

MINUTES:

Park and Trails Board Meeting 6/17/15

Attendance: Chairman, Dan Baasen, Vice-Chair Merrily Borg Babcock, Sarah Showalter, Joanie Cunningham, Holly Evans, Jim McWethy, Tyler Purdy, & Sarah Randolph. Also present from city staff was Dave Dudinsky and Mike Kelly, City Engineer (visitor).

Mike Kelly was invited to discuss Eastman Lane to Bushaway Road Trail access. The plans include a 6 ft wide paved trail on the north side of Eastman lane from the roundabout to the Bushaway intersection. The Eastman Lane Trail will continue north to the intersection of Wayzata Blvd. The trail will also connect to the southbound Bushaway Road trail via signaled crosswalks on the north and east-sides of the intersection. The trail had to be located on the north side due to space restrictions caused by the eastbound right turn lane on Eastman lane.

The city is away that avid cyclists will likely use the road/road shoulder for cycling, as such, Eastman lane will be marked with share the road signage depicting both bicycle and vehicles. Likewise, the trail will be marked with "Shared Trail" signage informing the trail is available for both bicycle and pedestrian uses.

A 5ft. sidewalk will also run continuously from the end of Lake St/roundabout to the Wayzata Yacht Club east parking lot on the south side of Eastman with marked crosswalks at Shady Lane and Arlington Circle.

Call to Order - 6:30 Meeting begins.

Changes are made to the agenda, "other" items was added to new business for discussion in agenda

Move to approve the agenda by Borg Babcock, Seconded by Showalter.

Motion to approve minutes by Borg Babcock and seconded by Randolph.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Update:

McWethy provided a new format of the 5-year strategic plan delineated across the five goals (presented below) and designating those that are planned and new items/strategies yet to be presented to Council.

- Goal 1 – Expand Parks Activities and Engagement
- Goal 2 – Parks and Trails Access and Connections
- Goal 3 – Communications
- Goal 4 – Finance
- Goal 5 – Maintenance and Upgrading of Existing Parks, Trails

Discussed additional bike racks (Goal 2) and including location of bike racks to trail map. Also discussed investigating Nice-Ride (aka "green bikes") rental bike programs and possible partnering with other organizations/communities.

Discussed adding signage to the individual parks to include history and/or amenities. This is to be included in wayfinding initiative but language is needed for signs.

Continued discussion about eliminating or separating "maintenance" items and expenses from strategic plan. Dudinsky shared that city is in process of removing maintenance from CIP and including them in the operating fund.

Discussed adding including more winter activities.

Mission Statement Update:

Who are we? Does it reflect where we are 3-5 years from now?

The previously approved mission statement is:

To provide recommendations to the city council for the preservation, protection, enhancement and promotion of a healthy park and trail system for all community members and visitors.

Mission statement was unanimously validated

Vision Statement:

Group discussed objective of Vision Statement and decided homework assignment to begin defining our vision. Group decided to circulate vision statement idea via email prior to July meeting.

Review of Accomplished Projects:

Borg Babcock led discussion on P&T projects that have been implemented/accomplished.

Accomplished Projects:

1. Seven Adirondack chairs at the beach
2. Seven Adirondack chairs at other parks (2 @ shaver, 3 @ Bell Courts, 2 @ Klapprich)
3. H Dock
4. Drinking fountain at depot
5. Pickle ball striping at Bell and Jr. High tennis courts
6. Post office park bulb planting
7. Maple tree tapping
8. Dog waste bags & signage

(Brochure and 5 Adirondack chairs at depot were excluded as they were accomplished in previous year)

Items not yet accomplished but approved in CIP:

1. Beach Concession (work under way)
2. Bike lane on Eastman Lane (in process)
3. Bocce courts (two locations)
4. Depot bathroom upgrades
5. Drinking fountain @ beach (order placed)
6. Dog park sail and signage (poles are in place, sail and signage will be up soon)
7. Park Programming (e.g. pickle ball instruction)
8. Margaret Circle benches
9. Circle A tree bench for Trapper's Cabin

JJ Hills Days (September 12-13):

It was discussed and agreed by board to again share a booth with the Volunteer Committee and look into having a larger booth (or combining two booths) to accommodate both groups. Dudinsky will look into availability of larger booth.

It was also agreed to have at least two P&T board members at the booth at all times.

Australian Sail Update/Doggie Park Update:

Sail is on order and should arrive within next 10 days. Discussed banner and design previously provided by Randolph. Dudinsky has initial bid for banner of ~\$300. Group decided on green lettering on sign.

Dudinsky offered to bring extra fire hydrant stem to Doggie Park.

It was discussed and determined if it was not feasible to bring water to the off-leash park.

New Business

Lake Effect Signature Project RFP Selection Committee:

P&T board is able to nominate one member to serve on the selection committee. Baasen is already on committee as chair of LMCD. Borg Babcock volunteered, Cunningham inquired about committee meeting times (Baasen to clarify). Other interested board members should contact Baasen.

Identification of future Capital Improvement Projects:

Additional Park & Trails Ideas:

Group discussed existing ideas of P&T board along with new ideas. Goal will be to reaffirm and prioritize projects for upcoming CIP presentation during July meeting.

- Musical Instruments in parks
- Summer concerts at Klapprich hill east
- Lights @ Bell court
- Dock @ Little Beach
- "Kid friendly" fountain
- Upgrade nature center
- Platform tennis courts
- Shelter @ beach w/ fireplace
- Lakeside rink & path
- Exercise equipment
- Community garden
- Fitness program
- Bike racks
- Green bikes
- Brochure update 2016
- Bike trail striping
- Parks programming
- Maze/labyrinth
- Benches @ little beach
- Fire pits
- Additional park staff
- Additional picnic tables (for beach)

Board agreed to rank their preferred items using a 1-3 scale (1=high, 3=low) with each member having six votes (2-high, 2- med, 2-low).

Other:

None

Randolph motions to adjourn. Seconded by Cunningham, Borg Babcock, Showalter, & Evans

Meeting adjourned 9:03