



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Sweum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commission Members: Chair Paul Sweum, Vice Chair Heather Palmerini, and Commissioners Emily Anderson, Ryan Pryor (remote), and Scott Vermeulen.

Councilmember Ethan Benson was present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved by Commissioner Vermeulen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0 (Sweum, Palmerini, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Palmerini had questions about the survey, Meadowbrook Farm and possible signage regarding dogs off leash, laws regarding scooters on trails, and height of the perimeter fencing at Riverview Park.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: CM Benson expressed his support for a bike rodeo.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Pryor to:

Approve the August 21, 2023, minutes.

PASSED: 5-0 (Sweum, Palmerini, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Summary of Commission Accomplishments for 2023. Handout was provided and draft presentation was discussed as well which highlights to include in the commission's accomplishments.
2. Project Updates:
 - Splashpad project approved and moving forward. Construction begins in March 2024. There was an outreach booth at the International Block Party and children of all ages expressed their enthusiasm and positively for the splashpad and community center.

- Community Center Expansion is in the design phase. Discussion followed including review of proposed designs, parking, basketball court, and picnic shelter.
- The Line Experience project is approved and moving forward. Construction ongoing now.
- Trail bridges are being repaired now.
- Centennial Fields Inclusive Playground. Rotary is interested in paying for a metal grand entrance sign.
- Paving is close to being done. Further discussion on roads, speed bumps, and rumble strips.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT: Update provided by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison, and included:

- International Block party was a success.
- Halloween events with Ridge Merchants group is in planning.
- Holiday lighting is in planning.

FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- Commission 2023 Accomplishments
- Parks plan update
- Community Center Expansion update

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the October 16, 2023, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.