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Park Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Public Works Building
11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN

Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (7:00 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:03 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:05 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (7:06 p.m.)
- 5) Open to the Public (7:07 p.m.)
- 6) Old Business (7:10)
 - a. Trails Cost Participation Policy
- 7) New Business (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. CIP Planning
- 8) Staff Reports (Provided In Route 8:00)
 - a. Veterans Memorial at Mayer Trailhead
 - b. Aquatic Invasive Species Program-Update
 - c. Southwest Regional Trail
 - d. Phase II of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail
 - e. Lake Minnewashta Park and TH 41 Trail
 - f. Events and Activities
- 9) Commission Member Reports
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (8:20 p.m.)
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (8:30 p.m.)

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

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Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2013

Members Present: Myron Karki, Ron Trick, Thomas Hermann, Jim Manders, Carrol Aasen, Josh Ives, Cindy Dobratz

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Connie Keller

CALL TO ORDER: Karki called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

MINUTES: 6:32p.m. Hermann motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Trick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 to 0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None

AGENDA: 6:33p.m. Hermann motioned to approve meeting agenda, Trick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 to 0.

Open to the Public: 6:34p.m.
None Present

New Business: 6:35p.m. (*Tour of Potential Trail Grant Applications Projects*)

Members of the County Park Commission and staff boarded a bus to tour potential trail grant application projects. Below is a listing of the trails that were visited along with some bulleted notes concerning these trail segments.

1. County Road 10, Waconia Parkway to the Dakota Rail Regional Trail, approximately 2 miles
 - Connects City of Waconia Trail System to the Dakota Rail Regional Trail
 - Works to complete a loop trail system around the lake
 - Right of way acquisition is likely, some significant constraints with ditches/slopes
 - Likely involve a good number of property owners
 - ROW needed at County Road 10 Bridge
 - County Road 10 designated regional trail corridor
 - Trail master plan is needed to be eligible for regional funding

2. Waconia Regional Park Trail, Old Beach Lane to County Road 92, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
 - Consistent with Park Master Plan
 - Connects the Waconia trail system to the park
 - Connects to future Regional Trail along County Rd 92
 - i. Works to complete a loop trail system around the lake
 - Alignment of trail needs to be coordinated with boat access and other planned improvements for the park
 - i. Development Plan for park should be prepared beforehand or in conjunction with a grant application
 - Use of the trail connection would be high
 - i. Many people want a cut through route through the park
 - ii. Events use a worn pathway as a trail at this time
 - ROW exists

3. Southwest Regional Trail, Kirchlachen Park to County Road 43, approximately 2 miles
 - Consistent with Trail Master Plan
 - Continues connections to the City of Victoria Trail System
 - Continues the Southwest Regional Trail
 - i. Connections to the Minnetonka Regional Trail
 - ii. Connects to local parks
 - iii. Connects to Carver Park Reserve
 - iv. Mostly off-road
 - v. Need to acquire some ROW
 - Future Connection to Chaska and MN River Valley
 - Several neighborhoods have been clamoring for connection to town

4. Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail, Stieger Lake to Co. Line, approximately 3 miles
 - ROW exists
 - Need to work with Three Rivers Park District, and Hennepin Co. Regional Railroad
 - i. Not a County designated regional Trail but is regional and operated by Three Rivers Park District
 - ii. Connects to the Southwest Regional Trail
 - iii. Connects to Carver Park Reserve
 - iv. Connects to Hopkins and further east
 1. Fairly high volume of traffic
 2. Off-road
 - v. Shows continuity with the 2013 new trail construction in Victoria

5. Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, County Road 62 to County Line, Approximately 3.25 Miles
 - Segment 1) Co. Rd 62 to Bluff Creek Drive, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
 - Segment 2) Bluff Creek Drive to TH 101. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile

- Segment 3) 101 to County Line, approximately 1 mile
 - i. ROW exists
 - ii. Connects to the Southwest Regional Trail System
 - iii. Connections to Chanhassen Trail system
 - iv. Connections to Chaska Trail System
 - v. Connections to Hopkins and point east
 - vi. Bridge needed at Bluff Creek Drive
 - vii. Bridge needed at TH 101
 - Master plan amendment needed
6. Extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, Hickory St to Co. Rd. 11, approximately 1 mile
- Consistent with trail master plan
 - Connects to the planned 2015 MN River Bluffs Trail project – Chaska to Carver
 - Connects with the City of Carver's Trail system
 - Connects to MN River Valley State Trail
 - Connects to the USFW
 - i. USFW will not allow paved trails
 - 1. Funding options would not include Federal funds if on USFW service property
 - Construction along County Road 40 may be difficult without extensive engineering
 - The Carver Bluffs Parkway neighborhood has been clamoring for a trail connection to town

Staff Reports (6:35p.m.)

B. Aquatic Invasive Species Program -Update:

Staff updates the Commission members on the Workshop Session with the County Board on Tuesday, 13th of August. Staffs reviewed the presentation that was given to the Board, addressing the direction the Board had given Staff in July, to look at costs and savings of a multi-lake inspection system. Staff explained the three options shared in the presentation to the Board. Provide services in 2014 as we are currently and allow Christmas Lake to manage their own services and desires for their 2014 program. Provide services in 2014 at the level provided in 2013 and adding Christmas Lake to Lake Minnewashta services. Provide a much broader level of services with 3 inspection areas positioned in the 3 Regional Park areas the County owns/operates.

Staff shared with Park Commission the response from the Board to not explore expanded services in 2014, but to maintain the service level provided in 2013. Staff shared with the Park Commission, as well as the Board, the likelihood of significant Park construction in 2014 at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park in paving the main park roadway and redeveloping boat access #1. As result, the County Board directed Staff to plan AIS services in 2014 similar to 2013.

Staff informed the Park Commission of another meeting with the County Board on August 20th, to discuss a letter of support for the Christmas Lake Homeowners/MN COLA to be submitted to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

No further questions or comments.

C. South West Regional Trail

Bid opening was done on July 30th. There were only two bids for the project, bids came back 17% higher than anticipated engineers cost. Recommendation is to proceed with project - Sunram Construction has been awarded the project.

Commissioners questioned the proceeding with the project given the higher than estimated costs. Walsh explained that the bid environment has been affected by the wet spring conditions and that many contractors are not looking for additional fall work. Justification for proceeding with the project includes that there is not a guarantee that if the project were rebid at a later date that the project would come in at a lower cost, the cities of Victoria, Chaska are okay with the project. Costs above the engineers estimate will be shared between capacity of federal funding provided, cities and Parks and Trails Funds. Consideration was also given to the sunset dates for approved grant funding and to keep the project on tract and delivery to the public on schedule.

No further questions or comments.

D. Phase II of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail - No Comments

E. Lake Minnewashta Park and TH 41 Trail - No Comments

F. Events and Activities:

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

- Last Camp for the summer taking place this week.
- Just finished up with two weeks of Girl Scouts of over 300+ girls.
- We had about 50 kids for the Beach Bash, first time we held this event at LMP, and saw increased revenue this weekend.
- Nordic Fest will be held September 7th at the Park.

Lifeguard services have concluded at the beaches as of August 12th. Gate staffing will reduce after Labor Day, with staff going back to school.

Some of the upcoming fall programs:

- Archery Series with Watertown
- 3D Archery Program
- Gocaching for Pumpkins in October
- Chili Cook-off at Baylor Park - Looking for Park Commission to either judge or to participate with a chili of their own.

No further questions or comments.

Commission Member Reports: (8:43p.m.)

Aasen commented that he has been fishing at Lake Minnewashta and the inspectors are doing a good job.

No other comments.

Next Meeting Date: (8:34p.m.) September 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Public Works Building

Adjourn Meeting: (8:35p.m.) Karki motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 to 0.