

Wayzata Parks and Trails Board

Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Board Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall

Present: Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Joanie Cunningham, Jim McWethy, Sarah Randolph, Tyler Purdy, Sarah Showalter and Mike Kelly from City. Also present were Emily Neuenschwander and Brad Aldrich from Confluence.

Absent: Mary Bader

Agenda was approved as presented by motion of Borg Babcock and second of Randolph. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes from August 15, 2018 meeting were approved as presented, unanimously, by motion of Borg Babcock and second by McWethy.

- Public comments: Lindsay Bashioum expressed concerns about bike lanes down Lake Street and encouraged the board to continue to explore other options.
- Nadine McGuire addressed the board to suggest a balance between activation and quiet reflective space and to consider not only improvement costs but also maintenance costs.

Old Business:

1. James J Hills Recap –
 - a. Booth - Board thought that event went well and good comments from public were received. Confluence participated on Saturday on Saturday with board coverage. 20 residents completed the survey following the event.
 - b. Concert impacts to beach access – During Beach Bash concerts, no access to the toilets and limited to beach. Set-up has been similar in past years and staff had given permission. A porta-potty was set-up for marina users. A possible solution might be to keep women's restroom (on west side of pavilion) open for marina users. Board would like to explore options to keep beach and pavilion open to public and not restricted by concerts in the future. Comments will be passed along to council
2. Minnetonka Community Education – we received an invoice from MCE for summer programming, which included a request for a bonus for exceeding 350 participants (428 total participants). Board instructed Mike Kelly to recirculate a breakdown of attendance for each event and a copy of the contract to confirm achievement of stipulated goals. Tabled until October meeting.
3. Preliminary CIP – Mike Kelly addressed the board re-orienting west tennis court at bell courts into 4 pickleball courts. By restriping into 4 pickleball courts, the middle court would have to be converted into a singles-only court. Board expressed reservations about losing double alleys on second court. Option might be to orient the pickleball courts east/west, but this presents challenges with sun. Board to research pickleball courts and discuss again at October meeting.

Workshop Meeting with Confluence:

Recap James J. Hills Day feedback and input and presentation of revised park plans:

Confluence has collected and collated all the feedback received from the community during James J. Hills. Given the volume, only highlights were address, all feedback will provided in individual board packets. Board to review packets and provide feedback by Monday, September 24th by 3:00pm prior to joint workshop with council.

Discussion included:

- Four peer communities have responded to benchmark survey. PROS Consulting is compiling results and will provide report findings at a later date.
- Community events resulted in 165+ participants focused primarily on Wayzata residents
 - Park-a-palooza = 15+ participants
 - Art Experience = 50+
 - Open Houses = 50+ (collectively)
 - JJ Hills = 50+
- Online Participation (survey) yielded 189 participants

Confluence and board discussed summary review of feedback gathered across the process on a park specific basis which confluence combined into a “preferred draft” for each park that were presented to board.

New Business:

1. None

Other Business:

1. Showalter inquired with the group as to thoughts regarding commenting on the redesign of Lake Street and the value of connectivity. Group decided discussion needs to continue along with planning and design of final plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 moved by Borg Babcock and seconded by Purdy. Motion carried 7-0.