

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Janae Stern opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Committee Members present: Janae Stern, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Eugene Earney and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Katrine Nau and City Council Liaison Dick Backlund.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman motioned to accept the September 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Goebel gave an update on River Oaks Park. Sentence to Serve along with the Public Works Department have been working at cleaning the park. The gazebo is torn down along with metal being dug out of the ground and filed in. An old holding tank was also filed in. Not much time is being spent on the house but efforts were made to seal and preserve it for the winter months. The old restrooms are scheduled to be torn down. All the garbage along the shoreline has been picked up along with removal of some trees. A tentative date for the Open House in the spring will be discussed at a later date.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz sent a project introduction of River Oaks Park to a classmate at North Dakota State University (NDSU) hoping their Landscape Architecture Department can provide creative ideas about the opportunities available at this property. The project introduction was discussed at a faculty meeting at NDSU. Once they go through their curriculum for the spring they will get back to Planning Commission Liaison Marotz.

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz stated he would like the Park Board to have the ability to make a recommendation to the City Council in regards to budget cuts or have our Park Board Council Liaison bring the Park Board concerns to the workshops for discussion. Discussion followed. Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee

that budgeted Park Dedication money has already been cut. Public Works Director Goebel will keep the Park Board informed if there is talk about future budget cuts that will affect the parks.

As a reminder the November Parks Committee Meeting was cancelled.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko inquired if City Administrator Bodem would attend a Parks Meeting so they could introduce themselves to him.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.