

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 13, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Nau, motioned to accept the March 9, 2009 minutes as presented. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. MCDOWALL PARK PRAIRIE RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Goebel and Architect Kevin Halbach met this past month to review the McDowall Park Prairie Restoration Improvements plans and to visit the site. Mr. Halbach will combine all ideas and present three plans for the project at a future Parks Advisory Committee Meeting. Presently Committee Member Nau is working with the Boy Scouts Troop on the education component of the Green Works Grant that would be applied toward signage along the trail and at the site if awarded. The original Green Works Grant that was applied for was not awarded to us due to lack of children's perspective and funding. Committee Member Nau is also pursuing an ADA Grant for this project. This Grant is offered from the American Dermatology Association which does require the backing of a dermatologist of the American Dermatology Association. The funds for this ADA Grant are designated for shade (structures) in park areas.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. STAFF UPDATE

5A. REVIEW PARK BOARD APPLICANTS

The Parks Committee reviewed the two applicants for the two vacant Park Advisory Committee Board Positions. Both applicants previously applied for the Park Board. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Committee to readvertise for the positions. Planning Commission Liaison Marotz made a motion to repost for the two vacant Park Advisory Committee Positions, seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Last Friday there was a grass fire in McDowall Park. The fire was contained quickly.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Nau motioned to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.