

**GLADSTONE PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 07, 2024**

MINUTES

Chairman Gary Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:34pm, Chairman Stevenson called roll.

PRESENT:

Anne Pfothenauer
Gary Stevenson
Jay Bostwick
Bob Bosk
Cathy Sjoquist

ABSENT:

Stacie Carter
Jeremy Cook

STAFF PRESENT

Erik Buckman, City Manager
Robert Brown, Acting Parks Director
Troy Drebenstedt, Parks Employee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia West from the DDA introduced herself and spoke about the decrease in funding for Parks and Rec from the DDA. Cathy Sjoquist spoke of a need for better cooperation between the two departments and would like the DDA board to reevaluate the contract with Parks and Rec.

John Picard introduced himself and talked about plans for the Soo-Line Locomotive and would like to be more involved with the Parks and Rec.

Sjoquist motions to move new business up for Lois Karen. Karen talked about having an open mic night at the beach house. Robert Brown talked about how it

can involve more than music i.e. poetry, comedy, and sketches and how it should be promoted by the city.

Motion by Anne Pfothenhauer; second by Cathy Sjoquist to approve Open Mic Night.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Anne Pfothenhauer; seconded by Jay Bostwick to approve the Regular Meeting

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSSINESS:

Acting Director Robert Brown spoke about the change in plans for the 10th St. Banner Project, highlighting the continued collaboration with the Parks Department and the Downtown Development Authority (D.D.A.). Patrica West noted the D.D.A. is looking into the possibility of having the city's logo changed and would like to pause the banner project.

Brown spoke about subletting of campsites in the campground. Cathy spoke to the board about the number of Airbnb sites in the campground. Eric spoke to the level of complexity to make sure that the trailers being rented out need to be up to safety codes similar to state parks to be certified safe to rent. The board discussed the pros and cons and the cost of the sites.

Motion by Jay Bostwick; seconded by Pfothenhauer to make a subcommittee to draft a rental policy for Airbnb and Sjoquist and Pfothenhauer volunteered for the committee.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Brown spoke about the Harbor security cameras, Eric Buckman spoke to the fact that the new cameras have been ordered and are waiting to be put up. Cathy Sjoquist would like the cameras added to the (Sail School) area,

Motion by Anne Pfothauer; seconded by Jay Bostwick to approve the purchase of security cameras.

Voting Yea: ALL

MOTION CARRIED

Robert Brown Spoke about the resignation of Stacy Carter.

Motion by Jay Bostwick seconded by Cathy Sjoquist, to remove Stacy Carter and inform City of the vacancy and to post position.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Eric Buckman informed the board of the new hire for Parks and Rec Director Wendy Taavola.

STAFF REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation's Acting Director, Robert Brown, presented updates and enhancements implemented within the park

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Bob Bosk: initiated discussions on several topics during the meeting:

1. **Park Bathrooms:** Bosk raised a query regarding the cleaning schedule of the parks bathrooms, and the hours that they would be open.
2. **Sail School Building:** Bosk inquired about the status of the sail school building and the participation of the public in its construction.
3. **Vending Machines:** Bosk inquired about who owns the vending machines throughout the parks and if the city receives any revenue from them.

Jay Bostwick: Nothing

Anne Pfothauer: Commended Brown and Drebenstedt for their hard work over the last 8 months.

Cathy Sjoquist: Sjoquist requested volunteers for the upcoming kids' kingdom work day and inquired about opening a driving range at the city's golf course.

Gary Stevenson: Stevenson thanked Brown and Drebenstedt for their hard work over the last 8 months and appreciates everything they've accomplished.

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business before the board Anne Pfothenauer motioned; Jay Bostwick seconded to adjourned meeting at 9:15.