

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.