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Meeting Minutes - Approved PARKS LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, August 3, 2017

3:00 PM

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

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee was held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 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: Madelyn Leopold; David Wallner; and Stephen Webster.

Members Absent: Ed Jepsen.

City Staff Present: Janet Schmidt; and Sarah Lerner.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Wallner, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2017 Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

(3 minute speaking limit for items not on the Agenda)

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5 [43127](#) 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan
- Lerner asked for comments for the “Report of Community Visioning Sessions and Theme-Focused Events January-June 2017”. Lerner also played the Hip Hop ‘Parkitecture’ video that was created from one of the themed events. Leopold asked about other focus group meetings. Lerner mentioned the outreach methods used so far with the Park and Open Space Plan and that Public Health is also conducting interviews with kids. Webster inquired if safety and increasing volunteers or staff in parks would allow for better comfort level to get more kids and people into the parks and allow them to feel more at ease. There was additional discussion on the report including making the report more fact based and how to make the data easily readable and understandable. Lerner discussed the development phase of the Park and Open Space Plan and how trends in use, events or demographics will impact the next plan. Lerner also discussed the Racial Equity Social Justice tool and how it will be used in the analysis phase for amenity distribution in the park system.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6 [48253](#) Amending Statement of Policies and Guidelines for Slacklining in Parks and Recreation Areas Within the Madison Parks System
- Registered speaker Marian Celesnik provided written comments regarding shade trees at Tenney and concerns regarding the addition of hammocking to the existing Slacklining Policy. Concern were brought up regarding how park users would identify tree species that are not allowed for tethering under the proposed amendments. Further discussion included use of signage, long term damage and replacement costs for trees, and the possible addition of hardware to trees to allow for appropriate anchor points. Leopold stated that the policy seems unenforceable and asked if there was a way to add or designate specific locations for hammocking.

- 7 **NEXT MEETING**
- August 24, 2017.

- 8 **ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Wallner, to Adjourn at 4:09 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.