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Park Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Carver County Public Works Headquarters Building
11360 Hwy 212 West
Conference Room #3

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (7:00 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the March 13, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:01 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:03 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (7:04 p.m.)
- 5) Open to the Public (7:05 p.m.)

- 6) New Business (7:10 p.m.)
 - a. Request for a Fireworks Display at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

- 7) Discussion (7:15 p.m.)
 - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Program-Update
 - b. Trails Policy
 - c. Summer Park Tours

- 8) Staff Reports (8:15 p.m.)
 - a. Amendment No. 1 Minnesota River Bluffs Extension Regional Trail
 - b. Southwest Regional Trail
 - c. Lake Waconia Regional Park
 - d. Events and Activities
 - e. Legislative Update

- 9) Commission Member Reports (8:30 p.m.)
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (8:35 p.m.)
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (8:40 p.m.)

Please note if a Commission Member cannot attend the meeting, please call the Park Office at 466 – 5250.

Draft
Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2013

Members Present: Thomas Hermann, Myron Karki, Jim Manders, Ron Trick and Carrol Aasen, Cindy Dobratz and Commissioner Ische

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz

CALL TO ORDER: Karki called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

MINUTES: 7:01p.m. Trick motioned to approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Hermann seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:
7:03p.m. N/A

AGENDA: 7:03p.m. Hermann motioned to approve meeting agenda, Trick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Open to the Public: 7:06p.m.

Public Present:
Mike & Robin Lengren – City of Carver
Mark Williams – City of Cologne

New Business: 7:04p.m.

A. *Proposed amendment for extension to the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail master plan*

Walsh presents on topic and reviews: Previous work done, Park Commission role, request by the City of Carver, the proposed amendment, components to the amendment that will need approval by the Metropolitan Council, timeline of the intended public process and a detailed explanation of each trail segment.

Park Commission Questions:

Dobratz: Who sets the requirements that need to meet approval?

Staff Response: Metropolitan Council sets requirements and reviews amendment for approval.

Karki: Are there significant differences in elevation between the two possible trail alignments?

Staff Response: Yes, with pro's and con's to each alignment.

Dobratz: Why not take advantage of existing trail in USFW area?

Staff Response: USFW typically do not allow paved trails in their acreage.

Commissioner Ische shares his thoughts pertaining to the homeowners in the area of possible trail alignments, and work that's been done (Cty Rd 40 bridge) in anticipation for future trail projects.

Staff shares recommendation with Park Commission to:

1. Keep alignment and alternate alignments along Segments 1 - 3
2. Continue along Co. Rd. to Carver Bluffs Parkway
3. End proposed Master Plan Amendment No. 1 at Caver Bluffs Parkway
 - Consideration
 - » No eminent road or development project in the area
 - » Additional planning can occur at the time of road project or development
 - » Works to satisfy concerns about the trail alignment in segment 3 & 4
4. Recommend approval of trail alignment for the master plan amendment to the County Board

Manders asks about the distance from parking area (SW corner of USFW land) to Nature Center?

Staff responds that it is nearly 2 miles or better.

Hermann asks about paved surface requirement? – Staff responds yes, paved surface is preferred but not required under regional trail guidelines.

Public comments:

- Indicate on master plan the third alternate alignment
- Question about the township role? – Staff respond, not much role
- Would like possible trail alignment “lines” removed and replaced with “arrows”
 - o Concerned that “lines” once on a master plan map, are unlikely to be removed

Manders makes a motion that trail continues as described, with alteration of the possible trail alignment “lines”, and replace with “arrows” pointing in general directions.

Trick seconds the motion. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Staff Reports (7:40p.m.)

Update on AIS Program:

Staff informs Park Commission on recent work done, particularly a meeting with DNR staff regarding centralized inspection services at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park servicing

Christmas Lake and Lake Minnewashta. Staff explains continued work will be done, creating a rough outline and proposal for a centralized plan to DNR, then presented to County Board in an official format. Dobratz asks about charging users for inspection services at Lake Minnewashta for Christmas lake users. Staff informs Park Commission that by law inspection services must be offered without any fees assigned. Aasen asks Staff to work on self-certification program.

No further questions or comments.

Lake Minnewashta Off-leash Dog Area:

Staff updates Park Commission on email from Park Commission member Josh Ives and input from other frequent dog park users. Ives shares input from public to completely fence the area, fencing off/out the marsh portion of the dog park. Also shares public input to possibly put a gate in the fenced portion around the marsh. Staff responds that a gate would likely not be included in plan, for concern of similar issues that have recently arose.

No further questions or comments.

Minnesota Astronomical Society Building Construction:

Staff reported on construction activity for the two new Minnesota Astronomical Society facilities at Baylor Regional Park. Staff present a video produced by MAS volunteers working on the project of the construction of the dome roof to the Casby Observatory.

No further questions or comments.

Southwest Regional Trail:

Walsh reports he believes purchase agreements will soon be signed between homeowners and Bank that owns property within the trail project.

No further questions or comments.

Planned 2015 extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs Trail:

Staff updated the Park Commission that the County has received word that federal grant funds to construct and pave a segment of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail were approved for 2015. Explanation of the project is provided, detailing a paved trail from the former Union Pacific Railroad corridor from Athletic Park to the City of Carver levee and out to Cty Rd 40. Work will continue to select an engineering firm, to then develop the Project Memorandum and construction documents in preparation for 2015 bid opening.

No further questions or comments.

Events and Activities:

Staff updates Park Commission on our Maple Syrup Open House at Baylor Regional Park on March 16th. Staff urges Park Commission members to join the activities and bring their

friends and family. Staff also updates Commission members on updated programming and event information on the Park webpage as a good resource for those looking for information. Staff shares excitement for spring and summer season ahead, with a very busy schedule planned.

No additional questions or comments.

Legislative Updates:

Staff update the Commission members on the Parks and Trails legacy bill and the process of dividing Parks and Trails Legacy funds between State Park system, Metro. Regional Parks and Parks of Greater MN and the continued work taking place. Staff explains more details are to come, which will be provided to Park Commission in the coming future.

No additional questions or comments.

Commission Member Reports: (8:06p.m.)

Commissioner Ische: General updates on projects and work done in the County – 3 million dollars approved in overlay projects on County roadways, fiber optic cable project moving along well and updates on rumble strip policy in the County.

Dobratz: informs Park Commission of her upcoming extended absence to Commission meetings May-July.

Karki: Informs Staff and Commission of the Home EXPO on April 6th in Waconia.

Next Meeting Date: (8:15p.m.) 7:00pm on April 10th at the Public Works Building in Cologne

Adjourn Meeting: (8:16p.m.)

8:16p.m. Hermann motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 to 0.