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**AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Training Room-City Hall 5:15PM**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of January 17, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Girl Scout Troop 55651 Presentation-** Madeline Simpson, Madeline Keller, & Grace Vivoda-Sadee
- 2. Storywalk along one of the Pathways/Trails Presentation-** Nancy Miller, Library Director

OLD BUSINESS

- 3. Finalization of Glen Park Implementation Priorities**

ADJOURNMENT

*Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.*



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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training 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: None.

Staff Present: Cindi Danke - *Recreation Manager*; Reid Wronski – *City Engineer*; Mike Stifter - *Operations Director*; Amy Peterson – *Development Services Director*; Tom Schwalen – *Facilities Maintenance Supervisor*

Others Present: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Dobbertin to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2017 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

City Engineer Reid Wronski shared updated information about the Glen Park Pavilion plan. The design is currently 95% complete. The current construction cost for the pavilion is estimated to be \$1.35 million, which does not include engineering. There are about \$75,000 in add-in alternates/add-ons, and about \$40,000 in items that could be removed from the project. The exterior includes cultured stone wall, beams, 3 overhead garage doors, many windows, steel roof, and historic pictures (1/2" high density plastic which are \$1200-1500 each and seven are needed). Outside there will be a stone wall to sit on, a grill, gutters to rain gardens on each end of the pavilion, and plants to keep the patio area more private. The floor will be a lightly broomed concrete with sealer. The pavilion will seat about 80 people inside, and many more

outside on the plaza. City Staff will ask designers about a deeper sink in the prep area, and having fans inside the pavilion, as there is not air conditioning in the rentable space (only in the storm shelter area). The City will buy the furnishings such as benches and tables.

Tentative upcoming dates to keep looking at this project include a bid opening March 15th, Park Board March 21st, and City Council March 27th. Hopefully City Council will grant approval to award a contract in March. Construction may start after Labor Day 2018. (Recreation programs will not be affected this summer.) Parts of Glen Park will still be usable in the fall of 2018. At least one, and possibly two, of the current playground equipment sets will remain. The pool and much of the west side of the park will not be usable during the remaining construction in 2019. By the end of fall 2019 the whole park should be completed. We may not have enough money to do the entire master plan in 2019, so some of the projects may need to be evaluated and possibility of not doing until a funding source is secure.

NEW BUSINESS

Reid shared results of citizens' priorities as indicated at the public meetings and the customer appreciation event. He then shared a sheet of costs for various parts of the project. The total preliminary estimate for five main areas (with engineering and inspection) is about \$4.6 million and we have a \$4.3 million budget, so ISG is looking for ways to reduce the cost. Naming rights may help with funding. There is not enough money to do the entire project at this time. Staff is recommending that the east side of the park will need to wait, until funding is available. Also, the aging pool will need to be re-done at some point, so the splash pad will be placed in such a way that the pool can be reached from the east side and replaced in the future. For next month, each Park Board member needs to come up with a list of their priorities. Focus on what you would buy for \$4.3 million. Also list 2-3 more priorities if additional funding was to become available. This information will be summarized and forwarded to City Council as the official Park Board recommendation.

The kayak entrance was discussed, but Park Board determined that they need to wait and see what the Kinni Corridor project decides. There is a concern about congestion and wonder if there is another location that kayakers can use. Park Board feels the current location needs to be managed until a new location can be determined.

The next Park Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 5:15PM

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Reese/LaRue to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 21ST, 2018
REPORT

FROM: Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager

RE: Park and Recreation Board February 21st, 2018

- **Girl Scout Troop 55651 Presentation-** Madeline Simpson, Madeline Keller, & Grace Vivoda-Sadee will be present to discuss their idea for Silver Award project. If you would like to see a rough draft of presentation, please click on the link.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OjfatZx1xOJiOqhi9dWK2e9T7LFLcPG0Qa3Id6f7_bM/edit?usp=sharing
- **Storywalk along one of the Pathways/Trails Presentation-** Nancy Miller, Library Director will be present to ask about setting up a storywalk along one of the pathways/trails. She does not have a preference as to which one, at least not at this time.
A storywalk is a set of boards with two pages of a children's picture book on each one. Those walking the trail can read the story as they go along. It's a wonderful way to exercise body and mind. The boards can be temporary or permanent. I've seen everything from wooden sandwich boards to permanent metal structures with a clear plexiglass cover.
The library would be responsible for changing out the stories every month and for maintenance of the boards. It can be just a summer thing or year round. We are looking for grant money for this project.

I'm enclosing a couple of photos of storywalks in other communities.



This is in New Richmond's Acorn Park.



A simple wooden board.



Super simple and temporary.



Metal signboard.

- **Discussion of Glen Park Priorities** Please bring along information sheets from January meeting.

Please let me know if you cannot attend this meeting.
Thank you.