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PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
April 19, 2023, at 5:15 pm
CITY HALL TRAINING ROOM
AGENDA

CALL PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of the March 8, 2023, meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Trevor Novacek-Tree Climbing Competition at Glen Park
2. Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting time discussion

STAFF REPORTS

1. Parks
2. Recreation

CALENDAR

Next Park and Recreation Advisory meeting May 17, 2023, in the City Hall Training Room.

ADJOURNMENT

***Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.***

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Training Room

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart, Melissa Pedrini and Natasha Schaefer.

Members Absent: Alyssa Mueller (Council Rep)

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Erica Ellefson-Public Works Manager; Emily Shively-City Planner; Kendra Ellner-Planner; Sam Burns-Planner; and Ellen Massey-Management Analyst Fellow.

Others Present: Mark Klapatch-Mathias, Tony Steiner, Tonya Schmitt, Alex Zick, Sara L'Allier, Maureen Ash, and Elizabeth Bowden with Grow to Share; Kristin Wilson, Joe Mischke, Ann Leake, Jeff Bjork, Sean Downing, Ben Fochs.

HPC Members Present: Heidi Heinze (chair), Jayne Hoffman, Mark Anderson, Julie Huebel, Pam Friede, and Jeff Bjork (Council Rep)

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Schmitt with Grow to Share spoke about their gratitude for the Grow to Share location at Hoffman Park. They invited Park Board to visit the garden for a tour and/or a meeting. Bowden with Grow to Share shared her personal positive experiences with Grow to Share. They are unable to request grants or build a kitchen if their location is not certain.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Sam Burns, planner, discussed the memo he included in the agenda about the Thompson Storage Parkland Dedication Fee at the corner of Old Chapman Dr. and Chapman Dr.

MSC Dobbertin/Pedrini to approve the collection of fees in lieu of parkland dedication for Thompson Storage Development. Carried 6-0.

2. Kendra Ellner, planner, also discussed the memo included in the agenda regarding the Oak Hill Parkland Dedication Fee. The development will be 35 acres located on South Apollo Road. It is adjacent to Rolling Hills Park, which can accommodate the new

residents. There will also be land to be used for a future trailhead for access to Foster Cemetery and the Kinnickinnic River.

MSC Gaulke/Pedriani to approve the dedication of outlot 6 for the Oak Hill addition for the future Foster Cemetery Conservation area trail head. Carried 6-0.

MSC Dobbertin/Schaefer to forego the remaining 3.32 acres of land for cash in lieu of land, the amount to be determined. Carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The agenda included a memo from Jason Stroud about the UniverCity Alliance program. Some potential projects at DeSanctis Park were offered by City staff as suggestions for the UW system to consider. None of the project ideas have been approved yet. City staff would provide reports to the Advisory Board prior to implementing any substantial park uses or open space changes in the parks. Grow to Share members said they are unable to apply for grants or plan for a kitchen if their lease can end at any time with 30 days' notice, and that they have also established a lot of perennials. They said the current location is desirable to them for many reasons. Mark Klapatch-Mathias reiterated that Grow to Share would like to be part of the conversation.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Gaulke/Schaefer to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER PB/HPC JOINT MEETING 6:07 p.m.

Meeting convened at 6:07 p.m.

JOINT MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The Glen sign has been made and is ready for installation at Glen Park this summer before the 125th birthday celebration. This is the first of many signs that HPC hopes to put around town. The \$2,175 sign was funded by the CIP. Erica Ellefson mentioned that vandalism may be a concern. Park Board and HPC discussed that pursuing a protective coating or cover would be ideal.
2. HPC has been gathering historic information about Glover Station School. They would like to hang a sign in the front of the school, similar to the original school sign that says "Glover Station," possibly on the triangle or the window above the door. Size, placement, and color was discussed.
3. The 125th Birthday Party for Glen Park (July 15, 1873) may be held Wednesday, July 19 at 6-8 p.m. at the Glen Pavilion, and the community could be invited for historic slideshow, postcard, free swimming, cake, possibly old-time games, and a ribbon cutting for the Glen sign. There could be a photo contest, or a Guinness Book of World Records entry. Park Board will meet with HPC again on May 10 to finalize details.

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be April 19, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative