

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Vice Chair Eugene Earney, Brad Schnitzler, Kristi Uphoff, Denise McDowall Seyko, and Council Liaison Patricia May. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Geobel. Committee Members absent: Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Liaison May motioned to accept the November 13, 2007 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Public Works Director Goebel distributed a revised sketch from Bolton & Menk, Inc. of the proposed Athletic Complex which includes the changes that were discussed from the November 13, 2007 meeting. Discussion followed. The need for a picnic area and volleyball courts were discussed. Based on demand it was concluded that the football/soccer fields could be converted to a volleyball court. Relocation of the vehicle/personal gate was discussed. Public Works Director Goebel stated that the entire Athletic Complex will have lighting; this will make the park usable at night and help with security. Adding additional parking stalls in the south end of the parking lot was concluded. It was also concluded that the trail and basketball area will be moved over. Public Works Director Goebel will have Bolton & Menk, Inc. make the changes discussed and will submit the revised sketch to the City Council at their January Meeting.

3B. DISCUSS GALLUS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee on Gallus Park. The finalization of Gallus Park is very close to the original design with the same agreement standing regarding the improvements. The developer took the right of way, making it narrower and making one lot smaller thus making up the difference in acreage. The preliminary plat is now approved. Public Works Director Goebel suggested that the Parks Committee should go through the house that was left in Gallus Park this summer. It was also discussed to make the park improvements in Gallus Park in the first phase.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. APPOINT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR AND RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

As our present by-laws stand Chair Terry Carlson and Committee Member Denise McDowall Seyko's terms are up at the end of December 2007. Discussion followed on term limits for the Parks Advisory Committee. It was noted that no other Committee has term limits for their Members. Committee Member Earney made a motion to recommend to City Council to remove any reference to term limits for the Parks Advisory Committee Members. Seconded by Council Liaison May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko stated she is interested in staying on the Parks Advisory Committee if the terms limits were to be eliminated.

Chair Carlson stated he would like to see the open position for the Parks Advisory Committee advertised. He would like to see what the response would be from the public. If there is no response from the public he is open to a call.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko made a motion to recommend to City Council to appoint Committee Member Earney to Chair. Seconded by Committee Member Schnitzler, vote passed with a vote of 5 to 0 with 1 abstention with Committee Members Carlson, Uphoff, McDowall Seyko, Schnitzler and Council Liaison May voting aye and Committee Member Earney abstaining. Motion carried.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko nominated Committee Member Uphoff to Vice Chair. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, vote passed with a vote of 5 to 0 with 1 abstention with Committee Members Carlson, McDowall Seyko, Schnitzler, Earney and Council Liaison May voting aye and Committee Member Uphoff abstaining. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Schnitzler, unanimous ayes, motion carried.