

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair, Dan Baasen, at Wayzata City Hall on February 18, 2015.

Present: Dan Baasen as Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Randolph, Joanie Cunningham, Jim McWethy, Sarah Showalter, Tyler Purdy, Holly Evans and David Dudinsky (staff).

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended* by motion of Borg Babcock, seconded by Evans and unanimous vote of board.

**Removal of hyphen in name Borg Babcock*

Agenda for February 18, 2015 meeting approved as written. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by McWethy and unanimous vote of board.

The Board expressed appreciation of the work and guidance provided to the P&T Board this past year by Bridget Anderson as City Council liaison. A motion was made and seconded that the Board obtain and personalize a commemorative gift to present to Bridget in thanks. Randolph volunteered to coordinate suitable recognition and was going to review available pictures that could be incorporated.

Baasen suggested that we move presentation by Jake Houts ahead of OLD BUSINESS. It was agreed to and our business meeting started with Jake.

Jake Houts, Wayzata High School freshman, made a formal presentation to the Board regarding an Eagle Scout Project he would like to pursue. Jake's hope is to build and install (5) mini neighborhood libraries, commonly known as Little Free Libraries (www.littlefreelibrary.org) in the City of Wayzata. A lite discussion took place around possible locations within Parks with final placement locations TBD.

In Jake's initial discussions with the City Manager, it was suggested to make the little libraries look historic (similar to the Depot or a historical house.) Randolph suggested painting them all one color and Borg Babcock wanted them to be painted on all sides- inside and out for better wear.

Estimated material cost is \$600 (with a 30 day building phase from date of approval.) Jake is seeking a formal “benefactor” to cover this material investment. He is also requesting support from the Parks & Trails Board to move the project forward.

Long term maintenance was brought up as a concern. Jake’s solution was to find “sponsors” to care for each library. These sponsors would check on the libraries and maintain as necessary.

A motion “to endorse, promote and potentially fund” this Little Free Library project was made by Baasen, seconded by Borg Babcock and unanimous vote of board.

The Board returned to the regular agenda.

Old Business:

1) The new City of Wayzata website will be available for public viewing on February 19, 2015. Parks & Trails Website Committee Leads, Borg Babcock and Cunningham, were generally pleased with what CivicPlus presented to the City and the quality of their work, but they had not meet with any staff members prior to the site being launched. With that, Borg Babcock and Cunningham did see the potential for further enhancements. The Board discussed having a member dedicated to monitoring the specific Parks & Trails site pages and to work directly with Kristin Classey when updates are needed.

2) East Corridor Landscape/Circle A Drive Pedestrian Connection Workshop Recap

Prior to the evening’s Parks & Trails Board Meeting, a joint workshop was held in conjunction with the City Council to discuss East Corridor Landscape/Circle A Drive Pedestrian Connection options and next steps. Items discussed included:

- a) Roundabout Landscape Plan
- b) East Buffer and Management Plan
- c) Additional Pedestrian Facilities
- d) Great Lawn and East Block Construction

Board members were satisfied with the East Corridor Landscape recommendations made by City appointed Landscape Architects, Michael Schroeder and Lydia Major of LHB.