

**Park & Recreation Board
February 14, 2011
Minutes**

Members Present: William Ramsey, James McCarvel, Karen Harant, Bryan Thies, Richard Kavulla, Charlie Bruckner

Members Absent: Russell Motschenbacher

Staff Present: Marty Basta, Patty Rearden, Todd Seymanski, Giles Salyer, Cindy Stein

Board motioned to approve the minutes from January, 2011 as written. Motion Seconded and Carried.

Board has requested that when there is an agenda that requires the general public to present that they not make any recommendations until the public/presenter/requester has left the meeting. This will allow them to discuss among themselves prior to making decisions.

Director's Report

- Lights at Centene Ball Park update
 - Staff is sandblasting the bottoms of each pole where the weld's are located
 - TD&H will inspect each pole on safety/risk of failure, to determine thickness and defects in weld's and if it would be possible to re-weld
 - City's insurance has denied the claim for removal and clean-up of light pole that fell
 - Repairs will need to be made quickly
 - Marty to meet with Centene to discuss who is responsible for the costs

Old Business

Westbank Park Master Plan

- Board reviewed presentation to the City Commission at their January 18 meeting. Public hearing to approve the Master Plan will be set.
- Several Service groups are supporting the project; it was suggested that Leadership Great Falls be contacted as a work group for project
- Access to the area is a challenge and will need to be signed.
- Presentation made as an attachment to these minutes

Board motioned to recommend to the City Commission their approval on adopting Phase I of the Westbank Master Plan, motion seconded and carried.

Music Fest on the River

People's Park & Recreation Foundation is planning an event "Music Fest on the River". The event has received \$25,000 sponsorship from the Credit Union Association and is scheduled for July 2-3, 2011. Foundation has received guidance from staff that was involved with the Park and Recreation Riverfest event. Next Foundation meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 12:00 at the Park & Recreation Department. Foundation will continue to seek additional funding sources.

New Business

Middle School Service Learning Project

Park and Recreation has been contacted by the Middle School Service Learning Project to work with the middle school academy on a trail project. (Request attached to minutes). They would like to do

plantings on the River's Edge Trail and GPS the plantings and provide that information on their website; they have asked for a list of current plantings to be included in the GPS. Todd Seymanski, City Forester will work with the academy on types of plants that will thrive in the locations that they choose. All plantings will be by donation and the group is in contact with local nurseries.

Board motioned the Park and Recreation Board support the Middle School Service Learning Project on planting along the trail along with GPS their plantings and providing the information on a web page.

ECWP Beverage Proposals

Pepsi's 5-year exclusive beverage contract with Park and Recreation will expire this month. Bids were requested and received from Pepsi and Coca Cola. Pepsi's proposal received the most points as reviewed by committee. Agreement is for exclusive beverage for park and recreation activities and facilities including vending machines, Electric City Water Park and Ice Breaker Road Race. Pepsi's breakdown of proposal is attached.

Board motioned to approve the Pepsi proposals for exclusive beverage for a term of 5 years. Motion seconded and carried.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Todd Seymanski, City Forester

- During nice weather crews are trimming, with concentration on the larger elm trees. Trimming schedule for continue for the next 2 years.
- Todd will appear on KRTV monthly with Art Taft to talk about tree care

Giles Salyer, Park Superintendent

- Crews doing a lot of snow removal this year
- Painting garbage cans
- Staff working on removing and replacing ceiling at Boston Heights.
- Carpenter working on informational signs for CMR and Hurd tennis courts.
- Half of the poles at Centene Stadium have been inspected. All 5 poles that have been inspected have failed; one pole has a crack that is 50% of the pole. Will receive a final report by end of this week.

Patty Rearden, Deputy Director

- Park and Recreation's Summer Guide is scheduled to be delivered in the Great Falls Tribune on April 9th; guide will be 32 pages this year.
- All Ice Breaker production has been completed and has gone to print. Registration starts March 14th for the Ice Breaker with late registration to start April 7th. Race is scheduled for Sunday, April 17th. Pacific Steel is a new sponsor of the Ice Breaker with a donation of \$1500. Ice Breaker sponsorships consist of \$16,150 in kind services and \$12,750 in cash.

Board

- Bryan Thies requested a meeting with Marty to discuss the information he found on allowing bikes in the skatepark.

With no further business – meeting adjourned at 3:50pm