



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2020

Webex



I. Call Meeting to Order

President Crosby called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Amanda Crosby, Tjaard Breeuwer, David Demmer, Britt Rohrbaugh, Jill Joyce, Jenny Peterson, Noah Kramer, Barb Darland

Not Present: City Council Liaison – Arik Forsman, David Kirby (ISD 709 School Board Liaison), Frank Jewell (St. Louis County Board Liaison).

III. Approval of July 8 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jenny Peterson motioned for approval of the July 8 meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Darland. Unanimously approved.

IV. Presentations

V. Commissioner Committees

Administrative (E-Board) meeting date: Thursday, August 27 at noon via Webex
Amanda Crosby, Tjaard Breeuwer [Jess Peterson, Alicia Watts, Jessica Haig, Jim Filby Williams]

Public Golf Committee – Tuesday, September 15 at 5 p.m., virtual meeting on Webex
David Demmer, Jenny Peterson, Noah Kramer [Jess Peterson, Jessica Haig, Jim Filby Williams]

VI. Commissioner & Liaison Reports

Jenny Peterson thanked staff for finding time to start the Public Golf Committee meetings.

Joyce questioned if the closure of Lincoln Park Drive could be permanent. Indicated homelessness continues to be an issue at Lincoln Park, thanked Parks and Recreation staff for taking quick action on the reports. Shared the appreciation towards Park Maintenance Staff dealing with abandoned waste on a timely fashion despite reduced staff.

VII. New Business

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A. COVID-19 Parks and Recreation Updates (Informational) Jess Peterson, Manager

Demmer questioned if there is a vegetation plan for our open spaces. Jess Peterson indicated our Natural Resources Coordinator is working with hiring a consultant on our natural resources plan. Shared that Park Maintenance is working on an internal management document. Mentioned she will check with staff to see if anything is posted on our website.

Breeuwer questioned the status of the Lakewalk construction at Brighton Beach. Jess Peterson indicated she needs to check for an update with Engineering and will follow up with an update.

B. Public Golf Committee (Informational) Jess Peterson, Manager



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C. Memorial Program Chapter 35 City Ordinance Draft (Informational Update, For Future Action) Jess Peterson, Manager

XIII. Division Report

Jenny Peterson questioned if there could be more details of the exclusive agreement with a developer that will be going to City Council.

Jess Peterson indicated that this doesn't mean this developer will be awarded, that this allows the City to continue conversations with one developer, the award would be an additional step for City Council to review.

Jenny Peterson questioned how the Parks and Recreation Commission will be involved with this process.

Jess Peterson indicated she has this question posed to the Planning and Economic Development Division.

Jenny Peterson indicated many wanted to speak tonight, and are having trouble getting on. Shared she is playing golf at Enger weekly – concerns are the conditions, many people are choosing to golf elsewhere.

Darland plays weekly at Enger, considering moving league to another course. Requesting Parks and Recreation to offer reduced rate for the middle 9.

Demmer questioned the process on how decisions are made on the management of the courses. Questioned whose decision makes the replacement of irrigation or roping off the middle 9.

Jess Peterson indicated she would need to review this documentation to provide information, shared the management company placed the rope closure.

Rohrbaugh mentioned she rode her horse at Elys Peak, reflected on the fabulous new signage.

Darland thanked the crew for carefully installing the signs at the Waabizheshikana Trail. Requested similar signage on the Munger State Trail.

Breeuwer reflected on the new Craft Connector Trail, shared excitement.

Demmer questioned if there would be changes to the Mini Master Plan for Lincoln Park.

Jess Peterson indicated this is a concept plan, and has not made to design. Shared the City was contacted by the National Park Service to more closely align with the original park concept, therefore the City has reengaged with LHB.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

XIV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9 via Webex