



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, April 13, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Public Works

Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

Approval of March 9th Meeting Minutes

Old Business

1. Recommendation of Park Bond Concepts for Design
2. Coon Creek Regional Trail Plan
3. Prioritizing Regional Trails

New Business

Other Business

4. Trail Project Updates
5. Parks Updates
6. Recreation Updates

Adjourn



Park & Rec - Regular

Meeting Date: 04/13/2015

SUBJECT: Approval of March 9th Meeting Minutes

Attachments

Mar2015Minutes

COON RAPIDS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order on March 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Members Present: Chairperson Tim Arntson, Commissioners Mike Jacobson, Neal Livermore, Ryan McAlpine (arrived at 6:41 p.m.), Valerie Weaver and Gen Sand (arrived at 6:41 p.m.)

Members Absent: Commissioner John Angell (Resigned Position)

Also Present: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator, Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks Planner

ROLL CALL

Recreation Coordinator Ryan Gunderson acknowledged roll call.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 9, 2015 AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIVERMORE, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED. COMMISSIONER WEAVER ABSTAINED.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Coon Creek Regional Trail Master Plan.

Karen Blaska, Park Planner with the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department, presented the proposed Coon Creek Regional Trail Master Plan involving eleven regional trails throughout the county. The purpose of the regional trail is to connect up regional facilities, counties, local parks and trails.

Ms. Blaska stated that the Coon Creek trail is mostly completed. The master plan and its approval allows the county to participate in future funding. She outlined the trail and

pointed out the section that needs to be completed. She wanted Commissioner's opinions on potential routes for this section. She stated that the undeveloped section would impact twelve parcels of land, there are no conflicts with existing land uses, and there will be an open house on March 25, 2015 to receive public comments. Once comments from the open house and the city are received, the plan will be finalized. She outlined the process the plan will go through to eventually be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for funding.

Commissioners Gen Sand and Ryan McAlpine arrived at 6:41 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of resolving Northdale Crossing issues; whether or not the section would be off street and the potential Coon Rapids to Egret trail route.

Ms. Blaska stated she will come back to the Commission with a finalized presentation. She will also send Recreation Coordinator Gunderson an open house notice.

B. Parks Bond Trail Prioritization.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson asked the Commission to discuss the prioritization of the trail projects in the referendum with the understanding that the project is over-budget and money will have to come from other projects. He stated that the City did score very high on their grant for the Coon Rapids Boulevard/Anoka to Egret trail project. He stated that the project could be pushed back to 2017/18 because of the grant. The grant would be for a full reconstruct. The final announcement should be made by the end of the month.

Discussion took place regarding the need for the trail to continue to be top priority; bids coming in lower for the Bunker Hill trail; the Sand Creek Trail Linkage; and the Mississippi Regional Trail.

Commissioner Livermore asked staff about a link at Avocet's lighted intersection that goes down on the South side of main that needs to be linked up to the tunnel. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will check into this.

The Commission felt that the 85th Avenue, Coon Rapids Blvd., Woodland Oaks West trails should remain a priority and discussed how completion of the Coon Rapids Regional Trail will fit into these priorities after the status of the master plan is determined.

Commissioner Livermore asked if the Commission is looking at priorities beyond 2015 and suggested the Kennedy Park connection to County System.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of addressing the Northdale Crossing issue.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson clarified the Commission's priority Coon Rapids Blvd., 85th Ave., Sod Farm Woodland Hts., Coon Creek Regional, and Kennedy Park

Commissioner Jacobson stated that the contractor may have to go back to address drainage issues at the Peppermint Stick Park trail. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will check on this issue.

Commissioner Livermore asked about the Erlandson bridge replacement project. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will check on this.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson asked the commission to discuss any changes in the prioritization of the neighborhood parks they may want to see and a park project template.

Discussion took place regarding Crooked Lake Park and its amenities; the neighborhood's desire for running water restrooms; and the effect of potential school boundary changes.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson asked for show of hands if the Commission is agreeable with sprucing up the parks the list.

Chairman Arntson stated that he felt it depends on what happens with the Sand Creek project.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson stated that this is the non-referendum money and there is a need to figure out how referendum priority intertwines with non-referendum priority. He asked where the South end of Sand Creek Park fit.

Commissioner Livermore stated that the mindset needs to shift. After Sand Creek is done, we need to look at a referendum park and a non-referendum park in the same year – completing two every year for five to eight years.

Commissioners discussed Commissioner Livermore's assertion that Lions Coon Creek Park needs to be a priority.

Discussion took place about Boulevard Park. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson reported that it will be seeded and irrigated and that he is finalizing plans for a farmer's market.

Chairman Arntson asked if there had been any more discussion on a community center. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson replied that he is not aware of any further discussions.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson clarified that the Commission felt Lions Coon Creek Park was a high priority.

Commissioner Livermore stated that he wanted to know if we wanted to move on something besides Delta in 2016. If so, his vote is for Woodcrest in conjunction with the disk golf project.

A show of hands indicated that Commission members preferred Lions over Crooked Lake.

Commissioner Jacobson asked about access possibilities at Lions. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will check on access possibilities.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson asked Commissioners if all the referendum projects were behind Hoover and Woodcrest.

Commissioner Livermore stated that the City should stick with the referendum projects in conjunction with \$200,000 projects each year.

Discussion took place regarding taking park projects off of the referendum money.

Chairman Arntson stated he would like to use more referendum money for neighborhood parks and get them done.

Discussion took place on the need to look at improving parks in different areas of the City.

Chairman Arntson stated that he thinks the priorities are set correctly. When the money comes in, then we decide how to go forward. He suggested looking at where Sand Creek comes in at and then start looking at the next couple of park projects to get them going.

Discussion took place about the use of volunteers and possible cost savings.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson asked the Commissioners if they were comfortable with the Crooked Lake concept of leaving the parking lots where they are.

Chairman Arntson liked the concept of one central parking lot.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will provide committee members with more information on the park concepts.

Commissioner Livermore stated that he wanted to make it clear to City Council that the Commission wants to use referendum dollars as close as possible and come next year

maybe revisit the idea of using annual money. He stated that the Commission is still tasked with which park they want to design next.

Discussion took place regarding park concepts being done internally.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson clarified that the Commission wanted to move on Lions Park concept-wise and asked how Riverwood fit in. It was discussed that Riverwood may be able to be done internally.

Informational; no action required.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Park Project Updates.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson provided the following update:

85th Avenue Trail – Recreational Coordinator Gunderson will check on the grant for this project.

Riverview Park – The ceiling has been put in. The seeding, landscaping and parking lot should be done by July 1st. The skateboard park needs to be installed. This may be done with volunteer efforts. Commissioner Livermore requested to tour this park when it is done.

Sand Creek – Will be going to City Council this week and then out for bids. Recreation Coordinator Gunderson will check into park dedication fees.

Al Flynn Park – There could be development with access from Egret with a new road next to the fire station.

Riverdale Park – An Eagle Scout has redone the border to the playground.

Hoover Park – Parks Supervisor Gregg Engle is meeting with Hoover Elementary School this week. This project is slated for 2015.

Woodcrest Park – Staff met last week with the volunteer designer of the disk golf course and will be touring the course in April or May. This may be a fall 2015 volunteer project to get it roughed in and playable. A volunteer group is currently interested in working on it.

Recreation Coordinator Gunderson reported that the softball leagues are almost full and that he had to cut 20 teams because of Sand Creek construction. He stated that the warming houses were closed this last week. He also reported that yoga classes are being

held; the teen center is coming along well and is serving 30 new kids; and that he had reached out to the college to see if he could work with them on some type of public open gym during the summer months. He also announced that Commissioner John Angell has resigned.

Informational; no action required.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAND, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gunderson
Recreation Coordinator

Denise Bosch
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.



Park & Rec - Regular

1.

Meeting Date: 04/13/2015

Subject: Recommendation of Park Bond Concepts for Design

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

The Parks & Recreation Commission is asked to provide input on the concepts for the parks included in the Parks Bond program. Staff is seeking the desired amenities for the following projects:

- Delta Park
- Mason Park
- Woodcrest Park
- Pheasant Ridge Park
- Riverwind park
- Lions Coon Creek Park
- Crooked Lake Park

These recommendation will be used to get detailed concepts for cost and bidding purposes.



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2.

Meeting Date: 04/13/2015

Subject: Coon Creek Regional Trail Plan

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

Karen Blaska of Anoka County Parks will share the updated final master plan for the Coon Creek Regional Trail. The plan was updated based on March feedback from the Parks & Recreation Commission and the March 25th Public Open House. The Commission is asked to make a recommendation to move the plan on to Council for a resolution of support for the master plan.



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3.

Meeting Date: 04/13/2015

Subject: Prioritizing Regional Trails

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

Staff would like input on the prioritization of the Regional Trails in Coon Rapids for completion. These include:

- Coon Creek Regional Trail
 - Middle Regional Trail
 - Mississippi Regional Trail
 - Northern Regional Trail
 - Sand Creek Trail
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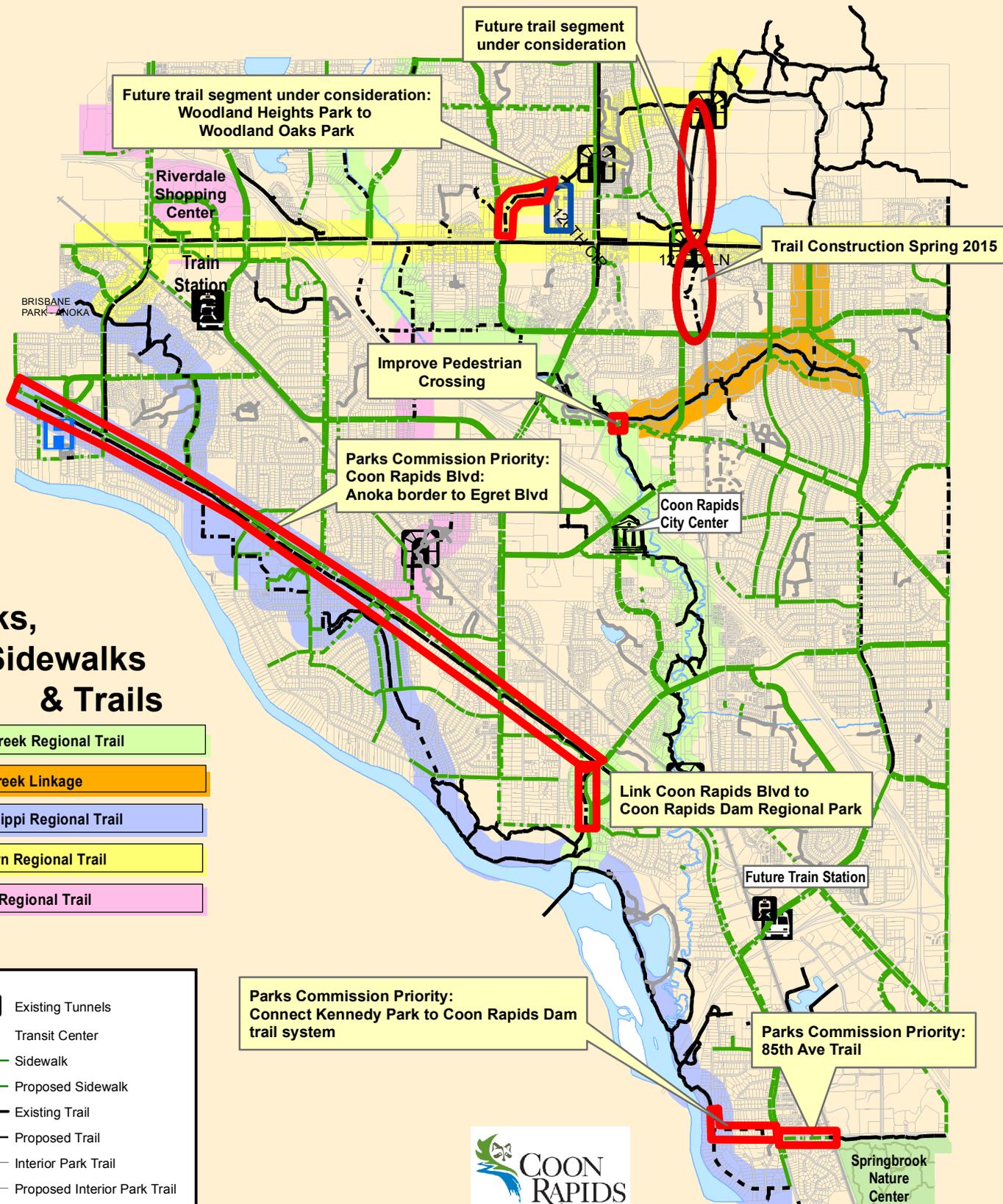
Attachments

Trailmap

Parks, Sidewalks & Trails

- Coon Creek Regional Trail
- Sand Creek Linkage
- Mississippi Regional Trail
- Northern Regional Trail
- Middle Regional Trail

- Existing Tunnels
- Transit Center
- Sidewalk
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Interior Park Trail
- Proposed Interior Park Trail
- On street Bikeway
- CITY PARK
- COUNTY PARK
- SCHOOL



March 2015

In addition to sidewalk and trail locations shown on this map, the City of Coon Rapids Safety Commission recommends that all new developments and all improvement or redevelopment projects have sidewalk installed as required by the project approval. The Commission also recommends that sidewalk be installed along all newly created arterial and collector streets.



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4.

Meeting Date: 04/13/2015

Subject: Trail Project Updates

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

Update on trail projects is as follows:

1. Wilderness Trail project: Construction is scheduled to begin this Spring, and to be complete by June 19.

2. 85th Ave Trail: Staff is currently working on the design of the 85th Avenue trail. Staff is optimistic that construction on this project could begin by late summer 2015.

3. Coon Rapids Blvd Trail: Staff is waiting on the results of the Coon Rapids Boulevard trail grant application from the Met Council. Staff is considering coordinating with the Met Council to adjust the scope of the grant to only include the trail work from Hanson Boulevard to Egret Boulevard (including the segment along Egret Boulevard to the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park). Staff would then address the existing poor condition trail segments from Hanson Boulevard to the City of Anoka as a rehabilitation project - reclaiming the existing trail surface and re-paving, as well as replacement of short retaining wall segments. The latter rehabilitation option would not include widening of the existing trail surfaces.



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6.

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