

## MARCH 2012 MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2012

Phalen Park Golf Course Clubhouse

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Bishop, Jonathan Carter, Dave Haley, Dan Marckel, John Mountain, Betsy Mowry, and Emily Shively

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erick Goodlow and Andrew Trcka

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Hahm, Diana Berchem, Mike Kimble, Susie Odegard

**GUESTS:** No visitors

### 1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carter at 6:30 pm.
- b. Commissioner Mowry moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Mountain seconded the motion. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent. Commissioner Bishop arrived after this vote was taken.
- b. Commissioner Marckel moved to approve the February 2012 minutes; Commissioner Haley seconded the motion. The vote was 6 to 0 in favor with three commissioners absent. Commissioner Bishop arrived after this vote was taken.

### 2. ACTION ITEMS

#### a. **Resolution #12-02 Legacy Amendment Funds Distribution**

Director Hahm mentioned that he is working with Legislation along with nine other Metropolitan Regional Parks implementing agencies to support the position of the Metro region related to the Parks and Trails Fund, then introduced Mike Kimble to provide the background.

Mike Kimble talked about how Legacy money was distributed in recent years and how it compares to the projected distribution for 2012/2013. Outstate Minnesota agencies are pursuing legislation to designate an equal split three ways (DNR/Greater Mn Regional Parks & Trails/Metro area) resulting in a wide geographic disparity giving almost 2/3 to outstate projects. The Metropolitan parks system was established in large part as the State parks serving the Metro area. The outstate parks agencies pursuing funding are part of no such system or structure.

Director Hahm recommended the adoption of the resolution in support of more equitable distribution of Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails funds.



**A motion was made by Commissioner Mowry to accept Resolution #12-02 and seconded by Commissioner Shively. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two commissioners absent.**

**b. Commission Policies**

Director Hahm asked if the Commissioners had any additions or changes to the updated Commission policies that were sent for their review. There were no recommended changes. It was noted that Commissioner Goodlow and Commissioner Trcka, who were absent from the meeting, sent emails indicating they each felt the policies were acceptable as written.

**The motion was made by Commissioner Shively to accept the updated Parks and Recreation Commission Policies as recommended. Commissioner Marckel seconded the motion. The vote was 9 to 0 in favor of finalizing the Parks and Recreation Commission Policies as written.**

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a. Golf Performance Plan**

Director Hahm introduced Susie Odegard, Special Services Manager, who provided an update on the Golf Performance Plan, including a written report.

Susie gave an overview of the 2011 season and spoke of the many factors that contributed to the St. Paul golf courses not meeting their revenue goals, primarily due to unseasonable weather. She also highlighted new marketing strategies to help generate revenues for 2012.

**b. Elected Officials Communication**

The Commissioners discussed meeting with local elected officials to update them on current matters. Staff was asked to provide talking points.

For consistency, the Commission appointments with elected officials should set a goal to meet before May.

**4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. Monthly Director's Report**

Director Hahm brought to the Commissioners' attention the status of the Lilydale Park Master Plan project and the subject of recent news and reports.



b. **Great River Passage Follow-up**

Director Hahm and the Commissioners reviewed the Great River Passage public hearing. The Commission discussed feedback from some visitors who had concerns about the format of the meeting.

Director Hahm said that in order to assemble a staff report of all the comments received from the public hearing, it will take more time to process than expected. He recommended that the Great River Passage action plan item be moved to the May Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 at Linwood Recreation Center rather than at the April Commission meeting.

The staff report will be provided to the Commissioners when staff has completed it.

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

a. **Como Regional Park Committee** – Commissioner Marckel

Commissioner Marckel indicated that three RFP's have been selected to interview for the Signage and Wayfinding in Como Park. He will report more on the outcome of the interviews next month.

b. **Blooming St. Paul** – Commissioner Mountain

Commissioner Mountain indicated the next Blooming St. Paul Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19. He will provide a report next month.

c. **Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission** – Commissioner Trcka

No report.

d. **Trees Advisory Panel** – Commissioner Goodlow

No report.

e. **Victoria Park** – Commissioner Shively

Commissioner Shively indicated the task force application notices were sent out and are due by Friday, March 23.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Marckel motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Haley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.