



Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Wayzata City Hall Community Room

Attendees: Vice chair Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Showalter, Bianca Jensen, JP Yorro, and Blake Cameron.

City Council: Councilmember, Molly MacDonald

Staff: Parks and Environment Planner, Nick Kieser.

Additional Attendees: Matt Lysne and Ilana Levine from HCM Architects and Wayzata Conservancy Executive Director Peter Hitch.

1. **Klapprich Park Site Visit:** The Parks and Trails Board conducted a site visit of Klapprich Park with the consultants of WSB and HCM Architects.
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Borg Babcock at 6:22 p.m.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Borg Babcock motioned to approve the minutes with the addition of language regarding discussion around exploring adding a kitchenette in the Bell Courts Cabana. Minutes approved unanimously as amended.
4. **Public Comments:** No public comments provided.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Klapprich Park Design Development Update.** Representatives from HCM Architects were present to discuss warming house and cabana improvements. An estimator is working on cost estimates of the proposed building improvements. The Board reviewed changes to warming house including adding an exterior door to restroom area, adding benches and cubbies and reducing size of outdoor seating area. Discussed adding an additional ceiling fan to the interior space and it was noted that the existing hall by restroom is wide enough to keep the water fountain where it is which will be updated on the plans. Discussed communities with facility rental options like Hamel and Roseville and potential

for rental income. The rental income possible would be minimal in the scope or the building and park improvements.

Regarding the Bell Courts Cabana, the Board discussed removing the baseboards located at the covered patio area since screens will not be put in, addition of plexiglass windows on the western wall to reduce noise, and possibility of a kitchenette in the pump room. HCM Architects discussed requirements regarding ADA compliance if updates are made to the Cabana. Noted that the bathrooms are close to being ADA compliant. Minimal work to building such as painting would not trigger ADA requirements but if more extensive work is done, 20% of budget needs to go towards making the building ADA compliant. This could require funds to be dedicated to an ADA sidewalk to the Cabana. General agreement around refreshing exterior of Cabana. Design of ramp to access building will need to be reviewed in more detail in the future.

WSB provided an updated plan for landscape design of Klapprich Park. Staff noted that a 40' hillside slide ranges from \$40,000-\$60,000. A survey will be conducted at the end of March and into April to gain community input at this point of the design process. A board will also be up at the State of the City to gain additional input.

- b. **Arbor Month Event.** Cameron made motioned to approve \$200 in nursery gift cards for the Champion Tree Contest at the event. Unanimously approved.

6. New Business

- a. **Bell Courts Opening Day Event.** The public bid by Odesa II has been approved by Council to complete the Bell Courts reconstruction project. Target for significant work to be completed is July 15. Board members are to think about what the opening event might include. Spearheading planning will be discussed with Sarah Randolph.
- b. **Spring Splash.** Wayzata Conservancy representative Peter Hitch was present to request the Parks and Trails Board to be present at the Spring Splash event which is to be held on May 4th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Panoway. Jensen and Showalter will plan to represent the Board at the event with promotional information regarding Music in the Parks, Bell Courts opening, Arbor Day give away and Klapprich park project. Staff will start to put together materials for this event.
- c. **Maple Tree Tapping.** Borg Babcock reported the tree tapping season was short and ran only about three weeks. The DIY equipment rental has been closed.

7. Other Business

- a. **Communications.** Staff reported that the Klapprich Park survey will go out in the next couple weeks, Spring Splash promotional material will be prepared, additional materials will be prepared for the May 18th Arbor Day event and April 27th Earth Day event with rain barrel and compost bin give away.
- b. **Staff Updates.** No additional staff updates currently.
- c. **Future Agenda Items.**
- Klapprich Park Update
 - Bell Courts Opening Event
 - Spring Splash Update
 - Possible Site Visit
- d. **Adjournment.** Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17. Showalter motion to adjourn, Bianca Jensen seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.