

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2018
RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (RPAC)
MINUTES

- 1. The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Monica Dillenburg, 6:30 p.m.**

Commission Members present:

Kimberly Carpenter, At-Large
Dwain Erickson, West
Monica Dillenburg, Central (Chair)
Cindi Matthew, Central
Deb Everson, At-Large
Lang Vang, At-Large
Aslam Tajim Hayat, At-Large
Mark Nolan, At- Large (Vice Chair)
Eric Peterson, East
Terry Parks, City Council Liaison

Commission Members – absent:

Christy Sandberg, East
Jane Wilson, West
Carol Vosberg, Planning Commission Liaison
Rafito Thomas, At Large

Brooklyn Park Staff:

Brad Tullberg, Parks and Facilities Manager
Jody Yungers, Director of Recreation and Parks
Greg Hoag, Parks Superintendent, Operations & Maintenance

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE-N/A**

- 3. APPROVAL OF RPAC NOVEMBER 14th, 2018 AGENDA** - Agenda was amended, with Discussion Item- Park Property Proposals moved to precede item 6 of Agenda

Motion to accept approval of the November 14th, 2018 Agenda as amended: Motion, Commissioner Aslam Tajim Hayat; Second, Commissioner Lang Vang. Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF RPAC OCTOBER 17th, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to accept Approval of October 17th, 2018 Minutes: Motion, Commissioner Cindi Matthew; Second, Commissioner Kimberly Carpenter. Motion unanimously approved.

- 5. GENERAL INFORMATION – PRESENTATIONS-N/A**

- 6. OLD BUSINESS - FOLLOW UP ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS**

- **Update of 2019 Department Budget**-Director Yungers provided an update to the 2019 Department Budget. Director Yungers informed that the full budget presentation will be presented to City Council on Dec 3rd as well as Dec 10th for final approval. No questions were asked by the RPAC.

- **Edinburgh USA Management Agreement/Transition Plan-** Brad Tullberg, Parks & Facilities Manager presented the highlights of the Edinburgh USA Management Agreement and Transition Plan. Brad informed that the contract was finalized today. Director Yungers indicated that the banquet facilities gains would cover any potential loss in revenue of the restaurant. Deb Everson asked is the City could hire staff for a sales department and to market the banquet facilities. Brad Tullberg indicated that D’Amico has a sales team and they are responsible for selling banquet space. He also indicated that very soon the community will start to see articles in news papers about the mid-March opening of the “Brooklyn” restaurant & renovated banquet facilities.

7. ACTION ITEMS

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

The following reports were included in the RPAC Packet:

- **PARKS AND FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES-**No questions were asked by RPAC regarding Park and Facilities Project Updates.
- **PROGRAM AND EVENT UPDATES-** No questions were asked by RPAC regarding:
 - Recreation Programs & Services
 - Upcoming Events

Monica Dillenburg added that the CAC has an upcoming Ice-Skating event. Director Yungers informed that staff will include future City events and programs happening in the CAC. Staff needs to determine if events list should include programs beyond what the Department coordinates?

- **DIRECTORS REPORT**
 - Mississippi Gateway Regional Park / ENA- Director Yungers gave an update on next steps in the planning process and informed the RPAC that some tree removal, parking lot, and trail connectors will occur in 2019. No questions were asked by the RPAC.
 - Center for Innovation and Arts Partnership- Director Yungers noted that in December staff will be working on a Design Charette for Temporary Plaza Park. No questions were asked by the RPAC.
 - River Park-Director Yungers reminded RPAC of the Community Engagement meeting for River Park on Thursday, Nov 15th at the CAC- Gardenview room starting at 6:30pm and that all are welcome to attend. Deb Everson indicated that the map that is on the website is different than the map that was on the postcards sent to residents. Director Yungers indicated that was an oversight but that both options would be presented at the meeting to avoid confusion. Terry Parks asked about the timeline moving forward for the project. Director Yungers indicated that staff will put the information on the website asking for comments, then a final draft Master plan will be presented to the RPAC around February and brought to City Council for approval the end of February. Construction would begin the spring of 2020.
 - Community Event Partnership Policy- Director Yungers indicated that this item was tabled during the City Council meeting. Further information to follow at the next RPAC meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2019 Work Plan- Director Yungers gave an overview of how Park Bond projects are affected by two potential partnerships. She also informed of the possibility of the purchase of the old Hennepin County Library and the partnership with Osseo School District for the turf fields, lights and/or dome. Director Yungers indicated that our work should focus on projects that can be started and are not affected by other potential partnerships. During the January RPAC meeting a proposal of projects and timeline will be presented. Mark Nolan agreed that we should start with projects that have no impact by partnerships and that we owe the Community the ball park first. Dwain Erickson asked if a review could be conducted of the list of promises and project list to the community? Director Yungers indicated that yes that is what will be presented at the next RPAC and that meeting will possibly be a joint meeting with CLIC.

Park Property Proposals

- **102124 Regent Ave N/Rush Creek Regional Trail Access Potential Land Sale-** Director Yungers informed that a potential buyer of the property is asking to purchase a piece of parkland adjacent to the Rush Creek Trail. The current home owner has a fire pit that is currently encroaching on parkland. The original developer of the neighborhood donated land in lieu of park dedication fees. The current appraised value for the proposed portion of park land for sale is \$2.50/sq ft. for a total value estimate of \$11,000.00. The future owner is interested in installing a pool and needs the additional acreage. Monica Dillenburg asked if a fence will be installed. Director Yungers indicated that yes, a fence will have to be installed due to city ordinance for pool safety. Terry Parks indicated that if the land is sold will the tree line stay? Director Yungers indicated that yes, the tree line will stay.

Motion to proceed with replatting of park property and sale of 102124 Regent Ave N/Rush Creek Regional Trail: Motion, Commissioner Aslam Tajim Hayat; Second, Commissioner Eric Peterson. Motion unanimously approved.

- **Fair Oaks Park Potential Land Sale-**Director Yungers informed RPAC of the request by a current lease to sell Fair Oaks Park land. Excell Academy is a private school who leases their building and is inquiring about the possible purchase of the business park and would like to expand their school and buy adjacent parkland. The school is asking for a piece of land and not the entire parcel. This park is one of two locations that currently has cricket pitch. Director Yungers noted that this amenity could be moved to another location if the sale were to proceed. Monica Dillenburg asked if the school district could give a better offer? Aslam Hayat indicated the preference to sell the land as a whole. Director Yungers indicated that she would not propose selling unless it is the entire parcel. Currently Fair Oaks Park is not large enough to house a cricket field. Dwain Erickson asked what the park was used as before cricket. Greg Hoag, Superintendent indicated that before the cricket pitch were 2 baseball diamonds and community gardens. Community Gardens were moved due to potential sale of the park as previously requested. Deb Everson indicated that she would like to see this park as a dog park and or add community gardens. Eric Peterson indicated that selling the property and removing the cricket pitch without a plan to add the cricket at another location would be a disservice to the community. Kim Carpenter asked about the greenspace around the area if the parkland is sold. Greg Hoag showed the greenspace on the map. Director Yungers indicated that the

seriousness of the sale is not known at this time and that the RPAC could come back to this topic with a plan for the cricket pitch location at a later date.

No action taken, however a strong concern that if the request is serious, there needs to be a plan for cricket or this would not be recommended to sell.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner updates-

Council Member Terry Parks informed that the planning dollars for the Hwy 252 project has been appropriated. Ongoing discussion is occurring related to the possibility of opening the area that is blocked for more access, to the neighborhood. Council Member Parks also informed of 3 complaints he received: the address for the CAC in the phone book is wrong, the dog park trash bins need to be emptied more often, and people are dumping household trash at Edinbrook Park.

City Planning Commission updates- N/A

Key topics for discussion at the next RPAC meeting

- Age Friendly Community
- Park Bond Reinvestment Plan
- RPAC Work Plan 2019
- Annual Report/Accomplishments

Key Dates for future meetings

- Dec 19th, 2018 (TBD)- The December meeting will be cancelled.
- Jan 16th, 2019- possible joint meeting with CLIC

11. OTHER ITEMS BY COMMISSION – N/A

12. ADJOURNMENT-8:25 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn: Motion, Commissioner Kimberly Carpenter; Second, Commissioner Mark Nolan.
Motion unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted by
Tanya Moore