

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wentz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Alderink, Beattie, Filippi, Rude, Schmidt, Wolfe, and Chair Wentz

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Beattie moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to add Items 6(e) Hennepin County Grants – Pedestrian/Bike Plan, 9(b) Art on the Lake – Use of Ballfield, and 9(c) Annual Elections, and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – January 10, 2012

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Beattie seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

5. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Garden Plot Policy

Shane Keim, 500 Second Street, requested better soil composition and a comprehensive composting program.

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Beattie seconded, to forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the revised Garden Plot Policy with the inclusion of the following changes. Motion carried 7/0.

- A maximum of two plots will be assigned in order of date of application with payment.
- The fee for non-residents be \$35.00

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b. Volunteer Opportunities for Adopting a Flower Bed in The Commons

Rude reported that she had met with the Men's Garden Club and their recommendation is that volunteers need to have a specific task, training, and oversight.

The Commission agrees that we need a master gardener to make recommendations for plantings and for oversight. The Wayzata gardens have more freedom for the volunteers to choose their own design concepts.

Rude distributed a handout titled "Excelsior Adopt a Garden Plot Proposal (Draft)". Com.

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Beattie seconded, to find a master gardener to get on board with the project before making any further decisions about the program. Motion carried 7/0.

c. Refuse Facility at the Port of Excelsior

Wolfe distributed a set of plans to Commissioners that Mark Nessel, Nessel Architecture, had given him for a refuse facility that he had drawn for the Port a number of years ago.

Schmidt and Beattie had questions regarding funding for this project and who would be responsible for what costs.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Beattie seconded, to have Mark Nessel provide an estimate for the plan dated December 19, 2007, using materials that would match the existing Port finishes. Motion carried 7/0.

Commissioners asked whether it would be possible to eliminate one dumpster at the Port and the ballfield or replace the ballfield dumpsters with bins.

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Beattie seconded, to request that the Public Works Superintendent solicit quotes to build a refuse facility similar to Pattisseire Margo option for the ball field. Motion carried 7/0.

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to extend the meeting to 9:10 p.m. if necessary. Motion carried 7/0.

d. Update from Committee for Better Lake Minnetonka Band Shell

Commissioners Schmidt and Wolfe gave an update.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

e. Hennepin County Grants – Pedestrian/Bike Plan

There was not enough time to discuss this item. The Commission continued this item to the March 13, 2012 meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Third Street Fire Lane Proposed Landscaping Plan

Commissioners voiced concerns as to whether or not this is the best use of funds when there are so many concerns about the budget.

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to look into what steps need to be taken to remove the "fire lane" designation and change this to a "park" with full access to green space. Motion carried 7/0.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

Staff informed the Commission that financial reports would not be available until the Finance Officer position is filled.

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf provided a brief update on recent City Council actions.

b. Art on the Lake – Use of Ballfield

Wolfe expressed concerns over the expanded layout for the Art on the Lake event that will extend onto the ball field.

c. Annual Elections

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to have Beattie serve as Acting Chair until appointments are made to fill the vacancies created when Commissioners Wentz and Alderink terms expired. Motion carried 7/0.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Beattie seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Alderink", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heather Alderink
Secretary