

Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Patrick Carroll, Shirley Davis, June Sprout, Lonnie Hill, Erin Granger

Members Absent: George Geise, Lynn Oatman

Staff Present: Patty Rearden, Todd Seymanski

Guest: Richard Sterling

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

With no corrections or additions to the minutes, Board motioned to approve as written. Motion second and carried.

DIRECTOR

The Master Plan meetings went well. The Consultant thought the attendance was excellent with 77 people attending the afternoon session and 39 the evening session. The statistically accurate survey will be mailed this week. The on-line survey will be available approximately two weeks later. Copies of the survey were distributed to board members. Staff has provided a great deal of information to PROS Consulting and will now be working on providing detailed information on all Park and Recreation programs/operations over the next few months. The Trail Coordinator has been hired and began work on February 1; Steffan Janikula previously worked for the Forestry Division. Ice Breaker sponsors have been finalized, graphics have been drafted and t-shirts and medals should be ordered later this week. Staff met with Multi Sports Complex users on January 13 to discuss fundraising for improvements. The Chairman for Confero Sports Foundation also attended. The Sports Foundation is willing to designate their annual Mixer to fundraise for Multi Sports if the user groups are on board to work on ticket sales. Proceeds would be split and could generate a significant amount of money depending on ticket sales efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

Cataract Mill

Richard Sterling attended the meeting to further discuss the Cataract Mill project that he has been working on. He would like to put some type of replica or marker near Tourist Park. The original Cataract Mill was located on both sides of what is now 1st Ave No. near the river. It was built in 1885-1886 for grinding wheat. Richard estimated that the proposed memorial would be a three dimensional model, approximately 40' x 30'. Richard requested the support of the Park Board and a letter of support from the Park and Recreation Director to use while fundraising. He has already approached the electric company, the Historical Museum and has funds provided by his family. The Board liked the idea, but both staff and board members wanted additional information/details before moving forward. Richard was asked to come back to the Board with an architectural drawing, dimensions and a maintenance plan; similar to what the Law Enforcement Memorial provided.

West Bank Park Project Update

TA Project: The TA (Transportation Alternative) project to provide handicap access from 3rd Ave N.W. to the Trail is moving forward. The bid specs will be completed by July and the State is anticipating that construction will begin in September.

Irrigation and Landscaping: The design phase for irrigation and landscaping is underway. Jana Cooper with TD & H is doing the design. The project should go to bid in early May. Construction is estimated to begin in late June.

Restroom/Parking Lot/Vault Toilet: The restroom is 95% complete, the sidewalks, parking lot and vault toilet are all complete.

Calumet/BNSF Update

We expected to have an update for this meeting, but the meeting last Wednesday was cancelled because the City is waiting for information they requested from BN. By the next meeting, we should be able to provide an update.

School District MOU

The City and the School District have negotiated a joint use agreement for use of facilities. The contract is for two years (this one is actually through June 30, 2018 to align with the fiscal year) and is renewable. Staff from both organizations will meet annually to discuss details/changes/scheduling. Both parties also agreed to pursue opportunities to develop and improve facilities and equipment to support programming by both agencies. A separate fee schedule was provided for Golf and Multi Sports, which are non-tax supported.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Staff

Todd Seymanski, City Forester

- Trimming at the golf courses and in the parks.
- Didn't have much wind damage during this last storm.

Todd Seymanski on behalf of Lonnie Dalke, Park Supervisor

- Working on the Broadwater Bay boat ramp project. The contract is complete and work should begin early spring.
- Working on other small projects.

With no further business meeting adjourned.