

**CITY OF MOORHEAD  
PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

**Members Present:** Randy Bach, Heidi Durand, Ron Schneider, Rick Stotts,

**Members Absent:** Lila Hazemann, Greg Lemke, Alternate Diane Wray-Williams

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

**Visitors Present:** Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council; Mark Peihl, Clay County Historical Society; Luther Stueland, Moorhead City Council Elect

**2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**3. MINUTES – October 20, 2009**

Durand motioned to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 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. LOG CABIN OPTIONS**

Staff presented the PAB with options that were available concerning the future of the Log Cabin. At the May 2009 PAB meeting it was unanimously voted to move the Log Cabin to MB Johnson Park. There was \$50,000 available in the budget for the move and other funding was not available for utilities and additional expenses. Funding has

now been approved through FEMA / State of Minnesota to either replace the existing foundation or move the Log Cabin to a new location.

Locations that have been suggested are MB Johnson Park, Davy Park and just south of its current location. A concern that has been raised about the MB Johnson location is the possibility of vandalism. Another suggestion was Davy Park, however, there is substantial sewer and water infrastructure that may be impacted and it was discussed that a larger area would be more preferable. If the Log Cabin was moved to the south side of its current location, a retaining wall would have to be constructed and it could be difficult due to the steep grade. The lack of parking would still be an issue and there are no restroom facilities. If the Log Cabin was dismantled the PAB would like to see the logs used elsewhere, to date no one has shown interest in the logs.

There was also a suggestion to move the Log Cabin to the South next to the sledding hill at Woodlawn to provide a warming house. An obstacle to this location would be the use for the power plant has not been determined as of yet and this space is being discussed as essential for any redevelopment of that area.

Mark Peihl, Clay County Historical Society, was present to answer any questions regarding the history of the Log Cabin. The original building was constructed around 1860 as a stage coach stop located on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, in what is now Davy Park. The building has been moved and reconstructed twice and has been at its current location since 1932.

Citizens of the Woodlawn Park Neighborhood have addressed the City Council as well as provided letters of support to keep the log cabin at its current location. They feel that there is a lot of history with the cabin and that the neighborhood continues to lose amenities due to the continuous flooding of the area. The residents who contacted staff were notified by phone that the Log Cabin would be on the PAB agenda but there was no one in attendance from the neighborhood.

The funding to rebuild or move the Log Cabin is not available until June of 2010. PAB decided to uphold the previous motion, while staff continues to research options.

## **7. UPDATE/INFORMATION**

### **a. MN Senate Bonding 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 buildings for concessions, restrooms 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, bleachers for 3,000, 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.

**b. Gooseberry Park Shelter Update on Demolition/Reconstruction**

The Gooseberry Park Large Shelter will be demolished with FEMA funding very soon. Funds have been approved for a new shelter, however, it will not be available until after June 1, 2010. The new shelter will be in the same location as the old Large Shelter only the new concrete slab will be at a higher elevation and the roof will be constructed of steel allowing for flooding.

**c. Riverfront Park NRC Building Denied FEMA Funding**

Staff informed the PAB that funding from FEMA to demolish the Riverfront Park NRC was denied. Staff has also contacted Jill Danielson with the FEMA decision informing her that painting to touch up the mural could proceed. Danielson previously had voiced concern over the future of the mural that was painted on the side of the building, and had indicated that community groups had planned on touching up the mural and future cultural activities had been planned for the site.

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by:



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