



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Dale Gehring called the March PRAB meeting to order at 7:04pm.

A motion was made by Board Member de Malignon, seconded by Board Member Jothen, to approve the March 16, 2017 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Ross, seconded by Board Member Jothen, to approve the February 16, 2017 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

1. [17-707](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes-Feb-2017](#)

III. Public Comment

Sara Payne with Friends of Way Park shared improvements the group would like to add to Way Park, which included a picnic area, walking path, drinking fountain, playground mulch and plantings. The Friends of Way Park will present at the April PRAB meeting with more details and updated maps.

High school students Athziri Marcial Rodriguez, Odalis Ascensio Puga and Sheyla Lino along with advisor Sara Tetrault asked PRAB to accept their donation received from grants to be spent on additional playground equipment at Dresden Hills Park. The girls explained the process and time involved in securing the funds. Their goal was to provide safe play for young children in the Viking Terrace neighborhood.

A motion was made by Board Member Ross, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to accept the money presented by the high school students Marcial Rodriguez, Ascensio Puga and Lino received from grant funds to be earmarked for the specific project of adding playground equipment at Dresden Hills Park. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Reports and Discussion Items

Tim read through the Streets & Parks and Community Education reports attached to the March agenda.

2. [17-708](#)

Staff Reports

Attachments: [Streets & Parks PRAB report.pdf](#)
[Community Ed PRAB report.pdf](#)

V. Unfinished Business

3. [17-709](#) Community Garden Update

Attachments: [RULES REGULATIONS.pdf](#)
[GARDEN APPLICATION.pdf](#)
[Meadows Park Garden Plots \(002\)](#)

Discussion was held on not charging for community garden plots this year because of time constraints. Discussion was also held on the wording of the Northfield Community Gardens Rules and Regulations document to make changes to include clarification on use of garden hoses and plot preferences.

A motion was made by Board Member Ross, seconded by Board Member Jothen, to accept the amended Northfield Community Gardens Rules and Regulations document. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business Items

4. [17-710](#) Park and Recreation Advisory Board's Strategic Planning Topics

PRAB members have been invited to take part in the Northfield City Council strategic planning process. Board members discussed topics to bring to the facilitator on April 6th to include:

- *Dam removal*
- *Phase 2 of the skateboard park*
- *Dog park*
- *Babcock park planning*
- *Pollinator areas*

Chairman Gehring asked PRAB members to send any additional strategic planning ideas to Wanda before the April 6th meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Items for the April PRAB meeting:

- * Friends of Way Park*
- * DJJD rodeo bleachers*
- * Skateboard Coalition update*

A motion was made by Board Member Hvistendahl, seconded by Board Member de Malignon, to adjourn the March PRAB meeting at 8:22pm. The motion carried unanimously.