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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Training Room-City Hall 5:15PM

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of December 13, 2017 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Glen Park Pavilion -95%Plan set review**

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Discussion of Park Implementation Priorities**
3. **Kayak Entrance discussion**

ADJOURNMENT

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.

No official Council action will be taken.



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MINUTES

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Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training Room/Foster Room

5:15pm CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

Members Present: Susan Reese (chair), Hal Watson (council rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Patricia LaRue, Jim Nordgren and Dennis Zielski.

Members Absent: Patricia LaRue.

Staff Present: Cindi Danke - *Recreation Manager*; Mike Stifter - *Operations Director*; Amy Peterson – *Development Services Director*; Tony Steiner – *City Planner*

Others Present: Heidi Heinze, Shawn Downing, Mark Anderson, Jayne Hoffman, Pam Friede and Denton Anderson - *HPC members*
Ben Fochs and Cecil Bjork – *local citizens*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Zielski to approve the minutes of the November 15th, 2017 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindi Danke spoke about current progress in designing Glen Park Pavilion. The intent is to display historic pictures related to park on the walls as photographic murals and HPC and Park Board should begin thinking of what they would like to see displayed. Also, there was a brief discussion on wayfinding signs in Glen Park as well as wayfinding issues in general.

NEW BUSINESS

Outline for Foster Cemetery Management Plan: City Park Board met jointly with the City HPC. A brief review of a detailed outline for the Foster Cemetery Management Plan took

place. It was suggested by staff that this would be a suitable candidate for a State Historic Society grant. It would also be a candidate for the Stewardship Grant Program because of its history with the DNR grant program. Both HPC and Park Board agreed that the emphasis is on preservation of a sensitive historic and ecological site in balance with the public use and enjoyment of the Park. Grants are yearly for both State Historical and DNR and HPC will keep this in their work plan going forward.

2018 Priority projects/direction

Projects coming up for the next year-

- Glen Park Master plan
- Policy on Storm Shelter/pavilion use
- Hoffman Park Camping policy and procedures
- Review and Discussion of Municipal Code-Park and Recreation

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending Titles 9, 12 and 17 of the Municipal Code regarding hunting within the City limits.

The proposed amendment is before the Park Board because of a change in state law in 2015 that prohibits communities from restricting bow hunting within jurisdictional limits. Changes to the ordinance were initiated by Operations staff and reviewed by the Park Board at multiple meetings and three locations where bow hunting could be permitted on city property were identified. Community Development staff then reviewed the amendment and suggested additional changes that would affect Title 17-zoning. The intent is to remove references to hunting from the zoning code as hunting is an activity rather than a land use and should be regulated as such. Further, it is staff's intent to consolidate all regulations dealing with hunting in one section of the code. Park Board questioned at last meeting about the damage of crops, so it was reworded to have the City get permission from the renter and the City can then give the permission. This is just a update for the changes in the wording, no further approval is needed.

Cecil Bjork addressed the Park Board regarding Kayaking from below Glen Park and the impact that additional parking has to Park and Church Street, especially on weekends. Also, the handicap accessible to the lower Kinni, what is the ADA standards? Mr. Bjork also questioned using the Kinni when the water level is low, which the kayaks disturb the rivers bottom causing erosion. At this point, there are two local kayak companies that utilize the upper or lower Kinni for kayaking. River Guide Kayaks and Kinni Creek, there was another company, Kinni Kayaks, that is no longer operating a business here. There are also many other residents that use the Kinni for kayaking on their own during the summer months. Mr. Bjork suggested perhaps the City of River Falls, Kinni Land Trust and the Department of Natural Resources should meet to discuss what the increase of kayak use is impacting the Kinni River from sites to enter and exit the river, to the impact to fly fishing and to land owner along the river. He also suggested to look for alternative sites for entering the river, one is the City disposal site and the other site is Foster and Bartosh St. His concerns have been addressed to the Kinni Corridor committee during the recent charrette and Park Board will continue to work on these issue during continued Kinni Corridor and Glen Park Master planning meetings.

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 17, 2018 at 5:15PM

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Watson/Nordgren to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Danke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager

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