



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, July 10, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Public Works
Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Old Business

1. Parks Bond Project Updates

New Business

2. Park Naming Discussion
3. Soccer Complex Restroom Discussion
4. Memorial Bench Discussion

Other Business

5. Recreation Updates: Recreation Coordinator, Ryan Gunderson
6. Parks Misc. Updates: Parks Superintendent, Gregg Engle

Adjourn



Park & Rec - Regular

Meeting Date: 07/10/2017

SUBJECT: Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attachments

May2017Minutes

COON RAPIDS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order on May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Members Present: Chair Tim Arntson, Commissioners Neal Livermore, Tim Matsche, Ryan McAlpine, Gen Sand, and Valerie Weaver

Members Absent: Commissioner Mike Jacobson

Also Present: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator
Gregg Engle, Parks Supervisor
Diana Wyvell – Coon Rapids Lions

ROLL CALL

Chair Arntson acknowledged the roll call.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 8, 2017 AGENDA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SAND, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LIVERMORE, TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2017 AGENDA AS REVISED ADDING DISC GOLF. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEAVER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Park Bond Project Update

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Wilderness Trail Extension from Main Street to Bunker is currently under construction and should be completed by mid to late June. Coon Rapids Blvd/Egret Blvd Trail began advertising for bids on May 5th. The Coon Rapids Blvd Extension Trail is anticipated to begin bid advertising by May 12th. The Coon Rapids Blvd/Egret and Coon Rapids Blvd Extension projects will be under construction between June and August. Part of the construction for Wilderness Trail will include a culvert to control the water.

B. 2018 Parks Project Update

Mr. Gunderson provided a breakdown of the Riverwind Park Concept Planning Estimated Budget, Crooked Lake Park Concept Planning Estimated Budget, Lions Coon

Creek Park Concept Planning Estimated Budget and provided Preliminary Concept Plan drawings for each. A meeting was held this morning to review these projects. The plan is to go forward with these three parks and do the best that can be done. Some items can be pushed out to future projects (parking lot size, building, etc.). The building at Riverwind will be “new” different money from park dedication fees.

Chair Arntson stated he took away from the meeting with Council each item would be reviewed.

Mr. Gunderson stated \$400,000 can be removed from Line #8. Mr. Gunderson will check on pickle ball and whether it will be installed this year and will report back to the Commission. The “new” total for Riverwind would be \$767,406.90.

Commissioner McAlpine stated he has gone past Crooked Lake Park and noted the curb lines in parking lots looks good. This design would relocate the parking lot.

Mr. Gunderson stated it is important that Crooked Lake is completed before Lions is started. He asked if the tennis court could remain until a later date and Mr. Engle stated he receives many complaints about the condition of the tennis court and the fishing pier. Commissioner Livermore suggested putting a larger shelter near the playground. Chair Arntson asked about having the open lawn/flex space close to the road and whether that wouldn't be a better place for the tennis courts. Mr. Engle stated the tennis courts are lighted. Commissioner McAlpine asked if any trees would be removed and Mr. Engle stated tree removal would be very minimal. There was a discussion about the number of parking spots being 95. Mr. Gunderson stated once the park is updated more people will be going there. Commissioner McAlpine suggested moving the south shelter to the outside of the trail for a view of the lake. Chair Arntson suggested moving the restroom and having a large shelter in place of the restroom. Commissioner Livermore suggested all three shelters have a view of the lake. The “beach area” would not be maintained as a beach. Grass will be planted. Commissioner McAlpine asked about \$50,000 for the playground equipment and Mr. Engle stated it would be ordered at the end of the year to save money.

Mr. Gunderson noted on the drawing for Lions Coon Creek the parking lot would be reduced from 105 spots to about 50 spots. Three pine trees will be removed along the berm along Hanson Blvd. The pedestrian bridge would remain for now and will be a future project. Commissioner Livermore suggested getting the park done before the parking lot is expanded. The bridge can be done in future budgets. A bridge similar to Erlandson's would cost approximately \$50,000. Chair Arntson stated Council did not see this plan and asked if anything would be retained. A retention pond will need to be constructed. Mr. Gunderson noted an Open House will be held to get resident input. To do the three projects it would be \$600,000 - \$800,000 short from referendum dollars. The contingency amounts will most likely be decreased as the plans are finalized.

The preliminary concepts will go to Council after the Open Houses are held. The smaller parking lot at Lions Park will be proposed to Tim Himmer, Public Works Director.

C. Boulevard Splash Pad and Park update

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Blvd Park Partial Plan drawings. Some funding from park dedication will be coming to this project. Projected total is \$300,000 over budget. Some modifications (planters, lighting, shade canopies, etc.) have been made to reduce the budget. The playground has shifted to allow for splash pad expansion in the future. A new driveway will be added to allow for garbage collection at the Ice Arena. Construction will begin after July 2017. Discussions are taking place regarding splash pad maintenance for consideration in the parks and ice arena budgets.

Commissioner McAlpine asked about a future community center and why it is not included in the plan. Mr. Gunderson stated this all ties together.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Riverwind Community Building Future Update

Mr. Gunderson reviewed at the November 29, 2016 work session staff and Council discussed the current and potential future use of the Riverwind building. Riverwind Park is scheduled for redevelopment in 2018 and the integration of a structure into the design, whether new or a rehabilitation of the existing building, is still being considered. The main direction received from that meeting was to include a park building/structure in the new project that would include running water bathrooms and a modest meeting space.

The item was again discussed in work session on March 21, 2017 and the direction at that time was to work with a local architect to provide options and estimated costs to salvage at least a portion of the existing building and integrated it into the new park space. A summary of the estimated costs and drawings that relate to each estimate were provided for Commission review.

Option 1 – Salvage A-Frame and construct separate bathroom facility - \$260,684

Option 2 – Salvage A-Frame and space on either side - \$322,291

Option 3 – Salvage West End of Building Only - \$280,896

The consensus of the City Council was Option 2. The funds will need to be found.

Chair Arntson suggested a picnic shelter be on one side of the A-Frame. Commissioner Livermore asked if an overhang could be put over the slab (where the pool was) for a picnic shelter. He believes there needs to be a picnic shelter in the park. Commissioner Livermore asked if the restrooms would be accessible from the outside and Mr. Gunderson stated that question needs to be raised. Mr. Gunderson stated currently there is

no air conditioning in the building. The number of rentals would be increased if it was air conditioned and the rates could be higher.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Park Misc. Updates

Mr. Engle stated Sand Creek has received good reviews. There are a couple lighting issues that need to be worked out. The south playground will need to be de-watered. The north playground was completed today. The new lock system for the building will be installed tomorrow. Mr. Gunderson stated signage for parking is being done. The Lions had a good weekend in concessions. The low spot off Northdale Blvd will be naturalized with Prairie Restorations. The lights are all programmed automatically. The windows of the concession stand are leaking and Mr. Engle will work with the contractor.

Vineyard tennis court and volleyball courts should be commencing shortly.

The playground has been removed at the soccer complex. The old equipment is being donated to Kids Around the World. The new playground should be installed within the next couple of weeks.

The 2018 budget is due May 19th.

All seasonal workers are started.

Commissioner Livermore stated along the Erlandson Trail there are some unsafe spots that need to be regarded/resurfaced.

Commissioner McAlpine brought up the trail off Egret near the well house and mentioned there are four large pieces of equipment parked there working.

B. Recreation Updates

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the garden plots opened last weekend. There is a waiting list. It is somewhat of a headache every year to do different sizes of plots.

The YMCA and City finalized an agreement to help fund scholarships for the summer program. There seems to be more demand for the half day programs since Adventures Plus has whole day programs. The Parks on the Go program was reviewed as a possibility for Coon Rapids. Tai Chi is being held at the Ice Arena with the class almost full. There has been a request for Box Lacrosse played in a hockey rink.

Volunteers are needed on the night of the movie on Friday, May 26, 2017. The hours are 6-8:30 p.m. The contractors each gave \$500 towards the Grand Opening.

June 12 will be the next Commission Meeting with a possible park tour. Mr. Gunderson will confirm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LIVERMORE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gunderson
Recreation Coordinator

Drafted by:
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Park & Rec - Regular

1.

Meeting Date: 07/10/2017

Subject: Parks Bond Project Updates

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator



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Attachments

Park Nominations

Suggested Park Name:	Significance of Name:
Al Flynn Park BOULEVARD PARK	Al Flynn was a large part of the growth of Coon Rapids. It's on the Boulevard and that name will live on as long as the 'boulevard' is there.
Boulevard Park (or Ice Center Park)	As a parent of 3 young children, having the name and address as one in the same makes life so much easier! Finding the other splash pads and parks in the city can be tough and they don't always show up on the map. If you can get to Blvd Park, you'll find it! Or call it Arby's park and see if they'll sponsor!
Brick School Park	Named after the brick school built in 1876 at the intersection of Crooked Lake Blvd and Coon Rapids Blvd, near where the park is. This name will secure the history of our area also reminding the children playing at the park, that children of years past had played in the same area.
Cardinal Park	The mascot for the Coon Rapids High School has always been a Cardinal. I would like to carry on that tradition and name the park Cardinal Park to ensure continued support for our students and respected teachers.
Cardinal Plaza	Since the park is near Coon Rapids ice center and the Coon Rapids Cardinals play there I feel Cardinal Plaza is very fitting
Celebration Park	
Celebration Park (Jiikakamigad)	We will celebrate family reunions, picnics, parades, concerts and barbecues. Jiikakamigad is a Ojibwe word for "there is a celebration or happy event". The Ojibwe or Chippewa people lived in this area and surely used this area for celebrations!
Chasing Waterfalls Park	The name reflects what the children will be doing and identifies it as a water park.
Coon Rapids Millennial Park DANCING WATERS PARK	We are living in the millennial age. THE WATER LOOKS LIKE DANCING

Diversity Park

As the newest park in the city and a park that will be used for large city wide events, I believe a name that acknowledges the city's commitment to both welcoming and serving our changing and diverse population is warranted. Rather than recognizing past contributors or events, the name "Diversity Park" establishes an inclusive and progressive theme; a theme that is already being incorporated with the plan to include a splash pad to serve the needs of our young families.

Donna Naeve Park

Donna Naeve's history of contributing to the city of Coon Rapids is just incredible. Most notably, she was a member of the city's Planning Commission for an astonishing 42 years including serving for 32 years as its chair. Naeve was also a member of the Coon Rapids Police and Civil Service Commission, president of the Coon Rapids Mortgage Assistance Foundation, and a contributor to countless other civic efforts. She loved this city, and gave more to it than any other person I am aware of. A full accounting of her life and achievements can be found in this 2014 Coon Rapids Herald article <http://abcnewspapers.com/2014/12/11/longtime-volunteer-advocate-for-coon-rapids-dies/>.

In short, it is hard for me to imagine a person more worthy of this honor than Donna Naeve.

I also think it would be fitting to name this park after a woman. The city has several wonderful parks named after men, and many more named after the natural characteristics of our city, but there is not one park in Coon Rapids named after a woman.

Dunham Splash Pad

I thought this was interesting- In 1835, the Red River Ox Cart Trail was laid to establish military and trade connections between Minneapolis and Anoka. The first industries of Coon Rapids sprung up around the road, including the prominent Anoka Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Company, founded by Dr. D.C. Dunham in 1881. The clay excavation site is known locally as the clay hole is one of the lasting reminders of Coon Rapids' industrial history. Today, the vital Red River Ox Cart Trail is known as Coon Rapids Boulevard and remains an important commercial corridor for the city

FOUNTAINS OF YOUTH PARK

different water spouts looks like fountains and the youth would so much enjoy..

Independence Park

Isaacson/Perez Community Park

Two great contributors to the local youth programs in the community.

Jerry Nelson Park

Jerry Nelson was a police chief for many years and council member who had great dedication to the community and was a great public servant.

Joe Cook Park

In memory of former council person and ice arena.

Kaleidoscope Park

My mother, Donna Naeve, was the Chair of the City Planning Commission, and many other boards, for over 40 yrs. she passed away November 2014. One of her favorite things to collect were kaleidoscopes. I think it would be a fitting tribute to her love of not only kaleidoscopes but also her love and dedication to the city of Coon Rapids.

Kaleidoscope comes from the Greek word meaning "beautiful, beauty". They are reflecting tubes that are used in the observation of beautiful and symmetrical forms. They show the inner beauty of all shapes, sizes and colors. I think my mom would love to see a beautiful park filled with people of all sizes, colors, and shapes. She truly dedicated herself to this city. I have so many fond memories of my years spent in Coon Rapids. I know that even if the park doesn't get named in memory of her, I will forever think of Coon Rapids as a town that my mother helped develop and grow into the amazing city it is now. Thank you for reading this and I look forward to the finished park and the name that it will called.

Laura Naeve

Lily Pad Park

The splash pad (water) and Lily Putt is down the street on Coon Rapids Blvd.

Little Squirts Park or Water Cycle Park

It looks like it is primarily for little children (called Squirts also) and the water squirts all over too..... as it recycles as well..

Old Trail Park

I liked the name because there are several trails in the area of the new park.

Ox Cart Trail Park

the road leading to Mpls. was called the Ox Cart Trail.

Ox-Cart Trail Memorial Park	River communities like Coon Rapids area have long been involved in the westward development of our country. The Ox-Cart Trail used mainly by settlers and intrepeneurs to transport their goods west to Dakota Territory, and West, developed later into Old Highway 10, and finally, into Coon Rapids Blvd... Certainly deserving of memorializing.
Patriots Park	Honor USA and home of our 4th of July celebration
Phoenix Park	The city is working hard to revitalize Coon Rapids Blvd and this park represents a core area to do that.
Pine Ridge Park	The park is edged by large pines and sits on what is a Mississippi River bluff (ridge). Alternates: Pine Bluff Park. Pineview Bluff.
Pioneer Trail Park	Pioneers used the trail to trade.
Playland Park	We live in Coon Rapids and my 3 year old daughter picked out the name. We are looking forward to the Grand Opening
RAPIDS SPLASH PARK	RAPIDS for Coon Rapids, SPLASH because its a unique park feature and RAPIDS do Splash. There is no other City Park in Coon Rapids with Rapids in the name. We chose Red Otter Park because Red is in front of everthing.
Red Otter Park	
Red Ox Cart Park	The Red River Ox Cart Trail was a pioneer trail for early travelers.
Red River Ox Cart Trail Park	This was the name of Coon Rapids Boulevard in 1835
Red River Park	Red River Trail ran through the area.
Red River Trail Park	Part of Coon Rapids Blvd was the original Red River Ox cart trail, the most traveled road in the country in the mid to late 1800's.
Red River Trail Park	Because it is located on what used to be known as the "Red River Trail", which was a route used by travelers in the 1800's from Canada to Fort Snelling.

Refresh

What a better way to get outside and Refresh. This is a place to get away from your busy day, Spending time with your family, splash in the water or walk on the beautiful trails. What a nice way to bring a community together . Everyone needs time to refresh!

Talbot Park

Buster Talbot, "Sheriff" also Busters brother had a farm 1 mile east on coon rapids blvd. Busters niece still lives there today.

Veterans' Memorial Park

The city of Coon Rapids has nothing to honor the contributions and sacrifices of its veterans or all veterans that have served in war and peace anywhere in the city. It is about time. The service organizations of the city and area may wish to contribute to a memorial of some kind on this site as well.

Waaboo park

Ojibwe/Chippewa in this language it means(water) Waaboo park.= Water park

Water Works Park



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