



Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
5:30 pm

Wayzata City Hall, Community Room
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, Minnesota

1. Call to Order, Roll Call
2. Approval of October 28, 2015 Meeting Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2015
4. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Plan Review and Approval
 1. Mission
 2. Vision
 - b. Review of music park alternatives and field trip to Maple Grove
 - c. Review of Peoples Choice input from JJ Hill Days. Tyler Purdy document
 - d. Programming for Wayzata Parks 2016. Minnetonka community education proposal. Tim Litfin
 - e. Review of 2015 projects and 2016 expectations
5. New Business
 - a. 20th Anniversary of POPP
 - b. Other business
6. Next Meeting Date: November 25, 2015
7. Adjournment

Wayzata Parks & Trails Board
MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice Chair, Merrily Borg Babcock, at Wayzata City Hall on September 16, 2015.

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

Absent: Dan Baasen and Sarah Randolph.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as written by motion of Evans, seconded by Cunningham and unanimous vote of board.

Agenda for September 16, 2015 meeting approved as written. Motion by Purdy, seconded by McWethy and unanimous vote of board.

Old Business:

1) JJ Hill Days Summary and Review of 2015 Experience

The Parks and Trails Board was well represented with an exhibitor tent at this year's James J. Hill Days event held on September 12th and 13th in downtown Wayzata. 90 James J. Hill attendees took time to respond to the Parks and Trails interest survey. 56 provided email addresses. Complete survey responses compiled by Borg Babcock are attached.

Some of the surveys' top responses include:

- "I get my information about parks and trails from:"
 - o Walking or biking through town
 - o Friends and Neighbors
 - o J.J. Hill Days
- "Parks/Trails I've visited: rate them 5-1 (5 being most used)"
 - o Wayzata Beach
 - o Depot Park
 - o Luce Line Trail - Biking or Walking
- "Suggestions for Park or Trail Improvement/s"
 - o Various responses - see attached for complete survey responses

Other feedback highlights from the James J. Hill event include:

- A handful of volunteers extended offers to help with various projects
- Surveillance cameras were suggested at Wayzata Beach. Dudinsky is already in the process of researching
- Concerns about biker and pedestrian shared trail safety
- Water request outside of Klapperich Field warming house. Dudinsky will look into
- Bike connections through town was another popular discussion topic

McWethy would like to continue dialogue with those who offered to volunteered and notify them of future opportunities. Borg Babcock will also assist in those volunteer communications. Dudinsky will look into creating a Parks and Trails email address for such communications.

Board also received “dotology” feedback on suggested Parks and Trails projects and the community’s interest in them. Complete “Dotology” responses compiled by Purdy also attached.

“Dotology” projects with greatest interest include:

- Music in the Park
- Kid-Friendly Splash Pad
- Depot Bathroom Upgrades
- Trail Connectivity
- Lakeside Path and Rink

Brainstorming took place around the Lakeside Rink, Shaver Park/Beach Fire Pit, Music in the Park and Green Ride Bikes as options to further explore.

McWethy created a summary of projects that have been suggested by the Board over the years that can be used as a “Master” working document. Everyone agreed that it was an excellent idea. Purdy suggested this “Master” list be housed on Google Docs.

All in all, similar experience to the 2014 James J. Hill event, but this year, attendees were much more familiar with the Parks and Trails Board and its efforts (very positively received.)

2) Strategic Plan; Ratify Parks & Trails Board Vision Statement

Borg Babcock requested to table the Strategic Plan discussion as Chairman Baasen and Randolph were not in attendance. Motion was made by Cunningham to table discussion, seconded by Evans and unanimous vote of board.

3) Post Office Pocket Park Fall Planting Project

Borg Babcock provided the Board with a “filler” POPP planting recommendation to enhance Fall 2014 bulb planting efforts. Borg Babcock will reach out to community volunteers to assist with planting (anticipate early/mid October.)

4) Photo Contest (Wayzata) Thoughts

Pictures are currently being submitted to the City of Wayzata as part of community Photo Contest. The Parks and Trails Board was previously asked to take part in the judging of the photos, but dialogue around that request has been very sparse. At this point, the Board is not involved in the contest.

5) 2015 CIP Programmed Projects Update

6) Review of CIP 2016-2018 Submitted Projects

Dudinski suggested to combine discussions on 2015 CIP Programmed Project Update and Review of CIP 2016-2018 Submitted Projects. Board supported his suggestion.

Dudinski asked Board to add “more meat” into requested projects. Evans recommended to flip flop the project years of the Fire Pit and Musical Instrument Equipment (as James J. Hill Day survey interest was not as high.) McWethy did some initial research on the Musical Instruments and found that they are a bit expensive. McWethy requested that before we push the project forward, we visit an existing music site. The Board agreed and scheduled a site visit to the Maple Grove Music Plaza.

Borg Babcock asked for attention to park equipment/grounds at Klapperich Park East. Both Borg Babcock and Purdy expressed safety concerns about the existing Park equipment, its layout and the fact that it is not handicap accessible. Purdy would like to create a Park that is a “destination” for families.

Status on Existing Projects:

- Pedestrian Bridge to be Replaced this Fall
- Wayzata Beach Food Vendor - All Ready to Open Spring 2016
- Beach Drinking Fountain, H Dock, Added Adirondack Chairs – All Complete
- Depot Bathroom Upgrades – Dudinski is researching options and asked the Board to do the same

Dudinski mentioned that there was a good discussion regarding the “Program Coordinator” recommendation in preparation for the CIP Workshop. Dudinski and Baasen met with Tim Litfin, Executive Director for Minnetonka Community Education. Litfin was asked if his team would be interested in a pilot program to support Wayzata’s programming efforts and he said yes. Baasen suggested “walk, not run” in regards to what programs we start with.

Public Works is beginning the process of building the pea rock foundation for the bare root tree initiative. This pea rock foundation will help develop a strong root system for the variety of trees that will be planted throughout the City in the coming years.

Dudinski shared that the Parks and Trails Board CIP recommendations were positively received by the Council during the initial review.

New Business:

1) Discuss Potential Vehicle for Outside Contributions and Grants – Example: Hennepin County and Legacy Grants from MN Lottery

Borg Babcock requested to table the Contributions and Grants discussion as Chairman Baasen and Randolph were not in attendance. Evans first requested that the Board review the presentation, once released, from the selected Lake Effect Signature Project Design team, Civitas, who made specific mentions to fund raising efforts for community Parks and similar public projects. Motion to table discussion was made by Purdy, seconded by Showalter and unanimous vote of board.

Other Business:

Purdy requested a future discussion around a Curling Tournament. Evans asked Dudinski to keep the Board “in the loop” regarding upcoming Lake Effect discussions.

Motion to close meeting by Cunningham, seconded by Evans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted by: Holly Evans

2015 JHill Survey Parks and Trails Board Sept. 12 and 13

90 people took the time to respond to our survey

I'm interested in Parks and Trails SPECIAL EVENTS:

Notify me! Email address 56 people gave us email addresses

I get my information about parks and trails from:

- o Parks & Trails Brochure 16
- o City Website 23
- o "Friday Update" 16
- o Friends and Neighbors 33
- o Parks and Trails Board Mbrs. 17
- o Walking or biking through town 35
- o J.J. Hill Days 30
- o I've just lived here long enough to know! _____ yrs. 41 ans.

yrs: 20, 36, 31, 20, 46, 43, 20, 30, many, 60+, 38, 35, 23, 19, 9, 12, 35, 55, 37, 33, 20, 13, 15, most of my life, 20, 15, 50, 40, 29, 20+, 35, 15, 34, 23, 18, 40+, 30+, 44, 35, 28, 18.

Parks/Trails I've visited: rate them 5-1 (5 being most used) to "0" never

- o Wayzata Beach 83 rated 150
 - o Shaver Park 50 rated 70
 - o Klapprich Field Skating or Dog Park (circle one or both) 52 rated 78
 - o Klapprich East Playground 34 rated 64
 - o Depot Park 67 rated 95
 - o Bell Courts Park 31 rated 30
 - o Dakota Trail for biking or walking (circle one or both) 52 rated 97
 - o Luce Line Trail-biking or walking 65 rated 132
 - o Post Office Pocket Park 33 rated 31
 - o Margaret Circle Park-activity: Skating and soccer were mentioned twice as how the park was used 8 rated 0
 - o Heritage Park at Batson's Corner 20 rated 10
- BIG WOODS was mentioned (I forgot to add it to the list!)

Rating Numbers Above: The first number is how many responders had used the park and the second number is how often, 5 being most often down to 1; 0 being never used. 41 people out of the 90 rated the parks while others just checked parks they use.

SUGGESTIONS for Park or Trail Improvement/s

1. Swings at Klapprich playground, woodchips instead of sand, too.
2. Weekly music at Depot all summer.

3. Signs-keep right, etc.
4. Very nicely kept up! Thanks you!
5. Poop bag boxes N of Wayzata Blvd.
6. I love the new crosswalks + lights-never safer for crossing Wayzata Blvd.
7. Bike racks & Sanicans (?)
8. Remind dog owners to pick up dog feces
9. You're doing a great job. I love what I've seen
10. Ice skating on Lake. Programs-birding, tennis, snowshoeing and fireplace by ice space on Lake at Beach.
11. Connect Dakota trail and Luce Line
12. Connect Depot Park-easier to get to
13. You do a great job!
14. Happy to help construct bocce courts. Have tools and skills. Contact spring would love to see curling in wintertime (terryknight6@gmail.com)
15. I will Volunteer (Peggy Watson-612-720-7511)
16. Parking info signs
17. Upgrade to Klapprich, hopscotch, crosswalk, walking paths.
18. Parking
19. Love all you are doing! More Adirondack chairs
20. Create a run club-would love to be a part of coordination. Safety, meeting, learn trails (Suzanne Berg jade7624@yahoo.com)
21. Surveillance cameras at Wayzata Beach to stop defacing of lovely Adirondack chairs-teens will quit if they think this is video feed.
22. Connect Hillside w/Ferndale-old fire trail
23. Would love to see more improvement to Margaret Circle-Connect North & South with improvements to pedestrian bridge over Hwy 12
24. Movies/kids activities
25. Facebook!
26. Love the new water fountain at the beach
27. Happy with all we've been on
28. Update/repair boardwalk-Depot to Beach
29. Enforce-dogs on leashes
30. recycling
31. I love it all
32. more more
33. West End ramp w/bath facilities
34. Community Park Center
35. Get rid of porta-potty at Depot
36. Remove telecom equipment from Bell Court Park

37. *Comments on entire survey:* POPP-have seen but not used/ Margaret Circle Park-didn't know it was a Wayzata park! *Suggestions:* 1) More permanent BATHROOMS! (espec. for bikers) 2) move safe bike lane thru town so can e.g. get to some store safely 3) Signs for cars that note 3 foot safe bike passing + WAIT until clear oncoming traffic to pull around
38. Boat rental-daytime
39. Nature (*Center*) upgrade/path PLEASE!
40. ADD BIKE LANES ON ROADS
41. Possibly add bike lanes on Wayzata Blvd.

I have children (*age and #*):

1-5 yrs. <u>19</u>	13-17 yrs. <u>15</u>
6-8 yrs. <u>13</u>	Over 18 yrs. <u>27</u>
9-12 yrs. <u>10</u>	Grandchildren ages: <u>69</u>

58 of 90 people completed this section, some with just a check and others with multiple ages.

Check if you: Facebook-35 Twitter-12 other social media-7

Biggest gripe

- 1) That park maintenance foundation monies be established (in perpetuity) before any new perennials/shrub/tree is purchased for planting in Wayzata.
Insufficient respect for weeding where you plant. (2 kids 13-17)
- 2) NO GRIPES! We love WAYZATA PARKS!!! (2 kids under 5)
- 3) OVERBUILDING
- 4) Better playground-safer ***Klapprich*** sharp stones, no maintenance
- 5) Not mowing Post Office Park
- 6) People not picking up after their dogs
- 7) None
- 8) No programs-maintenance at Beach, other places-needs improvement
- 9) No "Park District" programs for kids and adults
- 10) None
- 11) No 10 ft. wide slips
- 12) Need more connectivity to the lake
- 13) Overbuilding in Wayzata
- 14) Noisy motorcycles through main street
- 15) Railroad Tracks-construction

- 16) need more time to use all our wonderful parks!
- 17) Neighborhood link up “neighborhood.org”
- 18) Parking
- 19) Merilee Babcock
- 20) none
- 21) Bikers
- 22) Wayzata Place should be plaza + road construction!!
- 23) NO BIKE TRAILS IN LOWER WAYZATA (BY LAKE), NO BIKE TRAILS IN UPPER (LUNDS), NO PARKING ANYWHERE! (OK, THERE’S SOME, BUT IT SEEMS INSUFFICIENT
- 24) No big gripes-love everything that is happening to Wayzata-keep it up!
- 25) Ill mannered cyclists on Lake Street.
- 26) Fast road bikes. Dakota Trail ends and can’t get thru the city.
- 27) Good
- 28) Dog Walkers that don’t “pick up” after the dog!
- 29) Getting through downtown on my bike to the trail
- 30) Parking
- 31) No enough bike friendly roads/trails
- 32) Train horns
- 33) Weeding of gardens
- 34) NONE
- 35) Ground wasps, dirty sand, add swings, update equipment-Klapprich
- 36) No complaints (*w/smiley face*)
- 37) Porta potty at Depot. Tacky!
- 38) Telecom installation in a public park! P.S. Love the improvements to date.
- 39) Parking
- 40) REMOVING VITAL, MATURE TREES!!!
- 41) Insufficient respect for weeding where you plant
- 42) Unsafe trail crossing along Dakota (not in Wayzata specifically) (although the RR construction makes the corner near Shaver unsafe & the “detour” is nuts—a roadbike can’t go across DIRT/rocks! So, have to round the corners.

James J. Hill Dotology Results:

Dotology Results 2015					
Rank	Project	Dots	Rank	Project	Dots
1	Sunday Music in the Parks	120	1	Sunday Music in the Parks	120
2	Kid Friendly Splash Fountain	95	2	Kid Friendly Splash Fountain	95
3	Depot Bathroom Upgrades	89	3	Depot Bathroom Upgrades	89
4 (tie)	Trail Connectivity & Striping	88	4 (tie)	Trail Connectivity & Striping	88
4 (tie)	Lakeside Rink & Path	88	4 (tie)	Lakeside Rink & Path	88
6	Program Coordinator (movies, music, activities, art, kids program, fitness)	73	6	*Program Coordinator (movies, music, activities, art, kids program, fitness)	86
7	Additional Adirondack Chairs	69	7	Additional Adirondack Chairs	69
8	Improved Klappich Park Play and Equipment	66	8	Improved Klappich Park Play and Equipment	66
9	Green/Rental Bikes	53	9	Green/Rental Bikes	53
10	Community Gardens	50	10	Community Gardens	50
11	Bike Racks & 2 Bike Repair Stations	48	11	Bike Racks & 2 Bike Repair Stations	48
12	Maze/Labyrinth	46	12	Maze/Labyrinth	46
13	Outdoor Music Instruments	28	13	Outdoor Music Instruments	28
14	Circle A Tree bench for Trapper's Cabin	25	14	Circle A Tree bench for Trapper's Cabin	25
15	Margaret Circle Benches	19	15	Margaret Circle Benches	19
16	Parks & Trails Programming Staff	13	16	Bell Court Lights	9
17	Bell Court Lights	9	17	Improved Brochure 2.0	6
18	Improved Brochure 2.0	6		*two program coordinator projects combined	