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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKS LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, November 6, 2017

3:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 118 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee was held at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 6, 2017 at the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 118. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Grant Frautschi; Ed Jepsen; Madelyn Leopold; David Wallner; and Stephen Webster.

City Staff Present: Janet Schmidt and Sarah Lerner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Wallner, to Approve the Minutes of the August 3, 2017 Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan

Lerner, Schmidt and Leopold provided updates on the Racial Equity Social Justice (RESJ) analysis that is being used to identify deficiencies in the park system for parklands and for park amenities. The core amenity list used in the analysis was based on criteria found in the current Park and Open Space Plan. The criteria were reviewed against neighborhood parks to look at gaps on the system. The subcommittee asked general questions on the use of the tool and discussed how James Madison Master Plan engagement strategy was informed by the use of the RESJ process. It was discussed how the RESJ tool for the use of amenity gaps for the proposed POSP may have misleading results and shouldn't be used as the sole indicator for amenity placement without reviewing other information such as recreation trends, demographics, neighborhood input and other complementary facilities that may take pressure off the City's park system. Frautschi asked about user group feedback and how

to take their needs into account. Webster discussed how to obtain data on individual experiences vs perceived experiences. Waller mentioned experience with people in poverty may be different than those in a higher income bracket and noted that park use by individuals, groups or neighborhoods may be impacted by income levels. Leopold stated that partnerships with schools and MSCR may impact park requirements and needs. Staff will work on completing the RESJ tool for review by the subcommittee.

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Amending Statement of Policies and Guidelines for Slacklining in Parks and Recreation Areas Within the Madison Parks System

Subcommittee staff reviewed the final draft of the amended slacklining policy. Leopold made a request to add pictures of trees to supplement the report and posting it on the website to help inform users of what trees are acceptable to tether to versus ones prohibited. Schmidt noted that information will be provided on the Parks Division website as a companion to the policy. Motion made by Jepsen, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Establish Ice Rink Service Area Standards

Webster provided an update on the ice rink siting and adopt ice partnership pilot project. Webster and Leopold created a list of potential changes in policy and practices. Leopold asked for an update from Community Services on the pilot at Heritage Heights. Webster noted the need to be systematic on the reaction and monitoring of the pilot of "Nice Rinks," which are a proprietary ice rink liner product. It was noted that it should not be assumed that rink requests indicated a gap in the system. Parks staff would also like to review proximity and location as part of the analysis along with impacts on funding including city resources for water, staff time and volunteer availability. Webster noted the amount of rinks the City had at one time was dramatically higher than the amount of rinks that are within the parks system today, which may be an indication of trends in use and financial impacts for operating rinks. Webster and Leopold will continue to monitor existing rinks and volunteer groups over the winter and gather information and determine how to create criteria for placement of new rinks as part of the policy.

NEXT MEETING

December 7, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Jepsen to Adjourn at 4:30 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.