

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 10, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Earney opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Gene Earney, Katrine Nau, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman and City Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Those Absent: Committee Member Debbie Kelly, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz and Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Earney made a correction to the July 13, 2009 Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, Architect Kevin Halbach was present at the July 13, 2009 Meeting. Committee Member Nau, motioned to accept the July 13, 2009 minutes with the correction. Seconded by Council Liaison Backlund, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. COUNCIL APPROVED GRANTS FROM RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND TO START THE OAK SAVANNAH RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS

No Discussion

3B. PUBLIC WORKS MOWED AREA IN MCDOWALL PARK, COULD NOT MOW AREA TO EAST DUE TO PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS ENCROACHING ON PARK PROPERTY

No Discussion

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel notified neighboring residents to McDowall Park of the upcoming improvements to the Park.

Committee Member Nau noted her father; Mr. Kevin Halbach will be making an informational sign to be posted in McDowall Park. Committee Member Nau also discussed looking into other funding options for signage (Prairie in Progress) from the Big Lake Lions, etc. It was also noted that information concerning the Oak Savannah Restoration Improvements could be posted on the City's website and the City's cable channel.

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT \$500.00 DONATION FROM KNIFE RIVER

A motion was made by Committee Member Rossman to recommend accepting the \$500.00 donation from Knife River. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.