



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2020

City Hall – Council Chambers



I. Call Meeting to Order

President Crosby called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Amanda Crosby, Jill Joyce, Jenny Peterson, David Demmer, Britt Rohrbaugh, Noah Kramer, Dudley Edmondson, and City Council Liaison – Arik Forsman.

Not Present: David Kirby (ISD 709 School Board Liaison), Frank Jewell (St. Louis County Board Liaison), Erik Torch, Dudley Edmondson, and Tjaard Breeuwer

III. Approval of January 8 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Demmer motioned for approval of the January 8 meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Kramer. Unanimously approved.

IV. Presentations

A. Snow Dogs Grooming at Hartley (Informational) – Mike Reuter, COGGS

Commissioner questions

Joyce questioned the advantages of having a snowdog vs a snowmobile. Mike mentioned the turning radius is much smaller for narrower trails and the compaction seems to be better. Shared that most of the volunteers are not snowmobile operators, the snowdog just requires the user to stand.

Jenny Peterson requested more information on the Keene Creek Skills Park. Mike Reuter mentioned this is currently in the planning phase and will be focused on kids. Jessica Peterson mentioned the St. Louis River Corridor includes Keene Creek Park, which is slated to have a mountain bike skills park.

Edmondson questioned the width of the snowdog. Mike Reuter mentioned the snowdog is 20' wide, but they are grooming 24-27' and compaction is an important key. Edmondson questioned how often Lester is groomed. Mike Reuter mentioned 1-4 times like Hartley.

Crosby questioned the cost of the snowdog. Mike Reuter stated this model costs \$3,800.

B. Signs and Wayfinding 2020 Update (Informational) – Matt Andrews, Trails Coordinator

Commissioner Questions

Demmer questioned if there is a way to have signage that indicates where you could make a call if an emergency were to take place. Matt Andrews indicated COGGS has been heavily working on new mapping in the park. Indicated the City has a GIS system specifically developed by the GIS and Fire Department for emergency situations, which is known as Avenza.



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V. Commissioner Committees

A. E-Board Membership – President Crosby

Tjaard will be the Vice President and the Commission is seeking a new Secretary.

B. Public Golf Committee Update – President Crosby and Jessica Peterson, Parks and Recreation Manager

VI. Commissioner & Liaison Reports

VII. New Business

A. Brighton Beach Trail Easement Dedication (Action Requested) – Lisa Luukkala, Sr. Parks Planner

Peterson made the motion, Noah second.

Demmer mentioned that he voted against the mini-master plan in the past because he felt that the infrastructure would not withstand the potential wave action.

Edmondson questioned the alignment of the roadway. Lisa Luukkala displayed.

Vote passes 6-1. Demmer nay.

VIII. Old Business

A. Chester Trails Update (For Future Action) – Matt Andrews, Trails Coordinator

XIII. Division Report

Jenny Peterson requested an update on the development RFP for Lester Park Golf Course. Jim Filby Williams mentioned that the application is currently open.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

XIV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2019 in the City Hall – Council Chambers.