



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2019

City Hall – Room 330



### I. Call Meeting to Order

President Crosby called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

Present: Amanda Crosby, Jill Joyce, Dennis Isernhagen, Jenny Peterson, Tjaard Breeuwer, Dudley Edmondson, David Demmer, and Britt Rohrbaugh.

Not Present: Erik Torch, David Kirby (ISD 709 School Board Liaison), Frank Jewell (St. Louis County Board Liaison), Em Westerlund (City Council Liaison).

### III. Approval of September 11 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Joyce motioned for approval of the September 11 meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Isernhagen. Unanimously approved.

### IV. Presentations

- A. Programming Update (Informational) – Alicia Watts, Programming Assistant Manager
- B. Hartley DNAP Plan (Informational) – Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator

### V. Commissioner Committees

### VI. Commissioner & Liaison Reports

Demmer questioned the vote of the Chester Park Shared Use Plan, indicated it is policy that the exact same plan cannot be brought back to commission for vote. Questioned if the city is looking to revise the plan for a revote.

Jessica Peterson confirmed the policy was correct. Shared staff have been discussing alternative recommendations with the vision of the commission and addressing the viewpoints that were not in favor. Indicated if it is desired by the commission, she can connect with staff to develop a plan for a revote in November.

Breeuwer requested commissioners to reflect on the timeline. Stated the plan has been challenging with compromises, and does not want to lock staff into a certain deadline.

Crosby indicated she would like to vote, but shared the hesitation for a November timeline.

Jessica Peterson indicated staff are confident that they can provide a plan based off their comments for a November presentation.



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**Demmer made a motion that the City bring an alternative proposal to the Chester Creek Mini-Master Plan without a timeline. Joyce second. No discussion. Unanimously approved.**

### VII. New Business

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- A. Campus Connector Trail Master Plan (Action Requested)– Jim Shoberg, Senior Parks Planner and Jennifer Moses, Planning Division, Senior Planner

Edmondson questioned the distance in feet from the path to the houses. Shoberg indicated the closest it gets 125, but most cases it is longer than a football field.

Demmer questioned if signs will be used to help guide people to switchback their way up vs. climbing up the hill (thinking about those who do not want to climb the steep hill, or children using the route). Shoberg indicated there would be, and shared the importance of having an option for those who are not comfortable being on the street.

Isernhagen indicated he lives along the Lakewalk and has never felt a privacy issue. Indicated he has spoken with a real estate agent about adjacent trails decreasing property values, mentioned it does not.

Edmondson shared his kitchen window is very close to a public sidewalk. Mentioned it can be alarming at times, but it is a public space.

Crosby highlighted the DTA will not run certain bus routes for students to the campuses during the winter months, indicated the trail would provide this opportunity.

**Breeuwer made a motion to approve the Campus Connector Mini Master Plan. Joyce second the motion. Unanimously approved.**

### XIII. Division Report

#### Public Comment

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

### XIV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in City Hall Council Chambers.