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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Alyssa Mueller (Council Rep - virtually), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart, Melissa Pedrini (virtually) and Natasha Schaefer.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Amy White-Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk; Erica Ellefson-Public Works Manager; Emily Shively-City Planner, Kendra Ellner-Planner, and Eric Viessman-Public Works Maintenance.

Others Present: Taylor Stevens, Tonya Schmitt, Mark Klapatch-Mathias, Tovah Flygare, and Joe Mischke with Grow to Share; Ron Derrick with Derrick Homes; and Sean Downing.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Dobbertin to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

1. Welcome to new Public Works Manager, Erica Ellefson.
2. Several people from Grow to Share spoke about the two-acre plot north of FNBRF Stadium at Hoffman Park. There is a pantry garden, which donates food locally, and a community garden, with 60 plots for people to rent. They are concerned about the Park and Rec plan draft, especially regarding the future location at Hoffman Park. They would like to be invited into the conversation about the future the location for their garden. Their concerns include soil health, food security, and walk-ability/bike-ability. The garden also has UWRF connections; students volunteer there regularly, some produce is donated to Freddy's Food Pantry on campus, and some students do course work that relates to the community garden. Grow To Share received information about a UniverCity program, and the paperwork mentions possibly moving Grow to Share to DeSanctis Park within three years, and they would like to be included in that conversation as well.

3. Sean Downing invited Grow to Share to the next Bee City meeting on March 8 at 4 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. The agenda included a memo from Amy White recommending that the Board approves the park play structure additions and replacement plans for Wells Park, Collins Park, DeSanctis Park and Sterling Ponds Park using ARPA funds, and forward to City Council for approval. Eric Viessman answered a few questions about the equipment.

MSC Mueller/Gaulke to approve the park play structure plans as outlined in the memo and forward to City Council for approval for purchase. Carried 7-0.

2. Kendra spoke about the memo from Sam Burns, Planner, regarding the parkland dedication fee (in lieu of land dedication) for a proposed Thompson Heights development project at Radio Road and Paulson Road.

MSC Gaulke/Janquart that we accept a parkland dedication fee in lieu of land for the Thompson Heights development project. Carried 7-0.

3. Kendra Ellner, Planner, attached a memo to the agenda regarding the parkland dedication fee (in lieu of land dedication) for a proposed development called The Current, located at Radio Road and Paulson Road.

MSC Gaulke/Janquart that we accept cash in lieu of land for the parkland dedication fee for The Current project that is being constructed at Radio Road and Paulson Road. Carried 7-0.

4. The next meeting will be March 8 at 6 p.m. with Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members. This is one week earlier than normal, and 45 minutes later.

MSC Janquart/Dobbertin to change the next meeting date. Carried 7-0.

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be March 8, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Gaulke/Schaefer to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative