

AGENDA
PARK and RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 26, 2011
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Schleper at 6:00 pm Wednesday, October 26, 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 Phil Kern, City Administrator
 Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
 Dan Vick, Council Liaison
 Wendy Biel, Recorder

No discussion or motion was made

3. Minutes

A. Minutes from Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

No discussion or motion was made

3. Order of Business

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

This project is nearing completion and should come to fruition by mid to late November 2011.

Dan Menk suggested contacting the Delano Herald Journal to update and announce the Parks & Trails Map Kiosks, Riverway Park trail and Clover Springs Park this spring when use will be increasing due to warmer weather.

B. Update on Riverfront Park

1. Benches

Ernie Eden is working with Flagship to replace the legs of the benches; installation is projected for November 2011.

Riverway Park was re-graded with 4" black dirt and reseeded; Ernie Eden suggested future discussion of trash receptacles next spring for some of the trails throughout town.

2. Sculpture (Art)

Phil Kern updated members that Council held a Public Hearing at the November 1st meeting to discuss the Sculpture design and placement; Council agreed to table this for further discussion at a later date.

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Park & Recreation Members had a consensus of frustration during their discussion, in not being continually informed as to the development of this project. Members had a positive reaction to a potential Art/History walkway, but would like to see an overall concept plan before placing one item in a location that may or may not be a good fit. They requested for future projects to have the design, materials, and location submitted for recommendation prior to grant submissions.

Members also discussed possible locations and their concerns were: (1) Utilizing the green space (triangle area) in front of the Country Mall. This developed a concern due to the current size of the sculpture and potential views being blocked from various driving directions. (2) The original placement at the Riverway Park. This was also a concern due to the design of the current sculpture; Members prefer the Riverway Park to be an environmental-type design park, enhancing the river views, tree lined walkway and natural surroundings. A possible stainless steel sculpture of flying geese along the riverfront was suggested by Mike Lindquist; this received positive feedback from the board as a better fit for that nature setting that befits Delano's riverfront. (3) Placing the sculpture somewhere on school property due to the collaboration with students in the design process. (4) Placement of the sculpture on the green space adjacent to the City Hall/Senior Center parking lot. Board members discussed this location due to its proximity to the Heritage Center, Senior Center, Granite Works, and the Community Ed. Center. Their biggest concern was the feedback from surrounding residents.

C. Update on Riverfront Restoration Project

This project is slated for 2012 due to planning restraints (surveys, grants, plant selection, etc.).

D. Discuss Downtown Riverfront Planning Project (Dream Team funding)

No discussion or motion was made

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

1. Dairy Queen's previous outdoor seating (Dan Vick suggestion)

Members appreciated Dan Vick bringing this to discussion and requested that he follow up on the opportunity to acquire the cement round picnic tables.

F. Discuss outstanding issues

No motion or discussion was made

4. Adjournment

Chair Joe Schleper adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

No further discussion or motion was made.