

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024
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 Director Tullberg at 6:05 P.M.**

Commission Members present:

Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Dwain Erickson, West
Joe Gomez, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Taylor Murray, East
Mark Nolen, At-large
Terry Parks, At-large
Judy Purcell, Central
Kellina Quigley, At-large

Commission Members absent:

Tawah Crawford, At-large
Mercy Matthews, West
Miriam Osammor, East

Councilmember Morson

Youth Liaisons:

Aria Reickard
Klarissa Yu

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Maintenance Manager
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

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

N/A

- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made to Approve the January 17, 2024 agenda by Commissioner Lande and second by Commissioner Parks.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made to Approve the November 15, 2023 minutes by Commissioner Nolen and second by Commissioner Purcell.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 5. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

Director Tullberg called for elections of Chairperson and Vice Chair.

Chair

Commissioner Gomez nominated Commissioner Erickson.

Commissioner Caldwell nominated Commissioner Gomez.

A vote was taken: 7 votes for Erickson and 2 votes Gomez.

Commissioner Erickson will be the Chairperson for RPAC in 2024.

Vice-Chair

Commissioner Lande nominated Commissioner Gomez.

Commissioner Parks casts a white ballot. Commissioner Nolen seconds.

Commissioner Gomez will be the Vice-Chair for RPAC in 2024.

2. RPAC WORK PLAN

Director Tullberg provided a PowerPoint presentation on the RPAC Work Plan and explained the responsibility of the commissioners to develop a 2024 Work Plan.

Questions/comments:

Chairperson Erickson asked if the Emerald Ash Borer fell under the Natural Resource Management?

Director Tullberg stated that it does.

Commissioner Purcell asked what does youth violence prevention programming have to do with Recreation and Parks department? Director Tullberg stated that if you think about the continuum, Recreation and Parks is the first part of the continuum. Giving young people positive activities. When they are involved in these activities they are less likely to get involved in undesirable actions.

Commissioner Gomez mentioned how wrestling programs were a good program for youth to keep them out of trouble.

Commissioner Lande asked if the Youth Group Violence Intervention 2.8M grant is for expansion of staff or what is the vision for that money? Director Tullberg stated that it does include additional intervention staff and expanding programs geared towards specific troubled youth.

Commissioner Parks directed his comment to the youth liaisons saying that if they were confused by the acronyms being used to be sure to ask. Director Tullberg stated that the city has a list of acronyms/descriptions and will share it with the commission.

Commissioner Parks stated that some of the items on the list supplied might not apply to the commission.

Commissioner Caldwell asked if in the funding for the youth is there also funding for partnerships? Director Tullberg stated that in the Youth Group Violence Intervention there is no funding for partnerships.

Director Tullberg asked commission members if there were any additional topics anyone had in mind to add to the list. There were no additional items.

After the discussion the commissioners were asked to vote on the top 4 topics from the list provided by staff that they want to concentrate on for 2024. The top 4 contenders are:

- Youth & Teen Recreation Center Redesign/construction
- Community Activity Center Improvements Redesign
- Program and Event Transportation
- Reimagining Public Safety (GVI / OJP Grant)

Commissioner Parks asked if in the discussion of Program/Event Transportation a budget would be presented for the cost of such a project.

NOTE: Chairperson Erickson needed to leave, and Vice-Chair Gomez took over the meeting.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

NA

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. 8.1 CAC IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION
2. 4.15 RFCA AWARD MGRP PLAYGROUND
3. 4.16 RFCA APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR TEEN CENTER DESIGN

Director Tullberg highlighted the March 7 Community Engagement regarding the CAC Improvements and possible needs assessment on court space. A conversion of rink one would still require a structural assessment.

Questions/comments:

Vice-Chair Gomez asked about the Brooklyn contract at the Edinburgh USA Golf Course. Director Tullberg stated that the current contract goes through 2025. They have to notify us with their intention to extend or not by February 28, 2025

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
3. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Tullberg asked if there were any questions.

Director Tullberg highlighted two items from the Directors Report

1. The information from the residential surveys.
2. Announcement of the Best Buy Technology Center Grant.

Commissioner Lande asked how much is the Best Buy grant? Director Tullberg stated that it is \$180,000 for the first year and then \$75,000 each for 3 years.

Commissioner Parks asked about the dumpsters at the old library? Director Tullberg stated that demolition has started. The goal is to recycle 65% of the building materials. The plan is to have the building removed and flat level ground by March 1.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Commissioner Purcell asked who our City Council Representative is? Director Tullberg stated it is Councilmember Morson, who indicated that he would be absent for the January meeting.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - Councilmember Morson
No Report
2. CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Commissioners Erickson and Matthews
No Report
3. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - FEBRUARY 21
 - MARCH 20

Director Tullberg asked the Commissioners for suggested topics to be presented at the meetings. The responses were: Bus Tour, plant trees, youth violence – requested a presentation from police department, timeline on fire department buildings, basketball courts update.

4. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS
 - March 7 Community Engagement for the CAC redesign.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Caldwell to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Purcell.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Vice Chairperson Gomez at 7:20 P.M.

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments: