



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

October 11, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.



MEETING LOCATION:
City Hall – Room 303
411 W 1st St

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of September 13 meeting minutes**
4. **Presentations**
 - A. Parks and Trails Access for All – Margot Imdieke Cross, Accessibility Specialist, Minnesota State Council on Disability (informational)
 - B. Spirit Mountain Master Plan – Adam Fulton, Manager of Community Planning Division, City of Duluth (action requested)
 - C. Lower Chester Planning Process – Jim Shoberg, Project Coordinator, City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division (informational)
 - D. Hartley North West Hills Blow Down Cleanup Project Update - Jim Shoberg, Project Coordinator, City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division (informational)
 - E. Western Waterfront Trail Update (informational)
 - i. Opening Remarks – Lisa Luukkala, Project Coordinator, City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division
 - ii. Mud Lake Concept Restoration Presentation– Fred Rozumalski, Senior Landscape Architect RLA, Barr Engineering
 - iii. MPCA Clarification on Previous Mud Lake Studies – Dan Breneman, Lake Superior Unit Project Manager, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
 - iv. Recreational Amenities and Rail Improvements at Mud Lake/Trail Alignment Updates Near Tate and Lyle – Lisa Luukkala, Project Coordinator, City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division
 - v. Closing Remarks – Lisa Luukkala, Project Coordinator, City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division
5. **Commission Committees**
 - A. Parks and Facilities – meeting date: TBA
Chair – Michael Schraepfer – John Schmidt, Dean Vogtman, Dennis Isernhagen [Dale Sellner]
 - B. Administrative (E-Board) – meeting date: Thursday, October 19 at noon in the Parks office
Chair – John Schmidt – Erik Torch, Amanda Crosby [Cheryl Skafte]
 - C. Trails and Bikeways – meeting date: November 29 from 12-2pm, City Hall – Room 106A
Chair – Tjaard Breeuwer– Tiersa Wodash, Britt Rohrbaugh, Dudley Edmondson, Dean Vogtman, Art Johnston, Mike Casey, Eric Viken, Shawna Mullen [Andy Holak]
 - D. Recreation Programming (youth and adult) – meeting date: TBA
Chair - Erik Torch - Amanda Crosby, Dudley Edmondson, Kristin Bergerson [Pamela Page]
6. **Commissioner & Liaison Reports**
7. **New Business**
8. **Old Business**
9. **Division Manager's Report**
10. **Public Comment**
11. **Adjournment**
12. **Next meeting – Wednesday, November 8 at 5 pm at City Hall – Council Chambers**



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2017

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Adam Fulton, Community Planning Manager, and John Kelley, Planner II

SUBJECT: Spirit Mountain Recreation Authority Master Plan Update

The Spirit Mountain Recreation Area (SMRA) Master Plan update is now entering the review and approval process. The City of Duluth contracted with Ecosign Mountain Resort Planners Ltd. to complete the Master Plan update. The planning process began in September of 2016. City Staff, SMRA Board and management team have been working collaboratively with Ecosign to prepare the master plan update. A public meeting was held on April 20th, 2017 to gather input on work completed and the planning process. A set of core elements form the structure of the Master Plan. These elements indicate the strategic direction to be taken by Spirit Mountain to achieve their mission by being a premier four seasons outdoor adventure recreation area. Additionally, the planning process included developing a set of comprehensive maps of the existing facilities and proposed recreation area amenities. Approval of the Master Plan update will require action by the SMRA Board, City Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and Council.

A complete copy of the Master Plan has been reviewed by the Director of Administration, Jim Filby Williams. Copies of the Master Plan, including facilities maps, will be distributed at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The SMRA Board acted to recommend approval of the Master Plan on October 3rd. The Planning Commission will review the plan and provide a recommendation on October 10th.

Requested action is a recommendation of approval of the SMRA Master Plan by the Parks and Recreation Commission to the City Council, which will be the final body acting on the Master Plan.