



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

Members: Chair – James Poulson, Sarah Lawrie, Barbara Morse,
Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno, Ben Hughey
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Sarah Lawrie (teleconference), Barbara Morse (teleconference),
Ben Hughey (teleconference)

Absent: Brandon Marx (excused); Rich Krupa (excused); Susan Compagno (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

Others: Sitka Trail Works Executive Director Lynne Brandon

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 13, 2020

**M – Lawrie / S - Morse – moved to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously.**

V. REPORTS

Chair: None

Members: Hughey reported on SCS projects for the CARES Act funding Transitional Employment Program. Morse brought up a concern of the fields with regards to dog misuse.

City Staff: Henshaw welcomed Kevin Mosher as Assembly Liaison. Colliver thanked SCS for their project work. He updated on the Moller Playground project, vandalism, Lower Moller drainage, weed mitigation, tree removal, and transitional employees.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon with Sitka Trail Works encouraged more Parks and Recreation staffing. She told of the Cross Trail progress and gave detail on a new bridge.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Poulson gave history on the Athletic Field Use Policy and Guidelines and the subcommittee that was formed for it.

C. Funding

Not discussed.

D. Lower Moller Field

Poulson reminded this was a priority of funding this project.

E. CARES Act Funding as it relates to Parks and Recreation

Colliver stated the check list projects didn't have priority but if there were items that were important, they could move up the list. It has been scheduled as is due to the skills of the workforce that he had at this time. He was open to ideas, suggestions, and guidance. He stated that the Transitional Employment Program had about 40 total people employed.

F. Community Garden

Charlie Woodcock Health Needs and Human Services Commission Chair stated he would was hoping the committee had ideas for areas that may work for a community garden. Chair Poulson told of concerns of city staff time and suggested the Commission bring forward specific locations. Colliver gave history of prior community gardens noting that he has been involved with removing 4 structures of previous gardens. He stated the need of a plan with an exit strategy if it were to be closed. He relayed sites vetted in the past and mentioned the skate park area. Poulson stated he would like to see a proposal that could be vetted through the Committee. Hughey has heard interest in this topic and agreed with receiving a proposal. Lawrie suggested a leadership structure in order for the long-term success to a community garden. Woodcock asked about the Moller Field area. Poulson stated it conflicted with maintenance of the field. He suggested looking at the GIS site to search on their own for sites and suggested the Kimsham area. Morse thought it great to look at city property but suggested other options of private property such as churches. Poulson stated that St. Peter's community garden was successful as it had a dedicated person and felt that a community garden needed a dedicated person as well.

G. Priority List

Poulson asked for thoughts on priorities for the current list. He said he was happy to see some of the Goddard area projects worked on or completed. Morse thought Colliver's approach to work on what was possible with the resources he had was good and that things were actionable which was great.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

H. Goals Matrix

Poulson noted this was a capital project type of list. He wondered how to refine or thought to create a new list. Morse thought to look individually and come back at next month but that ones to be crossed off should be. Lawrie there were many accomplishments and was unsure of where to start.

Brandon reminded of the 1999 plan, but due to the lack of funding, there wasn't another one done except for smaller individual plans. She went over the old matrix. Colliver noted the 2017 and long-range plans. Poulson asked committee members to note their top priorities and create a new list next meeting.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Add Dog Park misuse to the next agenda. The next meeting would be December 8th.

Hearing no objection, the Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk