

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**  
**Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center and was called to order by Chairperson, Mark Nolen at 6:04 P.M.**

**Commission Members present:**

Mark Nolen, At-large (Chair)  
Christy Sandberg, (Vice-Chair)  
Maggie Borer, At-large  
Latrina Caldwell, At-large  
Deborah Lande, Central  
Miriam Osammor, East  
Jane Wilson, West  
Kellina Quigley, At-large

Terry Parks City Council Liaison

**Commission Members absent:**

Monica Dillenburg, Central  
Dwain Erickson, West  
Johnny Hoang, At-large

James Turnham, City Planning Liaison

**Brooklyn Park Staff present:**

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks  
Marcus Hill, Manager, Facilities and Parks  
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Manager, Operations and Maintenance  
Jeanine Machan, Program Assistant III

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**NA**

- 3. APPROVAL OF June 15, 2022 AGENDA**

**A Motion was made to Approve the June 15, 2022 agenda by Commissioner Quigley and second by, Commissioner Caldwell.**  
**Motion unanimously approved.**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 18, 2022 MEETING**

**A Motion was made to Approve the May 18, 2022 minutes by Commissioner Wilson and second by, Commissioner Sandberg.**  
**Motion unanimously approved.**

- 5. ACTION ITEMS**  
**N/A**

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. BUDGET TIMELINE AND PARAMETERS FOR 2023**

Director Tullberg presented a PowerPoint (attached) which provided an overview of the 2023 Budget and 2023 – 2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Capital Equipment Plan (CEP) and the specific funding sources within each plan. City Council approves only the 2023 budget.

Included in the overview was the different types of budgets and funds that are included within the Department budget. These include CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds (Ice Arenas and Brookland Golf Course), and Recreation Enterprise Funds (Sports Dome and Ed. USA Golf Course & Clubhouse). A general overview of the various funding sources including Heritage Fund, Information and Technology Service Fund, Park Bond Fund, Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Fund and Grants.

A timeline was presented showing a 6-month long process by staff to prepare and present to Council. Staff will give a final presentation to RPAC in September before it goes to City Council.

**Comments and or Questions:**

- Commissioner Sandberg asked with the difficulty hiring seasonal staff will there be left over money in the budget and what happens to that money and does City Council react to it not being spent? Director Tullberg stated that we are close to or at the correct levels for staff for each programming area. On average we are paying more for staff so even with the possible smaller staff the increase in wage will counter. For perspective a \$1.00 bump in wage per hour for all seasonal staff equates to \$56,000 increase in the overall budget.
- Commissioner Lande asked what were the assumptions in the projections of Edinburgh Clubhouse revenue from 2018 at \$166K to 2022 \$358K? Director Tullberg stated the \$150K transfer in from EDA bump up the revenue. The forecast and target for clubhouse revenues would be approximately \$300K each year.
- Commissioner Wilson asked how does the OSLAD revenue of \$4,600 per residential unit work for an apartment building? Director Tullberg stated it is the same meaning \$4,600 per each unit. There are some exceptions with prior park dedication trade-offs, like the use of Seed property credits, such as at 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
- Commissioner Lande asked out the commercial development that is occurring at 610 and Zane if there was any plan for green space in the area? Director Tullberg stated there is a trail around the Oxbow pond which was Hennepin County tax forfeiture land the city has acquired which will be some green space and trails, however there will not be a playground or sitting areas.
- Councilmember Parks asked if the city was receiving any changes out of the solar panels? Manager Hoag responded that overall, across the city, there has been a 10% reduction in electrical costs. It is a complicated calculation because solar credits are spread over so many different budgets.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT ON DEER HUNT AND AUTHORIZE 2022 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MAY 23, 2022  
No Comments or questions

**8. WRITTEN REPORTS**

1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE  
Director Tullberg reported that this week has been staff training for the summer programming with 117 young people in attendance.  
Commissioner Borer asked if there has been good enrollment this year? Director Tullberg stated that enrollment in programs was good.

Manager Hill reported on the upcoming Juneteenth celebration to be held Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the North Hennepin Community College from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Activities include games for the kids, food trucks, community resource fair and live entertainment from local artists.

## 2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

Manager Hoag stated that he has applied for 3 grants to help fund the Emerald Ash Borer work being done by Operations and Maintenance. He expects to be awarded all three.

Director Tullberg stated there is no update to report on the CAC Aquatics redevelopment. Staff from Rec and Park, Fire, Community Development and Finance are meeting to develop the plan to be presented at City Council on July 25, 2022.

Director Tullberg provided pictures of the Norwood Park building that is almost complete.

## 3. 2022 RPAC AREA OF EMPHASIS REPORT

No Verbal comments

## 4. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Tullberg called out from the written report Youth Intervention and Outreach Coordinator, Lennisha Walker, has submitted her resignation effective June 24<sup>th</sup>. Lennisha was hired in August 2021 and has led the BP Youth Outreach Team coordination in addition to other programming.

# 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## 1. AMPLIFIED SOUND

Director Tullberg introduced a discussion about amplified sound in parks at the May RPAC meeting. Due to time, the discussion was planned to be continued at the June Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting. The discussion centered around the challenges and ideas for possible implementation to help expand amplified sound, while being respectful of the property owners near parks.

### **Highlights of the discussion are:**

- Commissioner Lande asked what is the acreage of Oak Grove Park? Director Tullberg replied approximate 30 acres.
- Commissioner Borer asked if it was legal to have amplified sound at Noble Sports Park? Director Tullberg stated it is not allowed at Noble Sports Park.
- Commissioner Sandberg asked how many complaints regarding sound are we getting? Are the numbers up over last year? Are the numbers based on complaints or complainants? Director Tullberg stated that the complaints are up based on we do not have enough locations for amplified sound.
- Commissioner Borer stated that others will leave the park if there is a group using amplified sound that is so loud.
- Commissioner Borer asked what is the rules for residents having sound at their homes? Director Tullberg stated the city rule states audible at 50 feet from device.
- Commissioner Lande asked Director Tullberg where he felt would be the best option from the list provided? Commissioner Sandberg responded that she felt it would be a park with kitchen, bathroom and shelter facilities. Director Tullberg stated that Central Park would be one if we can manage the level of amplified sound.
- Commissioner Lande stated that she would guess that those who reserve Oak Grove are setting up something other than what we supply.
- Commissioner Osammor stated that what staff supplies to those who are renting with amplified sound is not loud enough.

- Commissioner Borer stated that the city needs to have a commonality regarding the rules on sound across the city. It should not be acceptable to be louder in a park than at someone's home.
- Commissioner Caldwell stated that she is canceling her reservation at the park for a grad party when she found out she cannot have music. The party will now be a home where she plans to have music.
- Commissioner Quigley offered a suggestion to limit the applications at each additional proposed park, then vet those who are renting. You would still have other parks as options, however it would be limited to the cap.
- Commissioner Wilson suggested that anyone who is renting with amplified sound be reminded of the surrounding neighbors and the sound must be kept to a certain level.
- Commissioner Lande stated she would have no idea what 50 -60 decibels sounds like. She asked if the buildings have decibel readers on them? Director Tullberg said there are stationary decibel readers but nothing that monitors peaks. It is live readings only. A chain saw is 90 decibels and the city provide speaker goes up to 82 - 84 decibels. Director Tullberg stated that there are 3 different places on the shelter rentals that require the renter initials stating they will not use amplified sound.
- Commissioner Lande asked if staff is planning on redoing the policy and how is the policy made public? Is it posted at the parks? Director Tullberg stated that changes would result in updating the policy. He also stated that the signage at the majority of the parks does not provide information regarding amplified sound. Commissioner Sandberg stated there is a sign at River Park that states the amplified sound policy.
- Commissioner Borer stated that it almost seems as though the city is trying to set up something that is not manageable, so why are we doing this? What problem are we trying to solve? Director Tullberg stated that the development of the SEA park will be a long-term solution, unfortunately that is a ways off.
- Commissioner Lande asked how many complaints have been received regarding not enough amplified sound? Director Tullberg stated that is between 35 – 50 complaints in a year.
- Commissioner Sandberg asked those who call asking for amplified sound, where do they want it? Director Tullberg stated the most asked is at River and at Central. Director Tullberg stated that staff is starting to keep a detailed log of complaints coming in.

## 2. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

- Commissioner Osammor asked why the Tater Daze Parade was so short? Director Tullberg stated that the date chosen was not good for area bands and that next year staff will do more to reach out to school districts, particularly the local high school bands, and other community groups to increase parade participation.
- Commissioner Osammor stated that there were too many politicians in the parade.

## 10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – COUNCILMEMBER PARKS

Councilmember Parks reported the items the city council have been discussing include:

- Light Rail route
- 252 Reconstruction

Budget discussions will be upcoming in the next months.

City council retreat went well.

### 2. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES – COMMISSIONER TURNHAM

No Report

3. CENTER For INNOVATION And The ARTS PROJECT UPDATE– COMMISSIONER WILSON

Commissioner Wilson stated that the State of Minnesota Legislature left session without passing any funds for Center for Innovation and The Arts.

4. RPAC COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- 3 candidates applied for the open RPAC position at the Monday, June 13, 2022 City Council meeting.
- Commissioner Caldwell is running for City Council. Primary is in August.

5. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING – July 20, 2022  
Bus Tour

6. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

- A. BUS TOUR – July 20, 2022
- B. No meeting August
- C. Chairperson Nolen is gone in September

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A Motion was made by Commissioner Sandberg to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Osammor**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Adjourned by Chairperson Nolen was at 8:20 P.M.**

Submitted respectfully,  
Jeanine Machan  
Secretary