

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at Community Activity Center and was called to order by Chairperson Erickson at 6:02 PM**

Commission Members present:

Dwain Erickson, Chairperson
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Doug Crandall, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Taylor Murray, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Judy Purcell, Central
Kellina Quigley, At-large
Joshua Uloth, West

Absent:

Joe Gomez, Vice-Chair - Resigned 7/17/2024
Mercy Matthews, West
Miriam Osammor, East

Councilmember McGarvey

Aria Reickard, Youth Liaison
Klarissa Yu, Youth Liaison

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 amend the agenda to add Elections to 5.1 and move Deer Hunt to 5.2 by Commissioner Parks and second by Commissioner Uloth.
Motion unanimously approved.**

**A Motion was made to Approve the July 17, 2024 amended agenda by Commissioner Lande and second by Commissioner Purcell.
Motion unanimously approved.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A Motion was made to Approve the May 15, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Caldwell
Motion unanimously approved.**

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 ELECTIONS VICE CHAIRPERSON

**A Motion was made by Commissioner Lande to nominate Commissioner Purcell as Vice Chairperson. Second was made by Commissioner Caldwell.
No other nominations.
Motion unanimously approved.**

5.2 DEER HUNT ADDITIONAL LOCATION

Director Tullberg informed the Commission that the Izaak Walton League made a request to restore Zone 8 Banfill Island to the annual deer hunt. Director Tullberg provided a PowerPoint presentation providing background and to show the location (attached 4.0A).

Questions / Comments:

Commissioner Parks asked if Izaak Walton owned Banfill island? Director Tullberg replied they do not own the island, but they own the access to the island.

Commissioner Crandall asked if they were required to provide egress? Direct Tullberg stated they have in the past and this would also allow the hunters access through their property.

Commissioner Uloth is there a way to prevent the hunters from taking antler deer? Direct Tullberg stated the hunters go through an orientation and agree to rules they must follow, or they are banned from the hunt.

MOTION Vice Chair Purcell, SECOND Uloth, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF THE BANFILL ISLAND LOCATION FOR AN ANTLERLESS DEER HUNT DURING THE 2024 ANNUAL DEER HUNT.

Motion unanimously approved.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PARK BOND PROJECT UPDATES

Director Tullberg provided a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the 2018 Park Bond projects (see attached 4.0B). Project updates included Teen Center, CAC, Senior Center, Historic Eidem Farm, Trails, Wayfinding & Lighting and Natural Resources.

Questions/comments:

Commissioner Lande asked if there were currently two entrances into the parking lot at Zanewood?

Director Tullberg stated there is only one. Lande asked if staff considered two with the new facility?

Director Tullberg said two entrances were considered, however, Hennepin County would not approve due to the minimum distance between access points was not met.

Commissioner Lande asked if staff have considered bringing in partners such as Three Rivers or the Arboretum for assistance with landscaping and programming? Director Tullberg stated that staff have looked at these partnerships.

Commissioner Lande asked for more details on the kitchen space in the new Teen Center? Director Tullberg stated that the space is set up for mainly a concessions kitchen.

Vice Chair Purcell asked about for clarification on the Fusion and Flex space? Director Tullberg confirmed that both spaces are 745 sq. ft.

Commissioner Lande asked that CDBG is explained? Director Tullberg stated that CDBG stands for Community Development Block Grants are Federal funding that is distributed through Hennepin County to the City of Brooklyn Park. The city receives approximately \$450M / year.

Commissioner Uloth ask if Hennepin County offers other grant opportunities besides sports for Zanewood? Director Tullberg stated there are multiple different grant opportunities for program funding that staff review and apply for such as the Arts / Beautification Grant. There is not much for bricks and mortar. That is where the pursuit of the Peter J King Foundation that specifically funds building is being sought.

Commissioner Lande asked when staff would be bringing the Zanewood Project back to city council? Director Tullberg stated staff are planning on September 9th for final approval. Staff is optimistic that breaking ground will happen in October.

Commissioner Uloth asked if there where many contractors interested in this project? Director Tullberg stated that staff is expecting several companies to be part of the bid process.

Commissioner Parks stated that he is not a fan of reallocating funds from the 2018 Park Bond Referendum that was voted on. Director Tullberg stated that he is committed to all the things that were promised to the community will still happen.

Vice Chair Purcell asked where the activity / bathroom building at Eidem Historic Farm be located? Director Tullberg stated it would be to the east side of the parking lot, east of the farmhouse.

Commissioner Uloth asked what is phased 3 of the wayfinding, trails and lighting? Director Tullberg stated that phase 3 is the monument signage, such as "welcome to Brooklyn Park".

Commissioner Murray asked that the \$2M for the CAC will need to be revised? Director Tullberg stated that the scope of what the CAC improvements will be is still up in the air. Until it is more finalized the final number is unknown.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 7.2 RFCA 1st and 2nd Reading of Proposed Park Cannabis Use Ordinance – Passed

7.2 3B.3 Proclamation of Parks and Recreation Month

7.3 7.1 Teen Center Project Funding Plan

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

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

Manager Hoag mentioned an addition that was not in the report. Rehabilitation of the parking lots at Central Park as well as Dog Park parking lot at Brookdale Park.

Director Tullberg informed RPAC about the large gatherings that staff in Recreation and Parks and the Police Department are working together to disperse and get in front of the gatherings if possible. He stated that recreation and parks and police staff from surrounding areas are meeting on July 29 in New Brighton to discuss how to work together.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairperson Erickson ask for an update on amplified sound. Director Tullberg stated that staff is still working through complaints.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember McGarvey
No Report

2. CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE Commissioners Erickson and Matthews
Chairperson Erickson stated the June meeting was cancelled. No Report.

3. COMMUNITY GOALS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE - Commissioner Parks
Commissioner Parks stated the June meeting was cancelled. Community engagement dates are set for August 15, 20 and 27.

4. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- AUGUST – MEET AT MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK
- SEPTEMBER – BUDGET

5. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

- AUGUST 5TH - JOINT CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Uloth to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Murray. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Erickson at 7:57 PM

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments:

- 4.0A 2024 Deer Management - Add Location**
- 4.0B 2018 Park Bond Project Update 7.17.24**