



Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of July 13th, 2011

Meeting called to order at approximately 4:06 PM by Joel Braun.

Members Present: Joel Braun, Karen Erickson, Andy Holak, Susan Beasy Latto, Patti Nadeau, Kristin Ridgewell, Eric Viken, Jon Welles
Members Excused: Barbara Stark, Edwin Hall
Members Absent: Thomas Beery

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Karen Erickson to approve the minutes of June 8, 2011 as written – 2nd by Kristin Ridgewell - approved unanimously.

Presentations:

Levang Property Transfer – presentation by Tim Howard

- in 2004, the City and The Nature Conservancy partnered in acquiring several parcels of private property within and around Magney-Snively for the purpose of them becoming part of the Duluth Natural Areas Program.
- this parcel of land, known as the Levang Property is now being requested for transfer to the City for the same purpose

Motion was made by Karen Erickson in support of the transfer of the Levang property from The Nature Conservancy to the City of Duluth. Seconded by Patti Nadeau - passed Unanimously 7-0.

Commission Committee Reports:

Facilities - 2011 Playground Grant Program: Motion was made by Kristin Ridgewell to approve the \$15,000 phase II playground grant for Playfront Park - 2nd by Jon Welles - passed unanimously 7-0.

Administrative (E-Board) – July meeting time and date confirmed.

Parks and Trails - Eric Viken gave a report on the last trails sub-committee meeting and the City Sourced Demo. Kathy Bergen has started the wheels turning in the City to look further at the software.

Recreation - the City Council approved the list of Parks Recreation grants as submitted by the Commission.

Commissioner & Liaison Reports

Kris Ridgewell gave a report on the first design meeting at Laura MacArthur center.

Joel Braun gave a report on the Lester Park Playground meeting he attended.

New Business:

- Kathy Bergen informed the commission about the City of Duluth Park and Recreation Public Input Initiative requesting priorities.
- Edwin Hall will be joining the commission taking Nick's old position. He is relatively new to Duluth and moved here approximately 5 years ago. He is a retired lawyer.
- Members should review the contact information on list e-mailed by Mona and send her any corrections.
- The new boxing program at Observation main focus is to help at risk kids.

Old Business

- Kathy Bergen gave an update on Mayors task force on land disposition.
- Judy Gibbs and Kathy Bergen gave an update on the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan. The consultants are going to be transferring the plan back to the City in the near future. It will be in the In-Design Program (Adobe PageMaker). City staff, the Mayor, and CEO will be reviewing and editing the plan. It will then go to the Parks Commission, followed by the Trail Advisory Group (TAG). The plan will then be presented to the public for comment. Future funding of consultants is largely dependent on LGA funding.
- Judy Gibbs gave a brief update on the Friends of the Park.

Division Manager's Report:

- Handed out by Kathy Bergen with highlights presented.

Speakers/Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Joel Braun at approximately 5:34 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Eric S. Viken