



# Parks & Recreation Commission

Minutes of October 12th, 2011

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

## Roll Call

**Members Present:** Thomas Beery, Joel Braun, Karen Erickson, Edwin Hall, Andy Holak, Kristin Ridgewell, Barbara Stark, Eric Viken, Jon Welles

**Members Excused:** Susan Beasy Latto

**Members Absent:** Patti Nadeau

## Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Kristen Ridgewell to accept the minutes of September 14, 2011 as written – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwin Hall - approved unanimously 8-0.

## Presentations

Update on Trail and Bikeway Master Plan - Judy Gibbs

- Judy Gibbs and Kathy Bergen answered the Parks Commission questions about the Trail and Bikeway Master Plan.
- Kathy Bergen is going to distribute hard copies of the final Trail and Bikeway Master Plan to those Parks Commissioner's who would like a copy.

Motion was made by Kristin Ridgewell **"To support and recommend adoption of the Trail and Bikeway Master Plan as presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission" – 2nd by Thomas Beery - passed unanimously 9-0.**

Update on Indian Point Campground

Following significant discussion regarding development of the Indian Point Campground – motion was made by Eric Viken stating - **"After review and consideration of the additional public comment on the Indian Point Campground grant application, the Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission continues to strongly support the grant application and urges Duluth City Council approval. The plan was modified based on public feedback from the October 5 public input meeting. This area and this type of project is an integral part of the Duluth Parks Master Plan and would be a very positive and much needed improvement for the Indian Point Campground, West Duluth, and Duluth Parks System as a whole" – 2nd by Kristen Ridgewell – passed unanimously 9-0.**

## Commission Committee Reports

Each Committee to review action steps from the Master Plan to determine 2011 projects. In the interest of time Joel Braun deferred the Commission Committee and Commissioner and Liaison Reports unless there was anything anyone wanted to highlight.

Facilities - no report

Administrative (E-Board) –no report; next meeting October 21

Parks and Trails - no report

Youth Programming - no report

Recreation - no report

Kristin Ridgewell discussed the Visit of the King of Norway to Enger Park and the rededication of Evergreen Memorial Park.

**New Business**

- a) Tom Berry's request for meeting time change from 4 PM to 5 PM
- The request will be discussed at the October 21 E-board meeting; the time change is probable.
  - If the meeting time becomes a permanent change, the Bylaws of the Parks Commission will need to be changed accordingly after further discussion and action by the Parks Commission.
- b) Update on Parks Referendum
- Discussion was held on the Parks and Recreation Referendum facts sheet.

**Division Manager's Report:**

Report handed out by Kathy Bergen with highlights presented.

**Speakers/Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Joel Braun to adjourn - seconded by Kristin Ridgewell - meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Eric Viken