

Como Regional Park Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2012

Attendees: Dan Marckel, Jim Henricksen, Randy Quale, Nick Eloff, Paul Kolias, Art Oglesbay, Kim O'Brien, Pete Bolstad, Mark Ross, Elizabeth Stiffler, Tom Dapper, Kathy Korum

The committee provided feedback on the community discussion with the signage and wayfinding vendor.

- The group thought the discussion was well-thought out and well-managed.
- They listened
- We liked the description of the hierarchy of signs
- We need to get more folks from the community involved
- 12 or so folks responded to the survey
- May need to show this at a big event – bonfire at the NW Como Rec Center maybe?

The group had a preliminary discussion on mile markers on parks trails to help EMS and Fire personnel locate and ill or injured person more quickly. More discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Committee members were invited to help assess the conditions and customer service experience at Putt'er There, a mini-golf facility in Como Regional Park. The vendor has provided passes to encourage the secret shopping experience. Their agreement expires at the end of the year and our feedback will be appreciated. A written survey will be provided for the members who wish to participate.

The committee had some good feedback about the first month of the Como Pool operation.

- The entry area is congested and clumsy getting through.
- The lap swimmer at my house loves the new pool.
- The zip line seems to be the coolest thing – everyone likes it.
- The cliff jumping is a little confusing.
- The lazy river and children's area were each closed once when we were there due to contamination of some kind, or a child getting sick.
- If you are 7 or 8 years old, there isn't as much for you to do.

The committee had some good feedback on the Hmong Freedom Celebration.

- The Como Pool being closed was disappointing.
- Some of the traffic and transportation plans seemed odd, but not a huge deal.
- The event seemed one of the quietest in years...wondered whether attendance on number of vendors was down.
- Good that this is a contained event – love that there is no parking on Como Parkway.
- Thanks for all the work in picking up trash and keeping the neighborhood clean.

Other:

- Dan got a response on the letter we sent to Metro Transit. He reports they have received LOTS of feedback on proposed route 83 and are re-thinking it.
- Elizabeth reports that Public Works is monitoring the intersection at Como and Horton with increased traffic related to the Pool.
- Markings in the trail at Como Lake are not clear – Kathy will notify Parks Maintenance.