

**CITY OF MOORHEAD  
PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
Hjemkomst Center  
202 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North  
Moorhead, Minnesota 56560**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Moorhead Park Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

**Members Present:** Randy Bach, Lila Hazeman, Ron Schneider, Rick Stotts, Councilmember Mark Altenburg, Councilmember Alternate Brenda Elmer

**Members Absent:** Heidi Durand

**Others Present:** Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager; Karen Stremick, Office Specialist

**Visitors Present:** Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council; Deb Haugen, 4307 South River Haven Road, Moorhead; Gina Nolte, Clay County Public Health

**2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

It was announced that the City Council representatives on the Park Advisory Board have changed. Mark Altenburg will replace Greg Lemke and Brenda Elmer will replace Diane Wray-Williams as the Council Alternate.

**3. MINUTES – November 17, 2009**

Bach motioned to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 PAB Meeting, the motion was seconded by Schneider. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**5. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None

**6. STIMULUS FUNDING-AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

Staff announced that a grant for \$146,000 was received from the Americans Recovery and Reinvestment Act to update the lighting at the Moorhead Sports Center, Hjemkomst Center and Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new lighting will be more efficient, as an

example when the new lighting is installed at the Hjemkomst Center the cost savings should equal the project cost within two years.

**7. RIVER PROJECTS-FLOATING PLATFORM**

In 2005, the Capital Improvement account allocated \$5,000 towards the construction of a portage, around the North Dam and \$2,000 towards a floating platform to assist people in launching and removing kayaks and canoes from the Red River. This money partially funded the projects with the understanding that Riverkeepers would secure the additional funding needed for the projects from other sources. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Riverkeepers have received a grant from the State of Minnesota that would fund the North Dam portage, parking lot and park in it's entirety. It is now being requested that the PAB support the reallocation of the \$5,000 for the North Dam project to the floating platform. Quotes for the cost of the floating platform have range from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Recently, the company Jet Float has offered to supply the floating platform for the \$7,000 at could be available if this reallocation is approved. The North Dam park area is estimated at \$250,000 worth of improvements to the City of Moorhead along the Red River. This project is currently being bid by the DNR for construction this summer.

Bach made a motion to reallocate the \$5,000 in Capital Funds for the North Dam project to the Floating Platform project. The motioned was seconded by Hazemann. All votes were in favor, the motion passed.

**8. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE-SOUTHSIDE REGIONAL PARK**

City staff members recently presented the funding request for Southside Regional Park to the Senate Bonding Committee. The request is for \$3.5 million and would be Phase 3 for the Southside Regional Park. In 2007, the City requested \$4 million for the project. Included in that request were concession and restroom facilities and additional fields. The restroom and concession buildings have already been built as Phase 2B. Phase 3 now includes a maintenance building, championship field amenities such as lights, bleacher seating for 3,000 spectators, and artificial turf.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) has accepted this project as a level 2 priority for them when presenting to the Minnesota Legislature. The MASC hopes the location would be used for local, national and international events bringing tourism into Minnesota.

If funding is granted, the complex will be expected to host tournaments regularly during the spring, summer and fall months.

**9. UPDATE/INFORMATION**

**a. 2010 Capital Improvement Projects**

Information was provided to PAB Members showing the Capital Improvement Funds approved for 2010 within the Parks and Recreation Division. Some of the projects included are: Neighborhood Recreation Center (NRC) sidewalk and furnace

replacement, a baseball field at Townsite Park, Hampton Park development, Woodlawn Park wading pool demolition and a joint venture between Fargo and Moorhead to install a new pedestrian/bike lift bridge between Gooseberry Park and Lindenwood Park.

**b. Domino's Pizza Sales Update**

Domino's provided sales updates on pizza sold at the Moorhead Sports Center during school lunch periods. In Domino's 2009-2010 contract it was agreed that Domino's would offer a healthy alternative to their regular pizza. They agreed to offer a wheat crust pizza with reduced cheese. According to sales numbers, 85% of the healthy alternative pizza has been waste.

**c. Sleigh Ride Update**

Final numbers on the sleigh rides offered at the Hjemkomst Center were provided to the PAB members.

**d. 2009 Flood Park Projects**

Plans were received for the Gooseberry Park Large Shelter replacement. Initial drawings provide for a shelter that will accommodate 350 people. It has been requested that the drawings be scaled back to a shelter that can accommodate 200-250 people. Staff hopes to be able to present drawings of the new shelter at the February PAB Meeting. Due to the funding source, construction of the new shelter will not begin until after June 1, 2010.

**e. MB Johnson Park Construction Update**

Staff announced that the footings have been completed at the new MB Johnson Shelter. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2010.

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by:



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