

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 13, 2009
(Corrected)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Earney opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Gene Earney, Katrine Nau, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz. Those Absent: Committee Member Debbie Kelly and Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, Architect Kevin Halback and Gina from Sherburne County Soil and Water District.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member McDowall Seyko, motioned to accept the June 8, 2009 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. MCDOWALL PARK OAK SAVANNAH RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The meeting took place at McDowall Park. Gina from Sherburne County Soil and Water District provided the Committee with information on a \$3,020.00 grant the City received from the Resource Conservation Grant Program with the stipulation that the grant is used by September 1, 2009. Discussion followed on the grant that was received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$2,500.00. Both grants will be used for the restoration and improvements to McDowall Park to establish an Oak Savannah Prairie Restoration Project. Gina discussed the procedure to follow to implement the project. The sight will first need to be mowed and chemical sprayed to kill any new growth. The mowing and weed spraying will be completed by City staff. Five different beds will be planted in wild plant species with an additional four to five areas planted in Oak Savannah. The remaining areas will be planted in winter wheat. Once the undesirable plants are controlled the remaining area will be seeded with a wild flower and plant mixture. Additional discussion took place in regards to a location for sitting areas and trails. Planning Commission

Liaison Marotz made a motion to recommend to City Council to accept both grants one from the Resource Conservation Program in the amount of \$3,020.00 and the second grant from US Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried. Committee Member McDowall Seyko made a motion to recommend to City Council to start the Oak Savannah Restoration Improvements to McDowall Park. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Martoz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - none

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS - none

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.