****CANCELED****

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, August 5, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Public Works
Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

Old Business

New Business

1. Farmers Market 2014

Other Business

2. Port River Walk Comprehensive Plan

Adjourn

Park & Rec - Regular **1.**

Meeting Date: 08/05/2013

Subject: Farmers Market 2014

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Staff met on July 16th to discuss starting a Farmer's Market at the Coon Rapids Ice Center on Coon Rapids Blvd in 2014. Staff liaisons for the Sustainability Commission, Arts Commission, and Park & Recreation commissions were part of the discussion. Council has expressed interest in a Farmer's Market at this site in the past.

At their most recent Commission meetings the Arts and Sustainability Commission gave their support to starting a market in 2014.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is asking the Parks & Recreation Commission for support in moving forward with a Farmer's Market.

Park & Rec - Regular **2.**

Meeting Date: 08/05/2013

Subject: Port River Walk Comprehensive Plan

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INFORMATION:

In 2010, the City received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct assessment activities on various brownfield redevelopment sites throughout the City. The City has been able to use a portion of the grant funds to complete master plans and market studies for two larger redevelopment areas along Coon Rapids Boulevard—Port Campus Square and Port Riverwalk. Both of these areas contain large tracts of City-owned land, which the City intends to sell for development as market conditions improve. A draft master plan for Port Riverwalk has been completed and was considered at a public open house in July. An advisory committee, which includes nearby two property owners, a neighborhood resident, two Planning Commissioners and a member of the Sustainability Commission, has reviewed the comments from the open house and continues to discuss the plan's details and implementation steps. The full Planning Commission and City Council will formally consider the master plan this fall. City Staff will then begin implementing the plan's recommendations and preparing the land for development.

Because the draft master plan includes several recommendations related to parks and trails, City Staff requests input from the Parks Commission. While most of the plan's recommendations relate to private land development, providing infrastructure and recreation amenities is an important part of facilitating private investment. Most of the recommendations pertain to enhancing the trail connection between Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park and the Coon Creek Trail north of Coon Rapids Boulevard. Providing this connection will create an amenity for residents of the surrounding area, improve the marketability of the City-owned land, and fill a gap in the regional trail network. Specific park-related recommendations include:

1. Developing an on-street bikeway or trail connection along Egret Boulevard between Coon Rapids Dam and Coon Rapids Boulevard.
2. Improving the Clay Hole to function as more of an amenity for area residents.
3. Constructing a Parkway or Green Corridor parallel to Coon Rapids Boulevard between Egret Boulevard and Avocet Street. This street would include pedestrian and bicycle facilities and would replace the existing frontage road on the south side of Coon Rapids Boulevard.
4. Making improvements to enhance the pedestrian/bicycle environment at the intersection of Avocet Street and Coon Rapids Boulevard.

City Staff requests feedback from the Parks Commission on the Port Rivewalk master plan. Staff will continue to refine these recommendations and explore potential costs and funding sources.

Attachments

Riverwalkplan

June, 2013

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PORT RIVERWALK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

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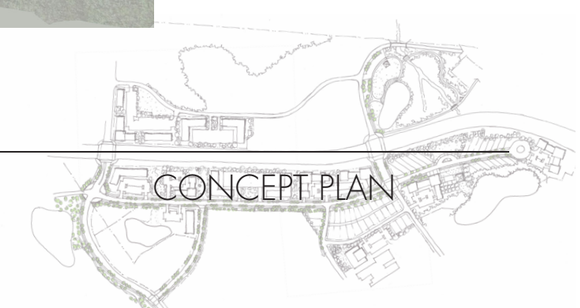
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