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Meeting Minutes - Draft Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, August 20, 2020

6:30 PM

Meeting By Telephone

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman D. Hollerung called the August 2020 virtual GoToMeeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Kristin Partlo, Daniel Hollerung, Ben Playter, Nathan Knutson, Neil Lutsky, Michael Stanley, Caleb Meeker, Sammy Noreen, Mayor Rhonda Pownell

A motion was made by Board Member Partlo, seconded by Board Member Knutson, to approve the August 2020 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [20-430](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Jul-2020](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Jothen, to approve as amended the July 2020 minutes to include bike lane striping discussion during staff reports and correct a spelling error. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Reports and Discussion Items

2. [20-431](#)

Staff Report

Attachments: [August Park Report.pdf](#)
[August Rec Report.pdf](#)
[August Community Ed Report.pdf](#)

Submitted staff reports were reviewed.

T. Behrendt reported on parks, sport field, compost and community garden usage. Discussion was held on the bike lane striping in the Carleton College area. Concern was expressed for cyclist and driver safety. PRAB members would like to see data on the usage to evaluate the new street lane layout. This subject will be revisited at the November PRAB meeting. Mayor Pownell welcomes input from PRAB to share with council on which design is working best for our community. Lane layout is restricted in areas due to street width.

The ice was removed from the arena the week of August 10. The pool will maintain

regular hours through August 23.

M. Bernhard reported Community Ed summer programming is wrapping up. They will be moving into their new space (old Greenvale Park Elementary) the end of August. Social distancing and COVID precautions are going well.

V. Unfinished Business

3. [20-432](#) Memorial Garden at Way Park

Attachments: [Hospital Memorial Garden Plan for Way Park.pdf](#)

Maggie Epstein and Kristin Johnson presented plans for constructing a memorial garden in Way Park. Board member, Knutson expressed his support for the project but questioned the location and design. He asked for at least 3 options to be brought before the board and shared his design ideas. PRAB members agreed to meet in small groups at Way Park to see first hand the layout and location best suited for this important garden which will be a significant piece of Way Park. Discussion on this project will continue at the September PRAB meeting.

VI. New Business Items

4. [20-433](#) Prairie Planting Demonstration Project

Attachments: [Park Board Jefferson Park Project.pdf](#)

Kim Smith and George Kinney presented a proposed prairie planting at Jefferson Park. The proposed project would replace lawn with diverse, low-maintenance plantings aimed at sequestering carbon. PRAB members discussed planting location and maintenance. This topic will be revisited at the October PRAB meeting to address maintenance labor issues.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Lutsky, seconded by Board Member Knutson, to adjourn the August PRAB meeting at 8:16. The motion carried unanimously.