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Minutes:

Park and Trails Board Meeting 4/22/14

Meeting called or order at 7:05 by chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayata City Hall.

Present: 100% Attendance. Dan Baasen, Chairman, Merrily Babcock, Vice Chair, Joanie Cunninham, Holly Evans, & Sarah Randolph. Also present from city staff was Dave Dudinsky, and Council Member Bridget Anderson, and Heritage Preservation Board member, Judy Starkey.

There was a Motion to approve the last meetings minutes. Babcock motioned and Evans seconded. Minutes passed.

Agenda had a change to add Brian Gadow and Todd Racine, with the non-profit, Great River Greening, were there to review the landscaping and plantings for the Section Foremans' house.

Great River Greening www.Greatrivergreening.org.

Great River Greening is a non-profit based in St. Paul that does environmental restoration in open spaces on city, county, or state land. When applicable they like the get the community buy in and get local volunteers. It seems to work better to have community support as opposed to a contractor do the work. The project will involve plantings and seeding. All plants need to be approve through the DNR since the grant is coming from them. They help to make sure the plants selected will be good native plants that will do well with the weedy nature of the space right now. Seeds will be spread but so will some supplemental plantings will be done as well.

- Gadow and Racine presented the plan for plantings and part of the Wayzata Lake Effect project. They have found a grant program through the DNR shoreline restoration program. They have received funding of about \$19k from the DNR with a city contribution from the city for about \$5k. The plantings will take place on city land to the east of the Section Foremans' house. They have been working with the city volunteer committee to market the solicit volunteers help to do the install of new planting materials. This event is to take place on June 7th in the morning. They are looking for advice about how to best market this to the community and illicit help.
- Evans asked about the quality of the soil. Babcock commented on the trash in the area.
- The site will be prepped by their technicians to get ready for the June 7th planting event. They will have their people go in to prep the site with aquatic approved weed control, as well as, trash removal, and tree prep.
- The agreement between Green River and the city goes through 2016. Their technicians will be working with the city to keep the site in good condition and well maintained. There was discussion of city members being able to shadow the technicians to learn how to continuously manage the space. All materials and planting e equipment, gloves, safety glasses, & tools, will be provided by them for the planting event. They are hoping to have close to 30-50 people.

- There was mention of other events that are being held the same day, the Cemetery walk and the Beach opening.
- There will be no herbicide on the site for 7-10 days before the area will be planted. Event will be Rain or Shine.

Motion to approve the agenda, Cunningham motioned, Babcock seconded. Agenda approved.

Old Business

1. Evans gave a quick synopsis of where we are with the Brochure.

- Overview of the map, amenity list, contact info, board member list, and an overview of our Parks and Trails.
- Working to clean things up a bit and make it a little more simple and clean. Taking into consideration the average demographic and ease of use.
- Baasen, brought up discussion about how detailed the brochure is vs. the amount of information on the website. The thought is that the brochure will be clean and simple and the detail info will be on the website.
- There has been discussion about whether we have a specific Park & Trails email address that people could use to ask questions or inquire about volunteer opportunities.
- We are looking to have a quick summary description of each park.
- Dudinsky has forwarded the information to Tara and she is working to implement it into the map/ brochure. There is discussion about make the color scheme of the map brighter.

2. Discussion and resolution of accelerating and funding previously supported city park projects.

- What is our priority presentation to city manager and the city council?
- Baasen agreed to meet with Heidi to discuss the possibly of accelerating some of the projects that were review by the council but not approved.
- Looking for consensus from the board to see if there are two or three projects we can work on presenting and getting approval for.
- The projects discussed are:
 - 2015 signage for the trails
 - 2015 Dog Park at Klapprich
 - 2016 Outdoor exercise equipment
 - The H-dock at the beach
 - 2017 is the fire pit at the beach. These are the remainder of the projects the Park and Trails presented that the approval were pushed out to future years.

3. Chairman Baasen's contact with the Communication Board

- Need to work with the communications board on the content management.
- Cunningham and Babcock have compiled their own list to present to the communications board through their work on the website.

4. Website subcommittee update by Cunningham and Babcock.

- They are going to clean up their list and then going to forward it along to present for the RFP's.
- How do we best work with the communications expert to manage content etc.
- Discussion of a photo contest to obtain some great photos for our brochure and website.
- Babcock and Cunningham will meet again in June and present their additions/ findings for the July meeting.

5. Beach House Food Vendor Update

- Baasen asked Dudinsky where we were with the beach house vendor.
- Dudinsky expressed concern that it isn't moving as quickly as he had hoped between the food inspector and build-out etc. but that it is moving along. The city is hopeful McCormicks will have their ducks in a row to present at the next council meeting.
- Baasen asked if there was a plan B if McCormicks wasn't able to move forward. There was some discussion that we would be able to come up with something. Overall feel is that McCormicks would still like to move forward and are working in that direction.

New Business:

1. East Entrance Updated given my Dudinsky.

- Discussion about the lake effect and the different elements of the Eastman Lane aspect of the plan and how things are going to be moving forward from here.
- The plan is still pretty high level and not very detailed at this stage. There has been some issue with the roundabout and the restricted entrances. If it were made bigger we would lose some of the sidewalk and the roads would be right up to the property lines.
- There has been discussion of the fire lane and how to improve that space.
- The trail on Eastman lane is a bike trail on the north side of the street. There will be a pavement change to signify where the lane starts and stops. How is this going to lay out and be used in the smartest way?
- Lakeshore terraces large steps to sit on a view the lake. There is an attempt to separate the residential and commercial areas of Wayzata and the lake.
- Babcock suggested that the "L" dock at little beach move a little closer to the existing yacht club docks to not infringe on the residential docks right there.
- Dudinsky stated that this section of the Lakefront Effect is kind of the first segment that is going to be focused on which is thought to enhance that entrance to the city.

- There has been discussion of having story telling along the North pathway. Starkey from the preservation board is hoping to work together with the Park and Trails board to implement these additions along that area.
- Evans asked when do we actually plan to see ground broken? The Eastman date is contingent on the discussions between Hennepin County and the NSF, the Railroad. The railroad needs to agree to lower their tracks 6' before the work can begin. The bridge over the tracks on Bushaway needs to be replaced before the Bushaway Rd project can begin. The Eastman Lane project was originally meant to begin either June or July but the city is still in negotiations. As soon as that is settled the project can go out to bid.

2. Other Business

- Starkey was there to discuss the possible locations of the trapper cabin in Shaver's park. Looking for ideas and open discussion as to which three locations make the most sense. City is going to look at a few spots that will make the most sense as to where it will be placed. There has been a lot of thoughts and discussion about it's use.

Motion to adjourn, everyone motioned, and Evans seconded.

Workshop with Tara the Brochure designer is scheduled for May 7th at 6:30.