

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
March 5, 2020 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Carlson, Hoag, O'Brien, Stoner
ABSENT: Heikkila, Kim, Newby
STAFF: Brokke

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Heikkila and Youth Commissioner Kim notified staff that they would not be in attendance.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2020 MEETING

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Hoag seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4) FORESTRY TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

Vice-Chair Hoag relayed that the second and most likely final meeting was completed by the Forestry Task Force. During that meeting the Forestry Task Force continued their review of City Code 706.03. Also, Vice-Chair Hoag noted that it became apparent that the objective of the Forestry Task Force was to discuss how forestry plays into environmental sustainability and if the Parks and Recreation Commission is the correct home for the Tree Board. Vice-Chair Hoag noted that the tree preservation policy was not reviewed by the Task Force.

A list of three potential recommendations that the Forestry Task Force will give to the City Council was handed out to the Commission for review and comments.

Commissioner Dahlstrom added that a member of the Public Works Environment and Transportation Commission (PWETC) had previously recommended the creation of an Environmental Commission to the City Council. As a result, the Forestry Task Force was suggested by the City Council to explore further recommendations.

The Commission discussed the next steps for the Forestry Task Force and gained further clarification on the three recommendations. Staff confirmed that the PWETC would be presenting the recommendations to the City Council in the coming weeks. Staff will notify the Commission when this item has been added to a City Council agenda.

5) **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION GOALS REVIEW**

The following goals were updated and added by the Parks and Recreation Commission:

2020 Parks & Recreation Commission Goals					
Goal	Timeframe	Action Steps	Assigned	Progress	
#1.	Skating Center Bonding	<p>Short Term Goal: Support and Communicate with Parks and Recreation on Skating Center Bonding, Attend meetings when available</p> <p>Long Term Goal:</p>	Continue working with Lobbyist, Congress Members and Users Groups	Jerry Stoner	2019 - House Bill 2020 - Governor's Bill
#2.	Understand resident's experiences with their local park. Work to find the voice of underrepresented or unheard people or groups. Foster a sense of belonging.	<p>Short Term Goal: Review data and demographics, create subcommittee, Check with the Human Rights Inclusion and Engagement Commission on potential collaboration</p> <p>Long Term Goal:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to find ways to reach out to underserved populations (ongoing) Potentially find new events and locations for outreach (High Schools, Community Events, etc.) 	Darrell Baggenstoss	
#3	Be visible in the community	<p>Short Term Goal:</p> <p>Long Term Goal:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add item on May meeting Agenda to discuss ways to be more visible When out in the community discuss your role on the Commission and gain any thoughts, ideas or opinions from community members 	All Commissioners	Commissioners wear P&R polo shirts out in the community while volunteering to increase visibility
#4.	Increase and Enhance Volunteer Participation	<p>Short Term Goal:</p> <p>Long Term Goal: Help identify what issues or assistance the Volunteer Coordinator and Parks Superintendent need to expand the Parks and Recreation volunteer roles</p>		Nancy O'Brien	An issue was identified regarding the communication structure within the Natural Resources Volunteer Leadership Program. Meetings have taken place with Jim Taylor and Rachel Boggs, along with one of the volunteer leaders, to work towards resolving this.

#5.	Advise Parks & Recreation on projects and opportunities	Short Term Goal: Long Term Goal: Bring new ideas, projects or opportunities to the Commission for discussion and education.		Greg Hoag Joe Arneson	
#6.	Goats	Short Term Goal: • Look for potential locations that would work for goats in Roseville • Continue to reach out to herders to continue exploring options. Long Term Goal: • Research if goat saliva works as an herbicide. • Find any evidence of long term control benefits.		Darrell Baggenstoss Jerry Stoner	Research has found: • Electric fence used • Ongoing process - 1 month session, 2X/year, • Each session costs \$8,000 • Potentially good PR
#7	Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)	Short Term Goal: Continue pursuing the Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer Plan Long Term Goal: Eradicate EAB in the city		Greg Hoag Daryl Brown All Commissioners	

The Parks and Recreation Commission and staff acknowledged and thanked Terry Newby for his six years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

6) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Baggenstoss nominated Vice-Chair Hoag for the position of Chair of the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Dahlstrom seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Hoag nominated Commissioner Dahlstrom for the position of Vice-Chair of the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Stoner seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner O'Brien thanked Chair Baggenstoss for being the Chair this last year. The other Commissioners and staff agreed and thanked him as well.

7) APPOINT ETHICS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Commissioner Stoner noted that last year he did not attend a meeting for the Ethics Commission. Former Commissioner Warzecha attended the training and updated the Commission at the subsequent meeting. Commissioner O'Brien provided a brief overview of the previous Ethics Commissions function and duties.

Commissioner Dahlstrom nominated Commissioner Stoner for the position of Ethics Representative from the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Brown seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

8) **STAFF REPORT**

a. NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES

- Staff and the committee reviewing the Cedarholm Community Building and Golf Course Grill/Kitchen Service Request for Proposal are awaiting further information that has been requested from the potential vendor. A final resolution is anticipated in the next few months.
- As part of the deer reduction effort, 46 deer have been reduced from the city. Of the total deer, 23 were taken from north of Highway 36, and 23 were taken from south of Highway 36. Unfortunately, no deer were able to be removed from Ladyslipper Park. Future analysis may look to include private property in the Ladyslipper Park area in order to provide relief for residents in the northeast quadrant of the city. The preliminary numbers from Ramsey County from their flyover show that the deer population in Roseville has increased to 59. Applying the same math that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) used previously to assess our population/reduction needs, it appears the next reduction may be around 80 deer. Additional information will be brought to the Commission as it is received from the USDA and Ramsey County.
- Former Recreation Superintendent Lauren Deal has moved on to a job in the private sector. Staff thanked her for all of her work in Roseville. Staff has hired Carrie Anderson as the new Recreation Superintendent.
- The City Council accepted the donations from FOR Parks and the Central Park Foundation.
- The 2020 Spring/Summer Recreation brochure should be in homes this week.
- Arts at the OVAL at the Roseville Skating Center on March 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Open Mic Night at the Cedarholm Community Building on March 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Natural Resource Event at Cottontail Park, March 21, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Natural Resource Event at several city parks, April 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Contact Rachel Boggs at 651-702-7028 for exact locations
- Natural Resource Event at Central Park, May 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9) **OTHER**

Commissioner Arneson suggested having an update on Lake Bennett and the filter systems at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant