

Parks and Trails Board

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Vice Chair Borg Babcock called meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present: Sarah Randolph, Joanie Cunningham, Dick Himes and Merrily Borg Babcock, PW Staff Dave Dudinsky

Absent: Dan Baasen

Meeting Minutes from April 17. Additions and/or Corrections

- Decision was made to include more clarity on discussion issues and Board votes be recorded for the record.
- Communication Specialist Samantha Groze name was added to the staff in attendance along with City Manager Heidi Nelson
- *Motion to accept minutes with corrections/additions: Himes 1st /Cunningham 2nd.*
- *Randolph will make the additions and corrections and submit the minutes to Becky Malone to be posted.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- **The Buffer Zone** was reviewed by Borg Babcock from the April 29 walk-about, after weather related delays. Those present: Parks Department Staff Scott Roberts, Kevin Klapprich, City Engineer Mike Kelly, Senior Folkstone Superintendent Tom Dykof and LHB Landscape Designer Michael Schroeder attended the walk through along with P&T Board Member Borg Babcock..
- **Borg Babcock** questioned the TREE SURVEY on page R 3.0 of the Wayzata Bay Redevelopment Plating Plan and which column of the tree survey was the most recent, as there seemed to be many changes on what trees would be saved or removed.
- Himes questioned the shabby appearance of the area and the standing water issue. Dudinsky explained the drainage issues-that this area was drainage from uphill parking areas and that the water then drained along the north side of Lake St. to a culvert by the Dietrich Building and out to a storm water pond east of the Section Foreman's House.
- *This issue will be presented at the July 2 or 16 City Council meeting. Everyone was encouraged to make sure that Becky Malone, City Administrator, has their email address for distribution of future agendas.*

Other Old Business:

- **The Biff at the Depot:** Dudinsky felt there were mixed feelings about the placement (Randolph and Borg Babcock preferred the location where porta-potty is located today-surrounded by trees, Himes preferred new location presented). Dudinsky reported that he and City Manager Nelson made the final call on placement and that it would be installed by Friday, June 22 in time for the Art Fair. Randolph requested more landscaping.
- **Park Visits-Brainstorming as a group by the Board:** Most felt this was unnecessary except for a visit to the Nature Center and the Section Foreman's House. Dudinsky suggested that we ask Council to join us if they are available. We will visit the Nature Center the second week of August (tentivly schedule for Saturday morning., August 10 or 17?) and have our August 21 board meeting at the Section Foreman's House. This August Board meeting gives staff time to clean up the **location**.
- **Review Website/Communication Ideas:** Randolph questioned the time for our Communications Specialist to schedule a follow up meeting. *Unresolved*

NEW BUSINESS:

- **CIP fund allocation:** Dudinsky distributed the most recent (5/14/2013) 5 year distribution of fund suggestions and explained where monies would be spent at this juncture. The Board reviewed information and asked questions.
 - ❑ Upgrades on the dangerous bike path at Eastman Lane and Bushaway Rd. was questioned by Himes.
 - ❑ A sidewalk on Wayzata Blvd. and a retaining wall at the David Lee Funeral Home and the U.S. Bank was mentioned by Dudinsky.
 - ❑ Randolph wondered what could be done to slow traffic at the turn lane of 101 and Wayzata Blvd.

- **Other issues:**

- ❑ LIFE GUARDS: Borg Babcock asked about 2 lifeguards at the beach and if this is standard for the entire swimming season. Dudinsky stated that the contractor makes this decision.
- ❑ PICKLE BOARD: Randolph inquired about the Pickle Board Court discussed earlier. Dudinsky mentioned that he is conversing w/the Middle School management about adding this to one of their tennis courts.
- ❑ POST OFFICE POCKET PARK: Borg Babcock distributed information about Artist Siah Armajani's commissions in the Minneapolis area. In 1996 he designed Wayzata's Post Office Pocket Park. It was discussed that the wooden boardwalk be replaced with cement. This was discouraged, as it is a piece of the designed landscape art.
- ❑ SPRING BULBS: Borg Babcock suggested that spring bulbs be planted at the Post Office Pocket Park this fall for a burst of spring color after a gray winter. Himes felt this would not be appreciated or noticed as PO visitors were usually rushing.
- ❑ NEW PICNIC TABLES: Dudinsky reported that the PW staff would be building 6-12 new picnic tables this winter for the parks. This would be in addition to the tables already in the parks.
- ❑ (Other issues discusses??)

- With little time remaining to review all of the park suggestions and Cunningham unable to meet in July for the regularly scheduled P&T Board meeting because of travel obligations, it was decided to read the **"Recommendations and Ideas for Specific Parks"** and make a decision on the areas each member deemed important to accomplish in 2014. Borg Babcock also requested the members add their ideas. Dudinsky requested that he be able to rate what he and staff felt was important. There will be several workshops discussing the CIP Funds. Dudinsky mentioned that the council would possibly take this up in July*.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 24, 5-6 p.m.

- **Board members have been requested to bring their highest priority suggestions to this meeting marking highest priority with a number 5**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 by Dick Himes and seconded by Joanie Cunningham.