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Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, June 17, 2021

6:30 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman D. Hollerung called the June 2021 PRAB meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Daniel Hollerung, Ben Playter, Peder Jothen, Neil Lutsky, Caleb Meeker, Adam Wale

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Jothen, to approve the June 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-359](#)

Attachments: [May 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Playter, to approve the May 2021 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

Andrea and Adam requested support from PRAB to move forward with fundraising to build a splash pad Memorial Park near the outdoor pool. The Northfield splash pad group is working with their fiscal partner Propel who will complete accounting, state paperwork and grant them 501C status. Discussion was held on the changing landscape of Northfield parks with COVID and the new riverfront enhancement projects. PRAB members encouraged the splash pad group to move forward with this endeavor.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [21-360](#)

2022 Park CIP Items

Attachments: [1. Hockey Boards.pdf](#)
[2. Field Improvement.pdf](#)

Discussion was held on the 2022 Park CIP budget. Staff recommends improving the existing hockey rink at Babcock Park to regulation size (200ft x 85ft), install fencing around the ends and new LED lights. Staff also recommends hiring professional services to plan for repair of the retaining wall at the Babcock softball field and bathroom upgrades. This construction would take place in 2023. Members expressed the need for a place to warm up before softball games and the need for improved backstop and fencing at the softball park.

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Meeker, to add the reconstruction of Babcock hockey rink and lights along with planning/design of Babcock bathrooms and softball fields to the 2022 Park CIP.

All in favor. Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATES

3. [21-361](#) Staff Reports

Attachments: [1. June Park Report.pdf](#)
[2. Comm Ed Report.pdf](#)
[3. Rec Report.pdf](#)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Playter, to adjourn the June PRAB meeting at 7:22pm. The motion carried unanimously.