

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

February 13th, 2019

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Katie Graham, Ritu Goel, Michael Kelly, Al Larson, Mindy Lewis, Renee Powell, Dan Rezende, Toby Lewis.

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau and Kerry Macchi

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Al, and seconded by George to approve the January 9th minutes. Not unanimous, as the commission decided to amend a small portion in the public input section regarding the location and where the funds would come from for the new bike repair station.

Public Input: None present.

Special Reports:

- Ray handed out the Master Plan Draft binders to all committee members. Ray recommended all committee members to take the binders home and start going through them.
- Prioritization exercise- the committee started going through the excel printout of projects and prioritized them based on their difficulty and the cost to complete the project. *The committee voted to extend the time of this section until 9pm. Passed unanimously*

Report of Council Liaison: Ray relayed a message from Matt Riley since he was not present at this meeting. Matt wanted to pass along the message that he believes that the committee should have a more active role with public property.

OSTF: George had nothing to report. Ray shared that he has been talking to Joe Kennedy who is talking with the family that owns Wagon Shed Nursery. Ray is interested in this property since it abuts Rye Street Park.

Report of the B of E Liaison: None due to absence of liaison.

Report of Parks and Rec. Director: Ray provided the following updates from the Parks and Rec Department.

- Barton Property- Residents are loving the frozen over flooded fairground property to skate! Mitchell has donated lights and a portable restroom, and the Parks crew brought benches to the property. The Parks crew has been clearing snow and testing the ice each day for the safety of skating.
- Nevers Park Restroom Facility- The steel doors are in place and electrical and plumbing work has begun. The hope is for it to be done by spring.
- Community Gardens- The Nelson property on Deming Street will now have a reduced price for this year, due to the fact that there is no running water there. Avery Street garden price structure is in the process of being re-worked as well.
- Rotary Pavilion- the roadway at the entrance to the Pavilion is all torn up due to heavy trucks and busses using the driveway as a turn-around. The road is currently closed and they are in the process of getting quotes from the department of Public Works.
- Wapping Banquet Hall- still a work in progress.

Discussion Topic: None due to time constraints

Other Business: None due to time constraints

Master Plan Progress Report: None due to time constraints

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

Next Meeting: April 10, 2019

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary