

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by chairman, Dan Baasen at Wayzata City Hall on November 19th

Present: Dan Baasen, Merrily Borg Babcock, Joanie Cunningham, Holly Evans, Bridget Anderson(laison)

Absent: Sarah Randolph, and Dave Dudinsky (staff)

Merrily Borg Babcock moved and Joanie Cunningham seconded motion to approve minutes as submitted for the October 29th Meeting. They were approved with unanimous vote of the Board

The agenda was approved as presented and by the motion of Holly Evans and second of Joanie Cunningham

OLD BUSINESS

Appointments for 2015: There were six applicants for four open positions including two renewal applications and two open positions which would bring the Board to seven Directors. Robin McWethy withdrew leaving five applicants for 4 positions; Holly Evans, Dan Baasen, Jim McWethy, Tyle _____, Sarah Schowalter are the applicants. The Board was asked by Chair, Dan to look to the candidates for constructive additions looking to strong attendance, and high passion for the Parks & Trails.

Website Update: Merrily Babcock and Joanie Cunningham.

Dan Indicated that the Website would be of even greater impact for the City Citizens than the Trail & Park map that came out this summer. Bridget hopes to see website highlight, feature, and spot light the Parks while promoting events and activities for

residents in the parks like concerts, athletic activities and children's programs. Joanie felt we were moving from "not much" to "lots of good stuff"

Merrily reviewed the progress of the Website design including the Park summaries, histories, amenities, and features. There was discussion of each Park & Trail by the Board relating to consistency. Clarifications were made. It was the desire of the Board that the P&T map and website not conflict, but that each served its own purpose.

There was discussion of Parks & Trails Fund Balances. Dan indicated that he was working with Don, our Finance Director for the City, to determine the balance of this fund and establishment of clarity as to what entries and subtractions from the Fund were authorized and appropriate. There was concern over how this fund had been used in the past and what transfers were legal. Baasen summarized that we were looking to properly recommend projects that were appropriate and possible within our budget so that said recommendations to the Council fit into possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF A HEALTHY PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND VISITORS.

Simply put, to interact with citizens, city council, and staff to make parks better, increase the awareness of park & trail features, and promote their use.

We need to review this mission and develop a strategic plan to pave the way for consistency over the next five year. Board members

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were asked to do their homework on review and to surface ideas for “what does success look like” for the Board. we will further discuss this at our December meeting.

Merrily proposed that we have a meeting at Lafayette Club to welcome and charge new members and existing members to highlight potential tangible upgrades to our Parks & Trails System for 2015 and beyond. After discussion, it was proposed by Holly Evans that we have this event and do it in January, probably on the 21st.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Approved.