

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at City Hall in Conference Room A206 and was called to order by Chairperson Erickson at 5:48 PM**

Commission Members present:

Dwain Erickson, Chairperson
Joe Gomez, Vice-Chair
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Mark Nolen, At-large
Miriam Osammor, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Judy Purcell, Central
Kellina Quigley, At-large

Youth Liaisons:

Aria Reickard
Klarissa Yu

Commission Members absent:

Tawah Crawford, At-large
Mercy Matthews, West
Taylor Murray, East

Councilmember Morson

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE

Collette Guyott-Hempel thanked the Commission and City Staff for all the work performed. Asked staff and commission to consider sales tax to support pending projects.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made to Approve the March 20, 2024 agenda by Commissioner Nolen and second by Commissioner Parks.

Motion unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made to Approve the February 21, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Purcell and second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

5. ACTION ITEMS

NA

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

○ **YOUTH VIOLENCE – YGVI**

Director Tullberg introduced Juvenile Unit Police Officer Sargent Shawn Fricke. Officer Fricke provided an overview of the Youth Task Force. Highlights of the presentation are:

- Overall crime is down
- Violent gun crime is up
 - More youth with firearms
 - More shots fired

- YGVI (Youth Group Violence Intervention)
 - Grant received
 - Intelligent based knowledge of youth at risk
 - Intervention
 - County Attorney's Office
 - Church leaders
- Community Intervention Manager position open
- SRO Program (School Resource Officers)
 - Participating schools: Park Center HS and Champlin Middle School

Questions and Comments:

Commissioner Gomez extended his thank you to the police department.

Commissioner Osammor asked if the police department uses or watches the social media of the youth?

Sargent Fricke stated that there is a specific division that closely monitors social media discussions and passes it along to the officers to preempt any situations if possible. Director Tullberg reminded the Commission about the events of last summer when large groups of young people were moving from park to park and how the police department was able to proactively position themselves at parks to break up the large crowds.

Commissioner Lande expressed thanks to the police department. Lande stated that she did not hear Sargent Fricke mention food shelves, apartment owners, ACER and other organizations that can help? Sargent Fricke stated that YGVI provides a case manager to each youth and the family to provide resources and any help possible. Director Tullberg stated that this was an extension of the work being done by Kelvin Currington at Zanewood. That having two more intervention specialists would further the work and allow for more people to be helped.

Sargent Fricke stated that one situation that was difficult to manage was the Data Privacy Laws that forbid police sharing information with the intervention groups that could provide assistance in their work. However, that information can be shared with the city intervention staff.

Commissioner Erickson asked for confirmation that the police department works closely with Brooklyn Center, Maple Grove and Crystal? Sargent Fricke confirmed that the city works the closest with Brooklyn Center. The staff analysts work with the other cities as well.

Commissioner Purcell expressed her thanks to the police department. She asked for further information regarding the situation of youth having more access to guns and what precipitated it? Sargent Fricke stated that the internet and the ability to buy ghost guns are what has been the contributing factor to the increase in guns on the streets. Parts can be ordered and shipped to someone who puts the gun together then sells or gives to the young person. YouTube videos are out there to show how to order and assemble a gun. Director Tullberg asked if the "switches" were still readily available. Sargent Fricke explained that the "switches" would basically turn a Glock into an automatic gun. He stated that the US Attorney Offices is going after people with these under Federal laws. Anyone caught with one would see some serious time. This has helped to diminish the desire to obtain and face long prison time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 3B.2 RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 YEAR-IN-REVIEW AND 2024 WORK PLAN – FEBRUARY 26

Chairperson Erickson gave a brief recap of his presentation to CC.

- 7.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING CAC IMPROVEMENTS - MARCH 7

Director Tullberg provided a short recap of the CAC Improvement engagement meeting.

- 7.3 3B.4 ARTS AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE/REBEAUTIFICATION SURVEY/2023 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS - MARCH 11 CC

Director Tullberg stated that Arts and Engagement Specialist Tashawna Williams did a great job presenting at the city council meeting.

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

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

Director Tullberg noted that the City has received \$500,000 in Congressional Directed Spending from the Federal Government to put toward the expansion of Zanewood

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Director Tullberg provided a report on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commissioner status. He acknowledged the reappointment of Commissioner Osammor and Commissioner Mathews. Director Tullberg recognized the contributions of outgoing Commissioner and former Chairperson Nolen. He thanked Commissioner Nolen for his 8 years of service and highlighted some of his achievements. Commissioner Nolen spoke for a few minutes of the highlights he saw during the past 8 years. He thanked the staff for the work they have done. He encouraged the remaining commissioners to keep an open mind and get involved.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - Councilmember Morson
 - No Report

- CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Chairperson Erickson and Commissioner Matthews
 - No Report

- COMMUNITY GOALS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE - Commissioner Parks
Commissioner Parks reported that the Steering Committee has had the first meeting. The committee will meet once a month. The 6 goals for 2025 were reviewed. Items that have been completed were eliminated as well as some of the descriptions are being revamped.

- KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - APRIL 17 –
 - Program and Events Transportation
 - Teen Center Update
 - Annual Deer Hunt
Youth Liaison Reickard asked for an explanation of what a deer hunt is? Director Tullberg provided a brief explanation of reasons for and management of the deer hunt.
 - MAY 15 – Tour Operations and Maintenance

- KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS
 - Three Rivers “State of the Parks” April 25th
 - No Meeting in June
 - Bus tour will likely be in July or August.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Nolen to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Parks.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Erickson at 6:50 PM

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments: