

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Public Works Director Mike Goebel opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Committee Members Present: Renee Rossman, David Schreiber, Beverly Anderson, Paul Winters, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Committee Members Katrine Nau, Janae Stern and Denise McDowall Seyko.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman made a motion to approve the September 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Schreiber, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS RIVER OAKS PARK PLAN AND DESIGN

The River Oaks Park Master Plan preferred concept was reviewed that included the additional changes made by the Park Advisory Committee. There was a tunnel added to the plan after the last Park Meeting by suggestion of Public Works Director Goebel. The Park Committee liked the idea. Committee Member Stern made some suggestions through a prior email in regards to parking. Discussion followed regarding parking, the expansion or second phase of disc golf, possibility of having an archery area, grants and a park sign. Committee Member Anderson made a motion to have Bolton and Menk get prices on the park design. Seconded by Committee Member Winters, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3B. DISCUSS WINTERFEST

Winterfest set for January 31, 2015 was reviewed. So far the music is booked and the Legacy Foundation is supplying the hot chocolate. Chair Nau is checking into dog sledding. The Big Lake Spud Fest Committee is looking into broom ball. Committee Member Rossman stated the snowmobile club has Winterfest on their calendar. As the date gets closer they will be able to let us know how many volunteers they will have. Discussion took place regarding donations in order to reimburse individuals for their gas money, etc.

It was mentioned that a special meeting may be called in November to discuss Winterfest.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Anderson discussed expanding some City bike paths. Some possibilities could be by Highline Drive running to County Road 5. There is an existing dirt path now on the west side. This path could add approximately three miles. The other

possibility would be on 198th Avenue from McDonalds to where the ice arena was proposed connecting up to the development in the area. Another area is Eagle Lake Road S by Wrights Crossing Park. Discussion followed regarding financing of the additional trails. Public Works Director Goebel stated there is a DNR Trail Connection Grant that could be applied for.

Committee Member Rossman stated people are fishing by Highway 10 on the sidewalk. It was previously discussed that larger, flat boulders might be placed in the area closer to the water where people could fish from instead of the sidewalk. Public Works Director Goebel will check into this.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that Graniteman Big Lake is scheduled for August 8, 2015. This year they will be having two events, a sprint and a marathon using an Olympic size course.

5. STAFF UPDATE

Public Works Director will be gone the week of November 10th for the regularly scheduled Park Advisory Committee Meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A copy of the bi-laws was available for all Committee Members.

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz reviewed information he emailed to Committee Members of a link to a website (<http://freenotesharmonypark.com>) of a company that supplies musical park instruments. Discussion followed.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.