

City of Fridley
Parks & Recreation Commission
Park Tour
8/6/2018

AGENDA

- 5:00 Meet at Public Works Facility West Entrance – Parking lot access off of 71st and between new City Hall and Public Works
- 5:15 Tour of Commons Park and Springbrook Nature Center then return to Public Works
- 6:15 Return to Public Works Facility
Walk the plaza between City Hall and Public Works (discussion of plaza)
Tour Public Works Facility
- 7:00 Meet upstairs in conference room
Box Lunch Dinner and social time
- 7:30 Meeting (see meeting agenda)
- 8:30 Adjourn

**City of Fridley
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

AGENDA

DATE: August 6, 2018

LOCATION: Fridley Public Works Facility

ROLL CALL

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF: June 4, 2018

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA: August 6, 2018

1. **STAFF REPORT**

- a. Sue Johnson Retirement
- b. Summer Highlights

2. **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Parks and Public Works Facility Tour

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2018 – Meeting Room 1 at City Hall

CITY OF FRIDLEY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – JUNE 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Heintz called the June 4, 2018 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mike Heintz, EB Graham, Dave Kondrick, Shanna Larson

Others Present: Debbie Dahl, Director of Community Services & Employee Resources

APPROVAL OF MAY 7, 2018 PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kondrick, seconded by Ms. Larson to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE, CHAIRPERSON HEINTZ DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR JUNE 4, 2018

MOTION by Mr. Kondrick, seconded by Ms. Graham, to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2018 meeting.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE, CHAIRPERSON HEINTZ DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

1. STAFF REPORT

a. Program Update

Ms. Dahl stated that the Program Update is included in the agenda packet for the information of the Commission members. The Update included information on updates about the Zone, Laser Tag event, Rental Rate Study, and Goose Removal Permit.

b. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Ms. Dahl stated that the Nature Center Report included information on the Nature Center Pavilion, partnership between Fridley Schools and the Nature Center, and habitat improvement projects at Springbrook and Moore Lake Dunes Park.

c. 49er Days Schedule

Ms. Dahl stated that the agenda packet includes the schedule for the 2018 Fridley 49er Days activities. She invited the Commission members to participate in the 49er Days activities this year.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. June 14 request for Community Park

Ms. Dahl stated that she received a request from the Dawa Center to use Community Park to hold a prayer service on June 14. Ms. Dahl discussed the request with staff and was informed that they rented the field last year and the event was bigger than anticipated, and had several public safety challenges. After speaking with city staff, the decision was made to deny the request to use Community Park.

Ms. Dahl further stated that the Police Chief would connect with the Dawa Center to help find alternative locations to hold the event.

b. Repeal of Ordinance Chapter 507-Swimming Beach

Ms. Dahl stated that she spoke with Mr. Wysopal about what the next steps would be to repeal the swimming beach at Moore Lake. After speaking with the city manager and city attorney, it was determined that the next step would be do an ordinance change to eliminate swimming beaches.

Mr. Heintz stated that we should close the beach for the summer, and revisit the decision in the fall. He further stated that if we repeal the ordinance and then receive several complaints that we might have to reinstate the ordinance.

MOTION by Ms. Larson, seconded by Ms. Graham to suspend the ordinance 507 for the remainder of 2018, and discuss after a period of review and public input in February, 2019.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE, CHAIRPERSON HEINTZ DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Showmobile Update

Ms. Dahl stated that staff has put together detailed revenue information on the showmobile for the Commission. The initial cost for the showmobile was \$58,000 and has generated \$75,000 in revenue in the 30 years that the city has owned it. Ms. Dahl stated that the last few years, city employees did not feel comfortable renting it out in its current condition, and has only been used for a few Fridley events.

Ms. Dahl further stated that she met with the Public Works employees to discuss the showmobile, and they had several concerns. There is no storage to house the unit within the grounds of the new civic campus and would require off-site storage at the City's expense. The unit also needs significant repairs estimated to be \$8,000-10,000. It is estimated to cost approximately \$400 in labor fees for four public works employees to transport, set up and tear down the showmobile.

Mr. Kondrick stated he is worried that the City is giving away an asset.

Mr. Kondrick asked if the City has thought about how the showmobile could be used at other city functions or if any of the cities that have rented the showmobile would be interested in purchasing it.

Ms. Larson stated that if the City sells the showmobile that the money should go towards purchasing a vehicle for the Rec on the Go program.

Ms. Larson further stated that we should use the money that was set aside to pay operating costs at the FCC to put towards fixing the showmobile and also use it to pay for storage space.

Mr. Heintz stated that if the showmobile is purchased by Spring Lake Park we could work out an agreement that the City of Fridley gets to use the showmobile twice a year for free.

Ms. Larson stated that the showmobile is used every year at 49er Days. What will we use if the showmobile is sold?

Ms. Dahl stated she will look at alternatives.

Mr. Heintz stated that it would be cheaper to rent a stage for 49er Days then to use the showmobile.

Ms. Dahl thanked the commission for their input and stated that she will work with staff and come back with more information and ideas in August.

b. Locke Park Playground Equipment Donation Withdrawn

Ms. Dahl stated that the commission previously made a motion to donate the Locke Park playground equipment to Woodcrest, but the donation has been withdrawn. After looking into it, Woodcrest has decided that it would be too costly to relocate the playground equipment. Jeff Jensen will look at the equipment and see if he can save any spare parts, and then the play equipment will be leveled to create space for the townhomes.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Larson, seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the June 4, 2018 meeting at 8:20 p.m.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE, CHAIRPERSON HEINTZ DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE JUNE 4, 2018 MEETING ADJOURNED.



UPDATE

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Cleve has been meeting with Spring Lake Park Community Education representative about soccer field space at Woodcrest Elementary for fall programming for Fridley Terrace youth.

It is hard to believe that summer programming is coming to an end soon and fall program planning underway. Teen programming will offer school out day field trips throughout the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Clues and RecOnTheGO partnership with Fridley Terrace is confirmed. This is the joint partnership with Fridley Police Department, the Spring Lake Park Community Education and the City of Fridley's Recreation Department to bring programs to residents.

Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner, presented to the Rec on the Go participants to promote proper recycling.

Cleve participated in a presentation called "Choose Respect" along with representatives from Alexandria House who spoke with Chill participants about bullying.

Cleve is working with Tahoe Sportswear to offer City Logo apparel for employees.

Fridley youth recreation sports (soccer, t-ball) first session ended. Track, tennis, and football will begin the week of July 23rd.

One of the summer's most popular programs, Nickel Jamboree, was held on August 1st and attracted approximately 475 participants. Wet and Wild brought in 175.

49'ers Day events were successful and attracted over 1,000 for the parade and more than 300 for the Kid's Day event. Recreation staff along with other City employees partnered with the committee and the Lions to host the annual parade and Kid's Day. It was estimated City staff worked more than 900 hours to provide security, park maintenance, recreation staff as well as marketing and coordination for the two-day event.

Software training will be held August 7-9 for staff power users who will assist and train others. Software is hoping to go live in October.

Promotion for Recreation programs and events will be included in the City Newsletter.

Fridley Community Theater hosted two popular musical – Lion King and Sister Act, reaching record numbers of ticket sales for Lion King and reaching sales goals for Sister Act.

Parks staff recently finished adding a new Pollinator Patch at the northwest corner of Commons Park! The patch was planted with pollinator-friendly plants and is definitely working - a few pollinators have already been enjoying the new addition! Staff designed and built a retaining wall to stop erosion, and then used the construction as an opportunity to develop a pollinator habitat.



COMING SOON

Art at Rice Creek – 9/8, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts

Autumn Sampler - 9/14, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Springbrook Nature Center

Sound Garden – a partnership with Positively Fridley
9/30, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts