

Chair Baasen called meeting to order

All Present: Dan Baasen-Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock-Vice Chair, Joanie Cunningham, Sarah Randolph, Holly Evans, Bridget Anderson-City Council Member, Dave Dudinsky-Staff Liaison, Public Works Director, Johanna McCarthy, visitor

Agenda for August Workshop Session was approved.
Minutes of July 16 Board meeting were approved with no additions or correction.

CIP WORKSHOP-NEW BUSINESS

I. 2014 CIP Approved and Completed Projects as of August

- a. Forsythia, mulch and tall grasses were planted on the west side of Heritage Park along Central Ave.
- b. Adirondacks Chairs at Depot, (*chairs at beach, week of Oct 13th 9-11th on October 25-Sat. ?Not sure what this is??*)
- c. P&T Brochure completed.
- d. Dog Waste Dispensers have been placed around town (16).
- e. Temporary Off Leash Dog Park- Dave will add large sign at the Klapprich Field hockey rink promoting this test area prior to JHill. It was requested by Board that sign be placed on the north inside wall and not closer to the road. Signage does not need approval of Sign Ordinance, as it's temporary. Australian sail was discussed being proposed possibly in next years budget.
- f. Drinking fountains: A fountain will be placed at Depot on September 15 but the fountain at beach must wait until utility work is completed and will be coordinated with beach house upgrades. Plumbing under beach house has separated/degraded with the heavy rain in spring and summer. City asked McCormick's for their plumbing plan to retrofit the beach house. Beach House construction will be completed for summer of '15.

II. PROPOSALS FOR 2015 PROJECTS

- a. -More Adirondacks Chairs. 2 more white plastic chairs at Depot (total will then be 7) 5 colored Cedar Adirondack chairs at beach, 2 colored at Shaver Park, (colors for beach chairs have already been chosen-2 more chair colors can be chosen). 3 white plastic Adirondack chairs on Bell Courts Cabana patio (not inside playing area), two at Klapprich East play area. Chairs have been secured as Dave thinks they will be stolen.
- b. -Black blade signs.
- c. -"H" dock will be added to CIP proposal when city requests dock expansion with LMCD. These transient docks will be east of the Broadway docks and west of the Burlington Northern RR docks. Other transient docks will go east of the Depot charter boat docks. The Little Beach dock was also proposed.
- d. -Eastman Marsh boardwalk and dock will also be presented with Lake Effect. (We must be advocates for Little Beach dock as this also falls in P&T CIP funds) The boardwalk across Eastman Marsh takes into consideration safety issues for walkers near the roundabout.
- e. -Exercise equipment will be escalated. Outside exercise equipment placed at various parks and along trails.
- f. -Bike stripes...down Barry Ave. and then back west again. Very heavy bike traffic off Dakota Trail.
- g. -Dave will resurface of Bell Courts in 2015...and will add pickle ball stripping on all courts at this time.

- h. -Fireplace and shelter at beach or Shaver Park. Must do research...look at Minnetonka, etc. Original sketch was pretty expensive but there is no reason why Wayzata can't do something of quality. Just a shelter, no bathrooms, no water, etc. Away from beach...sit out there and enjoy a fire. Add winter skating area with lights. Discussion about deep water by Broadway docks if decision was to add skating in that location. Dudinsky worried about pressure ridges forming but if skating were initiated at beach area it would be a "piece of cake". Winter season suggestion: Ice trail loop from Little Beach to Big Beach...plow for walkers and skaters. Lake Minnetonka Water Patrol (?) would need to issue a permit. Possible hazard to snowmobiles-could be very difficult to maintain marking
- i. -Upgrade Public bathrooms. We need to spend more time on this issue. With Lake Effect, Chamber's lease was just renewed for a year, which was surprising. Is it right for visitors just to use the Petit Potty? Initiate study for bathrooms...stand alone buildings. This is a very nice town...there is no other town that gets their signature building with a Porta-potty. To move chamber would need council approval. Look at Depot as visitor center. Hanging lights at Depot west side are original. Suggestion: Best location-Depot. How can Depot be best-utilized...Visitor center P & T will need to initiate study? Can we get funding? P&T must be advocate. RR Visitor Center to help people enjoy town. Rented out for weddings. Focus on permanent solution to bring it back to original look from plan. This issue was discussed with Lake Effect. Historical Society renovated east side waiting room. Council is working with outside consultant (Mary Delay) for Lake Effect. How Council is going to ramp up the process. Evening walkers and visitor's bathroom use-advertise swipe cards...for Bell Courts. Should we initiate lights at Bell Courts Park? In the past, neighbors complained about lights.
- j. -Sections Foreman's House: Discussion about City buildings-no funding or allocated funds for refurbishing Section Foreman's House at this time. In the CIP...defined and keep on the radar.
- k. -More water fountains. There has been a new water fountain proposal at area on trail at Bushaway Road and McGinty.
- l. -Water features. Utilized by the public...data on how ___?___ is working. Should there be a water fountain at beginning of Dakota Trail?

(Johanna McCarthy joins meeting as a visitor)

- m. -Large CIP proposals are recorded out to 5-10. New items: Maintenance, Dave mentioned re-decking bridge over Lagoons. It was stated that maintenance items couldn't be funded with Park Dedication Fees.

III. BRAINSTORMING

...Improve Circle A and E triangle just north of round-a-bout. Plantings? Sculpture-NO! Figure out something, as this is a major access to city.

...Arboretum type maze. Geo caching (?) Maze is mostly planted material such as Arborvitae shrubs with wooden doors and fabric screens...we don't have the budget but it doesn't have to be the same scale. Grants?

...Contact Great River Greening and apply for grant to clean out Nature Center. Board must initiate and design a legitimate plan. Great deal of potential at this park for Boardwalk residents, seniors and avian enthusiasts (and environment). This area was discussed at Lake Effect planning sessions. This park was not "closed to the public" it was just not maintained. Could apply for a Legacy Grant. Idea was proposed to bring in a herd goats to clean out buckthorn as the fence still encloses the majority of the area and once cleaned up bird watching could be promoted.

...Start planting saplings in parks between mature trees for future generations.

...Add and Exploration Area added in Big Woods Park. Richardson Center has an Exploration Area where children can design structures of all sizes using sticks, stones, and other natural material.

...Program recreation activities in different parks.

Parks and Trails Activities-define and fund programs.

Non-profit funding needed for a Recreation Program Director because of limited tax dollars.

Pickle ball tournaments and demonstrations.

Rent shelter and Depot for additional funds.

...Bocce Ball or Shuffle Board added at Bell Courts Park. Sand pit or stripping or shuffleboard court proposed for east side of tennis courts off Minnetonka Ave. Everyone brings his or her own bocce ball. Issue with shuffleboard would be equipment (swipe card access?). Bocce Ball could also be considered over looking lake at grass area east of city hall.

...Metal animal sculptures throughout Shaver Park for recreation: Visually pleasing and good for climbing-lots of shade so metal would not heat up. Examples-Large mice, foxes, rabbits. Goose sculpture fountain at beach to keep the geese from fouling ;) water and keep beach area cleaner (Also suggested was a shotgun).

...Fountain in front of Peterson Project (Wayzata Place) adding an element of beauty.

...Benches at Margaret Circle Park for observers. As parents, if you want to watch your kids and there is no place to sit currently. Initiate neighborhood discussion. Lighting for evening skating and play structure was not looked upon favorably by neighbors.

...Lights under ice at Klapprich ice rink in winter could be a cool feature for the park.

IV. BUDGET PRESENTATION DISCUSSION:

Council budget workshop is next Tuesday (Sept. 2) where projects will be presented for CIP funds. Board was surprised that this was going to be reviewed so quickly. This workshop will be review the total budget and not just the P&T funding. We will need to work on "ball park" numbers for this workshop. It was suggested that we list projects without costs and all felt this would be a challenge as the reason this Park Board was formed was to provide direction. Time is very limited with just one hour to address total budget items. All felt there was not adequate time for the Parks and Trail Recommendations. Baasen said that he would work with Babcock over the weekend, present the findings to board and then to Dave. It was suggested that with the complexity of what we want to do and the limited time, maybe we should suggest our proposals be presented at a future workshop. Projects of interest could then be flesh out with more detail.

OLD BUSINESS:

JJHill Days Preparation:

- a. There will be two different signs as we are sharing the tent with the Volunteers Committee.
- b. One table, two chairs have been ordered for the event by Dudinsky.
- c. Schedule 10-5 Saturday, 11-4 on Sunday.
- d. Chamber will setup and take down tent.
- e. Hope to have one Park Board member present for each shift. Schedule was discussed. Sarah will float both days.
- f. More brochures will be ordered to hand out.
- g. Tent can be closed in the evening so we can leave things there at overnight.
- h. A survey was discussed.
- i. Blow up brochure map and surround with photos to explain where parks are located.
- j. List our ideas and ask people who stop which ideas they like interesting (no dislikes).
- k. Photo contest is out at this time so all members need to go out and take more photos of parks.
- l. Easel with lists attached to Foam core for survey-citizen input with the dot-ology format about suggested ideas.
- m. Other suggestions for parks can be written on post-it notes. We are interested in citizen comments.
- n. Have city staff make nametags-plastic not paper.

- o. Meet at 8 the day before (Friday, Sept. 5). (Laughing, side conversations and hard to hear much at this point).
- p. What is our budget for blowing up photos?
- q. Bring dog bowl with water- No designer water just bring jugs of water.
- r. Set up doggie dispenser by booth-bring Adirondack chair. Display sheet of POPP of bulbs to be planted.

Future Distribution of Parks and Trails Brochure:

Purchase plexi-glass boxes for P&T map that can be adhered to something at parks. Office Max sells these boxes. Brochures could also be on trolley. Holly or Sarah will investigate purchasing these dispensers.

QUESTION: When are hockey rink boards coming down as we need a sign on the off leash dog park. It would be nice to have it by JJHill day's large sign saying "Off Leash Dog Park".

Website content:

Cunningham and Babcock distributed final draft of web content. Everyone requested a "face to face" with designers and hoped that the website would be interactive. Meeting w/designers will be held at the City Hall on Sept. 11 from 10-11 and the layout will be discussed with CivicPlus (*a website group out of Kansas City*). The Board approved the P&T content requests presented. The question was asked about who would update content and how often. Do we want to meet with them? We should get as much information as possible. Bridget will get back to us on this request as the web designer hired by the city. Communication about hiring a web company designer was mentioned at a Volunteer Committee meeting as P&T Board had been told nothing would happen until closer to 2015.

New Park & Trail Board Members:

It was recommended that we meet with people interested in becoming members of the Parks and Trails Board. Dan discussed this with the Mayor and he mentioned that there is a process. Dan and Holly's terms are up in December and we need to have good transition of board members leaving and renewing. Someone mentioned that they hoped current members were going to reapply (silence).

Grant Opportunities:

It was suggested that we meet with Bryan on projects for grant applications. Legacy Fund mentioned as well as other opportunities with numerous funding sources. Call funding source prior to application for verification that project being considered worthy of funding/writing grant. We could apply for a grant through Great River Greening to revitalize the Nature Center.

FINAL COMMENTS:

- a. -Plugs at Section Foreman's House planted by volunteers are doing well.
- b. -Buffer Zone playground status was questioned and Dudinsky mentioned that LHB is working with PresHomes on this area? It was suggested that a more rustic element of play equipment be considered. Council discussed access to neighbors with entrance off Circle A Drive.
- c. -A small path that John Berryhill bushwhacked at on Eastern portion of BIG WOODS was dedicated on August 22.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Merrily Borg Babcock