

**CITY OF MOORHEAD  
PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 22, 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 Hjemkomst Center, 202 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2010.

**Members Present:** Randy Bach, Heidi Durand, Lila Hazemann, Ron Schneider, Rick Stotts, Council Member Mark Altenburg, Council Member Alternate Brenda Elmer

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager; Karen Stremick, Office Specialist; Scott Hutchins, Community Services Director; Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer

**Visitors Present:** Mark Hintemeyer, Moorhead City Council; Jim Cole, Zerr Berg Architects; Steve Gehrtz, Gehrtz Construction Services; Karen Nitzkowski, Friends of Andrew Nelson

**2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS / INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**3. MINUTES**

Elmer motioned to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010 PAB Meeting, the motion was seconded by Bach. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**5. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None

**6. RUNNING TRACK AT TOWNSITE PARK**

Karen Nitzkowski was present from the Friends of Andrew Nelson Committee. The Committee has been fundraising to build a track at Townsite Park in memory of SSG Andrew P Nelson who was killed in the line of duty. The track construction will be funded by the Friends of Andrew Nelson and once completed it would be gifted to and

maintained by the City of Moorhead. As of June 18, 2010 the group raised \$35,415 with \$10,000 still needed. The group is confident that the additional funds will be raised and would like permission from the City to begin construction.

Durand made a motion recommending approval to the Moorhead City Council to allow this group to proceed with the construction of the SSG Andrew P Nelson Memorial Track with the understanding that the remaining funds will be raised. The track will also be named the SSG Andrew P. Nelson Memorial Track. The motion was seconded by Stotts. All votes were in favor, the motion passed.

**7. GOOSEBERRY PARK SHELTER**

The PAB discussed the various options available for the Large Shelter at Gooseberry Park. The options included repairing the damaged pier on the existing structure, removing and raising the roof of the existing shelter or demolishing the existing shelter and not rebuilding. FEMA has designated \$93,000 to repair the damaged pier or for a complete demolition of the shelter. To remove and raise the roof has been estimated at \$630,000. Funding for this option would include \$270,000 funded from the DNR grant, \$93,000 in FEMA funding and the remaining \$267,000 Capital Improvement Reserves is being considered for the balance. Depending on decisions made regarding the Historic Log Cabin an additional \$50,000 in existing Capital Improvement Funds could be available should the cabin move to Memorial Park.

Staff advised the PAB that the Large Shelter at Gooseberry Park has been the park systems most popular shelter and is used by 1000's of citizens every summer.

Stotts motioned to approve Option 3 which includes the removal of the roof on the existing shelter and renovating the existing structure at an estimated cost of \$630,000. The motion was seconded by Bach. Five votes were in favor, one opposed, the motion carried

**8. HISTORIC LOG CABIN**

The PAB readdressed the possible location of the Historic Log Cabin. The previously approved location by the PAB, in the southwest corner of Woodlawn Park, is no longer available due to maintenance issues involving the water tower. Staff provided information for an alternate location in Memorial Park. This location would provide increased opportunities for usage of the Log Cabin due to location, parking availability, available green space, available amenities, and uses during special events currently held in the area. A cost estimate to move the Historic Log Cabin to this location and provide a foundation is estimated at \$93,000. To leave the Log Cabin in its current location and to shore up the building is estimated at \$25,000. The \$93,000 could be funded through DNR grant funds but to leave the log cabin in the flood plain City of Moorhead Capital Improvement funds would need to be used. The DNR funds are for flood mitigation and without moving the log cabin it does not change the elevation.

The PAB decided that before a decision is made on the future of the Historic Log Cabin additional public input needed to be obtained.

Altenburg made a motion to table this agenda item until the August PAB meeting to receive public input. The motion was seconded by Durand. All votes were in favor, the motion passed.

**9. UPDATE/INFORMATION**

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Stremick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Karen Stremick  
Office Specialist  
Moorhead Parks and Recreation