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[Duluth, MN] – The Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission invites the public to attend their Annual Meeting on **April 13, 2016 at 5:00 PM** in the Spirit Mountain Grand Chalet, 8551 Grand Ave. This year, the Commission will recap accomplishments, look towards the future and recognize key partners that have played a significant role in implementing several mini-master plans under the theme of "Enhancing Public Spaces for Future Generations: Park Development and Improvement through Partnership."

"We are able to craft outstanding recreational destinations with the support and involvement of our community partners. Duluth is fortunate to have engaged and committed citizens who share an equal admiration of our park spaces; leadership to help us move forward; and tenacity to get things done. We value all of our partners but this year we will recognize four in particular who are making great strides in improving our park spaces: Chester Bowl Improvement Club, the MN Department of Natural Resources, Hartley Nature Center, and the Gary New Duluth Development Alliance, " said Lindsay Dean, the City's Parks Manager.

The Annual Meeting is free and open to the public and will feature Mayor Emily Larson as the keynote speaker. Other speakers include the Commission Chair, Ed Hall and Parks Manager, Lindsay Dean. Community partners will be in attendance and will provide highlights of their specific projects with the City of Duluth. Participants will also be able to visit with Parks staff following the program to learn more about Parks programs, current projects and volunteer opportunities.

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