

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes**

Director Tullberg introduced our two new Commissioners and our new Councilmember liaison:

Emily Arias, Commissioner At-large
Jenkins Vangehn, Commissioner Central
Shelle Page, Councilmember Liaison

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center in Grand Room 1 and was called to order by Chairperson Erickson at 6:05 PM**

Commission Members present:

Dwain Erickson, Chairperson
Vice-chair Judy Purcell
Emily Arias, At-large
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Doug Crandall, At-large
Taylor Murray, East
Miriam Osammor, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Kellina Quigley, At-large
Joshua Uloth, West
Jenkins Vangehn, Central

Aria Reickard, Youth Liaison

Councilmember Page

Absent:

Mercy Matthews, West
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 Approve the January 15, 2025 agenda by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made to Approve the September 18, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Park and second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

A Motion was made to Approve the October 16, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Crandall and second by Commissioner Uloth.

Motion unanimously approved.

A Motion was made to Approve the November 20, 2024 minutes by Vice-chair Purcell and second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Tullberg called for elections of Chairperson and Vice Chair.

Chairperson:

Commissioner Uloth nominated Commissioner Purcell

A vote was taken with 11 votes for Purcell.

Commissioner Judy Purcell will be the Chairperson for RPAC in 2025.

Vice-Chair

Commissioner Parks nominated Commissioner Uloth

A vote was taken 11 votes for Uloth

Commissioner Joshua Uloth will be the Vice-Chair for RPAC in 2025.

5.2 WORK PLAN

Director Tullberg provided instructions to the Commission on what a “work plan” for RPAC is.

Commissioners provided ideas for what they want on the 2025 work plan. The list is as follows:

Top 4 -5

Programming for BIPOC

Community Health Resources

Signature Park

Revitalize South of 610 – Destination City of Brooklyn Park

Memorial To Syoka Siko @ Zanewood

Others

Outside Futsal

More Information on scholarships and expansion of scholarships

Additional Art/Beautification efforts

Concessions at Dome for youth to make money

Dog Park – North entrance needs to be re-engineered and path leading to east entrance

Water park

A motion was made by Commissioner Parks to approve the top items, seconded by Vice-Chair Uloth.

Motion unanimously approved.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

NA

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 4.9 Accept Property Donation of Evergreen Trail from Nancy H. Schoenwetter – CC 12/9/24

7.2 3B.2 Thielen Foundation Donation for Zanewood - CC 1/6/25

7.3 4.8 CAC Improvements Task Force - CC 1/6/25

Director Tullberg provided a short verbal review of each.

A motion was made by Commissioner Erickson and second by Vice-Chair Uloth to nominate Commissioner Parks to the CAC Task Force.

Motion unanimously approved.

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

8.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE

8.2 PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

8.3 DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Tullberg reported that a Youth Activities Grant was awarded by the Hennepin County in the amount of \$300,000 that will go towards the new Zanewood Teen Center.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilmember Page asked for a timeline of all projects that are either in the works or are to come. Commissioner Parks stated that the Rotary would like to return to the Edinburgh Clubhouse if the new management would be willing to provide a reasonable fee.

Vice-chair Uloth asked if RPAC would be given advanced notice of the Zanewood Teen Center groundbreaking ceremony.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember Page

Councilmember Page announced the grand opening of Lucky Shots pickleball courts, January 18 from 10 – 2 pm.

10.2 CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE Commissioners Erickson and Matthews

Commissioner Erickson stated that no work has begun.

10.3 COMMUNITY GOALS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE Commissioner Parks

Commissioner Parks stated the final meeting was held in December. The goals are posted on-line for residents to provide feedback.

10.4 KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- February – possibly Jason Tollette Manager of The Tavern at Edinburgh
- March

10.5 KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

April 2, 2025 City led Commissioners Orientation

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Purcell at 7:29 PM

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments: