

MINUTES
PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Schleper at 5:00 pm Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda

Members Present Joe Schleper
Dan Menk
Mike Lindquist
Chris Hart
Mary Ditty

Members Absent Heather Motzko

Also Present Dan Sjordal, NWA
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Dan Vick, Council Liaison
Wendy Biel, Recorder

No discussion or motion was made.

3. Order of Business

A. Update on Parks Publicity Plan / Website updates / etc.

Phil Kern, introduced Dan Sjordal, who presented the schematics for the Central Park Improvements. Many alterations were discussed and considered due to maintenance of current building(s), financial options, priority of improvements and future expansion ideas. Committee members agreed to schedule an Open House for public opinion at the October Park & Recreation Committee meeting; Mr. Sjordal offered to make the changes suggested and have a new schematic available for the October meeting.

B. Update on Riverfront Park

1. Benches

Three benches were ordered for the Riverway Park; however, the installation design is different than those previously ordered. Staff is working with LSI to maintain the look throughout Central Park, Riverway Park and future seating at Clover Springs Park; updates will be presented as to the reorder for Riverway Park at the next meeting.

2. Sculpture (Art)

Mike Lindquist would like to keep the integrity and peacefulness of Riverway Park, maintaining a nature park atmosphere and keeping with environmental type art structures. The current sculpture design has been altered due to its weight; this piece will now be displayed laying down in the green space to the north of the Senior Center parking lot.

3. Clearing efforts

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Phil Kern explained the interest expressed by Ed Mathisen to work on clearing the overgrown banks along Crow River between the Highway 12 Bridge and past the Bridge Avenue area. Kern continued noting Mr. Mathisen will work on replacing brush with erosion control plantings, possibly funded through volunteers and grants. Staff will invite Mr. Mathisen for further discussion at the November Park & Recreation Committee meeting.

4. Trail

The trail for the Riverway Park is completed for this season; it has been excavated and chipped. Public Works will revisit this trail area in the spring for any settlements and corrections.

C. Update on Clover Springs Park

No discussion or motion was made.

D. Update on Downtown Riverfront Planning (Dream Team funding)

Vince Vander Top, City Engineer, is working on this and will present to Staff in October.

E. Park related items in 2012 City Budget

No discussion or motion was made.

F. Discuss future expenditures paid by Park Board stipend(s)

Members discussed the options of picnic tables, trash receptacle(s) and possibly doggie stations. Discussion will continue at the end of year, when total stipends value will be available

G. Discuss outstanding issues

No discussion or motion was made.

4. Adjournment

Chair Joe Schleper adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2011.

No further discussion or motion was made.