



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, August 14, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Public Works
Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

Approval of July 2017 Meeting Minutes

Old Business

1. 2017 Bond Project Updates
2. 2018 Parks Bond Project Update

New Business

3. Riverwind Community Building Update
4. Park Naming Update

Other Business

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

Adjourn



Park & Rec - Regular

Meeting Date: 08/14/2017

SUBJECT: Approval of July 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attachments

July2017Minutes

COON RAPIDS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order on July 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Members Present: Chair Tim Arntson, Commissioners Mike Jacobson, Tim Matsche, and Ryan McAlpine.

Members Absent: Commissioners Neal Livermore, Gen Sand and Valerie Weaver.

Also Present: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator
Gregg Engle, Parks Supervisor

ROLL CALL

Chair Arntson acknowledged the roll call.

1. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2017 AGENDA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, TO APPROVE THE JULY 10, 2017 AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATSCHE, TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2017 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. JACOBSON ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Park Bond Project Updates

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the Wilderness Trail is completed. Coon Rapids Blvd to Egret and Egret to Park and old Coon Rapids Extension Trails are still under construction. Boulevard Park was bid and accepted and pre-construction meeting will be held next Tuesday July 18, 2017. Construction should start within two weeks. Design kick-off meetings will be held for Crooked Lake and Riverwind. It is anticipated the budget will be met however Council is aware it may go over budget. Lions Park Open House will be held in probably October 2017 to get the public's input. The Open House will be held at City Hall. It will be included in the Fall Park and Rec Brochure.

Commissioner McAlpine asked if the trees would be cut along the trails and Mr. Engle will research and report back to the Commission.

The next Summer in the City Meeting will be held at Delta Park on July 11, 2017. The meetings have been well attended.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Naming Discussion

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the following suggested park names:

Al Flynn Park
Boulevard Park (or Ice Center Park)
Brick School Park
Cardinal Park
Cardinal Plaza
Celebration Park
Celebration Park (Jiikakamigad)
Chasing Waterfalls Park
Coon Rapids Millennial Park
Dancing Waters Park
Diversity Park
Donna Naeve Park
Dunham Splash Pad
Fountains of Youth Park
Independence Park
Issacson/Perez Community Park
Jerry Nelson Park
Joe Cook Park
Kaleidoscope Park
Lily Pad Park
Little Squirts Park or Water Cycle Park
Old Trail Park
Ox Cart Trail Park
Ox-Cart Trail Memorial Park
Patriots Park
Phoenix Park
Pine Ridge Park
Playland Park
Rapids Splash Park
Red Otter Park
Red Ox Cart Park
Red River Ox Cart Trail Park
Red River Park
Red River Trail Park
Red River Trail Park

Refresh

Talbot Park

Veterans' Memorial Park

Waaboo Park

Water Works Park

The Significance of the Name for most of the suggestions was also provided for Commission Review. Mr. Gunderson suggested the Commission suggest 3-5 for Council consideration. The most popular suggestions were Oxcart, Pioneer, and Red River. The Commission had a discussion on the list. Commissioner Matsche suggested not selecting one based on the historical trail and the Commission should look forward. Chair Arntson stated he liked the Red River Trail. Mr. Gunderson stated he likes the history idea but it doesn't match with what is trying to be accomplished. Other names suggested were: Community Park, and Boulevard Community Park. The consensus of the Commission were Rapids Splash Pad, Boulevard Community Park, and Patriots Park. The Commission decided to suggest Boulevard Community Park.

Mr. Gunderson mentioned there had been some talk about a volunteer memorial as being part of this park. Commissioner McAlpine suggested a veteran memorial would be more appropriate as most other cities have them. Chair Arntson stated that may not be the appropriate location for a veteran memorial. A discussion of the lack of real community in Coon Rapids was held.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, TO SUGGEST BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PARK TO THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Soccer Complex Restroom Discussion

The restrooms and concession stand at the Soccer Complex are in poor shape. The Coon Rapids Soccer Association would like to see a separate restroom from the concession building. The CRSA has some funds to put toward the construction. Woodcrest has a restroom building that cost \$70,000. Mr. Gunderson noted there are three portable restrooms at the soccer complex in addition to the building. The cost of the portables are \$60 per month per unit. There is also additional charges for extra cleanings. The City pays for the portables but any extra costs are billed back to CRSA. The suggestion is for a completely new building. A new building needs to be ADA compliant. The cost is estimated to be \$250,000 - \$300,000. The prefab (similar to what is at Woodcrest) can be constructed any size desired and a concession building would be separate. The current building at CRSA is 26 years old (with the remodel). Discussions are just preliminary at this point. Commissioner Jacobson suggested an architect draw up a plan for comparison purposes. Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Engle will pull together some numbers for the August Commission Meeting.

C. Memorial Bench Discussion

Mr. Gunderson stated Donna Naeve's husband requested a memorial bench at Boulevard Community Park. The question was posed if the new benches would have a place for a memorial plate. The person requesting the memorial bench would pay for the cost of the bench and the cost for engraving the plate. All the benches at Boulevard Community Park will be metal. The standard bench is \$600. There is a plan for 8 benches in Boulevard Community Park. A discussion was held as to whether it was beneficial to make the investment up front. Mr. Engle stated he would prefer to have trees with memorial plates. There has been some damage to the current memorial benches. There is a total of 11 memorial benches. Commissioner McAlpine suggested two benches be ordered with the place for the plate. Chair Arntson stated all the benches should be the same. Mr. Gunderson will move forward with Mr. Naeve to order the memorial bench per his request.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Recreation Updates

Mr. Gunderson stated the Farmer's Market will start on Wednesday 3-6pm. Through October 11, 2017. The group is Anoka County Grower's Group. They are interested in growing the Farmer's Market. Mr. Gunderson will research the possibility of the City running the Farmer's Market and broadening the vendors.

The YMCA program is working well. The YMCA did the registration which is somewhat cumbersome. Mr. Gunderson is looking at ways to clear that up in the future. There is a volunteer college student putting together a proposal for Park on the Go program. The Teen Center is closed. There is a new program which includes busing Coon Rapids teens to Ramsey.

An agreement is being worked out with a Junior A Hockey Team that will fill the 12-2pm daily timeslots with games on the weekends. This is a new team called the Blue Ox.

The 4th of July celebration went well and next year it will be planned to be a two-day event. There was a discussion on revising the parade route.

B. Park Misc. Updates

Mr. Engle stated the soccer playground will be completed by the end of the week. There was storm damage at Crooked Lake, Wilderness Park, and Prairie Oaks last week. Working with LOMC and Insurance Adjusters on the storm damage from last month for the hail storm. Tomorrow the permanent rink will be installed at Sand Creek. Working with an Eagle Scout at Trackside. Prairie Oaks tennis courts and basketball court is wrapping up. Fog sealing will be done in August.

Commissioner McAlpine asked if Port River Walk will bring in any funds available for Al Flynn re-development in the future. There will be park dedication funds but where they will be used is to be determined.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCALPINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATSCHE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Engle
Parks Superintendent

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Subject: 2017 Bond Project Updates

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator



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