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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKS LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

4:00 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 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 118. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Grant Frautschi; Edward Jepsen; Madelyn Leopold; and Stephen Webster.

Member Absent: David Wallner.

Parks Staff Present: Janet Schmidt; Claire Oleksiak; Sarah Lerner; and Josh Schmitt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Wallner arrived at 4:08 PM.

Members Present: 5 – Grant Frautschi; Ed Jepsen; Madelyn Leopold; David Wallner, and Steve Webster.

Motion made by Frautschi, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2016 Long Range Planning Subcommittee Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan

Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner passed out packets to update Subcommittee staff on the POSP. Urban Assets, the consultants for the POSP outreach and community engagement, are now midway through the community Visioning Sessions, which is part of the data collection process. Lerner handed out the Visioning Session flyer. Themed Events will be announced in the upcoming weeks. An online survey was completed with over 1,200 responses. Bias was seen in some of the results, which can be dominated by one specific user group. Park observations continue and staff will need to work with volunteers for Spring. Recreation League Surveys were sent. Parks staff is involved with the Madison Planning Division's Imagine Madison process and meetings. More information will be provided with updates provided to subcommittee members in the upcoming months. Sam Dennis with UW-Madison will be kicking off the Focus Group Discussions in the near future and updates will be provided when available. Lerner passed out demographic results to date from the Visioning Sessions. It was noted that we are getting the meeting attendance as expected, which is better than the last POSP update engagement. Lerner passed out the Visioning Session PowerPoint presentation which spurred discussions on the existing goals and impacts to parks, Neighborhood Resource Team involvement with Parks staff, questions on the mapping, and access and level of service.

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Establish Ice Rink Service Area Standards

Madelyn Leopold provided an introduction on the service standards. Steve Webster, Leopold, and Oleksiak have started meeting with existing Adopt the Ice leadership to determine what works with the policy and what may need improvements. They also met with Parks Division Operations staff to help identify challenges they see with the current policies and practices. Webster, Leopold, and Oleksiak provided a draft report to the subcommittee and will start developing a process to start new ice rinks. Discussion on this included the challenge to make ice rinks open and accessible if there are no neighborhood advocates involved. Webster stated that the data received didn't seem to indicate a decline in skating as a recreational amenity and that issues with ice and winter activities in general can also be weather dependent, which can result in extra work and time required by Parks Division staff for upkeep. Webster stated that new technology may be needed to make operations more cost and time effective and that rink maintenance seemed to decline around the time Parks Division staff were asked to provide more time and effort in the overall city wide snow removal. A map was passed out by Lerner showing the old and new ice rink locations. There was additional discussion on next steps, operational impacts, equity and barriers to entry for new rink locations.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

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Madison Parks Behavioral Policy

Josh Schmitt, Parks Division Aquatics, Park Ranger and Weekend Supervisor was in attendance to provide an update on the Madison Parks Behavioral Policy, which addresses long term behaviors issues that are present in the Parks system. The report provided statistics by year and location. Schmitt discussed the results with the subcommittee and answers questions including inquiries on the status of permanent bans; temporary bans; data on drug and alcohol violations; and first line of response. There was further discussion on the formatting of the report and how to make the results more useful such as expanding the data collection to provide additional information to help identify trends in behavior. Schmitt last attended the Subcommittee in 2013. Webster recommended follow up to re-evaluate the data in the upcoming years to determine if the policy should be re-evaluated.

NEXT MEETING

April 20, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Wallner, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 5:30 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.