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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room or Virtually

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart
Melissa Pedrini, and Sean Downing (Council Rep)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Mike
Stifter-Public Works Director; Kendra Ellner-Planner; Jason Stroud-Asst. City
Administrator 5:26pm

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Downing/Gaulke to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Downing is looking into River Falls becoming a Bee City USA to support pollinators in our parks. He is looking for City resident volunteers to serve on a committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Planner Kendra Ellner gave an update about the Outdoor Recreation Plan. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is the steering committee for this plan. City planning staff and the consulting firm SRF have been looking at existing conditions/plans, creating plan branding, and planning the online platform and the upcoming open house at the public library. Park board should start thinking about the updated mission, goals and needs and should spread the word about Focus RF. Patricia asked how the Kinni Corridor Plan will affect this new plan. She would like to make sure it is not overlooked. Kendra indicated that is a good point and believes SRF has not yet had a chance to look at it. Next month, Park Board will discuss the engagement outcome of the February 24 open house, and begin talking about mission, goals, and needs. A year or so from now there will be a final document with draft check points for the steering committee to review throughout the process.

2. Mike Stifter discussed public rental of the historic Glover Schoolhouse at DeSanctis Park. Windows will be worked on soon, and siding will be worked on in March and April. The space should be usable by summer. There will be one bathroom, and electrically it can handle a coffee pot and a few crockpots. It is heated and air conditioned, and parking is available nearby. A drinking fountain outside can be

considered, but is not planned for at this time. The bathroom will probably not be available for public use, as it is not separate from the main room and that side of the building is not handicapped accessible. Historical photos, maps and other items will be considered for the walls and perimeter. Most or all of the historical desks may be removed to make room for rental functions with modern tables and chairs. People would be able to reserve the schoolhouse online the same way they reserve other park shelters. HPC will be invited to have their own discussion about this topic as well.

ACTION ITEMS

None

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be March 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Dobbertin/Janquart to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative