

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on August 11, 2011, at Sunfish Lake Park, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Melody Shryock
 Vice Chair Angela Olsen
 Commissioner Bridgett Barr
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Richard Chubb
 Commissioner Andrew Fyten
 Commissioner David Minke

Commission Members Absent: none

Also Present: Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Shryock called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

A resident, Morna Paul who stated she lives off of Sunwood Drive and 147th stopped by the meeting just as it was adjourning at 7:18 pm to comment to the Commission that she walks the trail system around the Sunfish Lake Park everyday and she really loves it and she also likes the addition of the canoes and kayaks even though she has not used them yet.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Barr to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda for the meeting dated August 11, 2011 as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Barr, Bennett, Chubb, Fyten, Minke and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Fyten, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 14, 2011.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Barr, Bennett, Chubb, Fyten, Minke and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Case #5.1: Recommend Approval of 2011 Park's Capital Improvement – Central Park's Parkway

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed the design illustrating the proposed parkway and parking improvements.

Commissioner Barr asked how come it is such a price increase.

Park Supervisor Riverblood responded the \$135,000 was just an estimate, you have to begin somewhere then you get into the schematic design where you are actually able to measure the concrete curb and gutter.

Chairperson Shryock commented to this that it also looks like you have a little bit more parking also.

Commissioner Chubb asked would the street be two way.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood responded no, that is why there is a turnaround. This eliminates traffic in a number of ways.

Commissioner Chubb asked is this going to create people looking for parking spots up at the turnaround.

Chairperson Shryock responded the main concern is the kids conversing back and forth between the fields, and with traffic going one direction will eliminate some of the conflict.

Motion by Commissioner Barr, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to recommend \$250,000 of park trust fund be allotted for Capital Improvement Plan for Central Park.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Barr, Bennett, Chubb, Fyten, Minke and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Case #5.2: Trail Planning – Recommend Future Park Land Dedications West of Mississippi West Regional Park

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed in his staff report that the purpose of this case is to formally recommend that a part of the park dedication of for whatever future development of Outlot A of 2 acres that is the property owned by Hope Fellowship Church that park dedication be satisfied by a land dedication that is shown in two corners as shown in the exhibit.

Commissioner Chubb asked where does the trail go now.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood outlined where the existing trail was and how it followed down to the river and then the pedestrian overpass would connect.

Motion by Commissioner Barr, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to recommend that the City identify two portions of the Hope Fellowship property for potential Park Dedication satisfaction at the time of development, or before, to provide for construction of trail related facilities.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Barr, Bennett, Chubb, Fyten, Minke and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Park Supervisor Riverblood stated that the Elmcrest building planning is in the Youth Associations court right now.

Park Supervisor Riverblood stated he is trying to pull together a September 15 community picnic BOB FM but he is looking for people to help cook the corn and staff the grill. He asked for the Commissions participation with that.

There was discussion of the new reader board in relation to the new overpass, the funding for the new rail station, and trail maintenance of the new trail along Alpine Drive west of Armstrong Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks Supervisor