



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday – August 13, 2014 -- 5:00 p.m.



**MEETING LOCATION:
Central Hillside Center
12 E 4th St**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of July 9 minutes
- IV. Presentations
 - a. Arson, vandalism, and trashing of our park system – Dale Sellner (informational)
 - b. Citywide Cross Country Ski Trail System Master Plan – Gary Larson (action requested)
 - Public review and comment available on Parks website
 - c. An Ordinance Amending Section 35-6 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, Related to Recreational Trails and Paths – Judy Gibbs and Tom Albright (action requested)
 - first reading at City Council on August 18 with second reading on August 25
 - becomes effective 30 days after Mayor signs the Ordinance
- V. Commission Committees – meeting schedules will be posted here in the future
 - a. Parks and Facilities – meeting date: TBA
Chair - Joel Braun – Jon Welles, Ed Hall, Michael Schraepfer, [Dale Sellner]
 - b. Administrative (E-Board) – meeting date: Friday, August 22 at noon at Parks office
Chair – Ed Hall – Eric Viken, Tom Albright, [Kathy Bergen]
 - c. Trails and Bikeways – meeting date: TBA
Chair – Tom Albright - Eric Viken, Andy Holak, [Judy Gibbs], [Art Johnston]
 - * Relationship of this committee with larger City Task Force
 - * Update on Duluth Traverse Trail
 - d. Recreation Programming (youth and adult) – meeting date: week of September 1
Chair - Jon Welles – Andy Holak, Erik Torch [Pamela Page]
 - \$16,000 now available for the grant program – application deadline August 22
 - Committee will bring recommended awards to Parks Commission on September 10
- VI. Commissioner & Liaison Reports

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New Business

- a. New appointments to the Parks Commission approved at the July 14 City Council meeting: John Schmidt (District 3) and Tiersa Dodge (District 4)
- b. Orientation planned for August – date being determined
- c. Representative from the Parks Commission for the Lincoln Park Small Area Study Advisory Committee – Tiersa Dodge
- d. Master Planning Process for the Zoo and Fairmont Park began June 27 – Tom Albright
- e. St Louis River Corridor Visioning Process - 3 concepts:
 - Tourism Activity Nodes: Indian Point Campground, Zoo, and Spirit Mountain
 - Grand Ave regional parks: Wade/Wheeler, Fairmont/Zoo, Memorial, Gary New Duluth, and Chambers Grove
 - Connectivity: trails, bikeways, water access
- f. Wade/Wheeler Mini-Master Plan RFP – Tiersa Dodge

VII. Old Business

- a. Updates: Chester Mini-Master Plan and Revisions to Lower Chester Mini-Master Plan – John Schmidt
- b. Updates: Morgan Park Mini-Master Plan – Tom Albright (plan for vote on September 10)
- c. RFP for Golf Courses – due to Purchasing on August 22
- d. Wade Stadium renovations to begin August 19 – Tiersa Dodge
- e. Observation Dog Park – John Schmidt
- f. Park Point Small Area Plan – Mike Schraepfer and John Schmidt
- g. Revisions to Memorial Mini-Master Plan – Tom Albright
- h. Timeframe for plans for new alignment for the Cross City Trail – Judy Gibbs

VIII. Division Manager's Report

- a. Implementation of Hartley Mini-Master Plan – applying for DNR Parks Legacy Grant – due September 26

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjournment

XI. Next meeting - Wednesday, September 10 at 5 pm at Central Hillside Center

- a. Recreation Committee Grant Awards
- b. Morgan Park Mini-Master Plan
- c. Possibly Chester Mini-Master Plan

E-Board Meetings

Fridays
12 noon - City Hall
August 22
September 26
October 24
November 21
December 19