kayak Racks:

George Street rack location was marked by Superintendent Amundsen and is ready for installation.

g) Community for The Commons:

Chair Wolfe briefed the board on the continuing discussions with the City Representatives, Citizens for the Commons, along with the Park and Recreation appointees, Chair Wolfe and Commissioner Honzl, Diamond Club to present their business model to the group.

h) Heritage Preservation Commission

City Manager Luger is working to establish a meeting date with the City Council and representatives from the Heritage Preservation Commission to define their role in The Commons. Park and Recreation Commission would like to request that the Heritage Preservation Commission submit the Design Standards in alliance with the Department of the Interior for review by Park and Recreation.

8. UPDATES/INFORMATION

- (a) Ballpark Maintenance:
Park and Recreation scoreboard has been approved by City Council and should be installed soon.
- (b) Proposal for Studer Park Revitalization:
Discussed, no action taken.
- (c) Erosion Control:
Discussed, no action taken.
- (d) Community Garden Committee Report:
Commissioner Wahlstedt and Superintendent Amundson to coordinate adding of soil to plots in the garden area.
- (e) Hennepin County Sports Grants:
On hold until Community for the Commons, City Council and Park and Recreation can agree on a long-term goal.
- (f) Concerts in the Park:
Discussed, no action taken.

9. MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Honzl second, to approve the April Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

10. MISCELLANEOUS/ COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a) Recent Council Action:
Discussed, no action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach