

**City of Moorhead
Park Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2013
1st Floor Council Chambers - City Hall
500 Center Ave
4:00 pm**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Park Advisory Board was held in the 1st Floor Council Chambers - City Hall, on March 19, 2013, at 4:00 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
Board Member:	Sharon Ferris	Present
Board Member:	Brad Leeser	Present
Board Member:	Kay Litch	Present
Board Member:	Cassandra Lougheed	Present
Board Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present
Board Member:	Janeen Stenso	Absent
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

2. Recognitions/Presentations/Introductions

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion made to Approve made by Brad Leeser and seconded by Brenda Elmer

Motion to Approve 3. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

4. Citizens Addressing the Board

5. Agenda Amendments

6. River Corridor Study - Joe Nigg, Metro COG Presenter

Minutes: Presenter Joe Nigg spoke about the River Corridor Study currently underway by Metropolitan Council of Governments, giving an update of the future goals and objectives, as well as a summary from the public meetings that have been held.

Committee discussion centered on where to obtain information, (www.fmmetrocog.org), future plans for the City acquired land, tree replacement and removal procedures, potential sponsorship for improvements on the corridor, maintenance and costs associated, bike path connectivity, and plans for bridge placement by MB Johnson. A request was made to have future Metro COG meetings televised.

7. Request - Moorhead Rotary Club Peace Pole Placement

Minutes: Presenter Vern Goodin with the Moorhead Rotary Club presented his request to place a Peace Pole in a Moorhead park, preferably Davy-Memorial Park.

The Committee thought the project was commendable and discussed concerns about funding, the option of tree planting instead of a possible plaque placement, dual project partnership with Fargo, eradication of potential graffiti, protest issues, and maintenance plans.

Park procedures were discussed that prohibits the placement of plaques, monuments or memorials in public parks. These are park guidelines only and policy boards such as Park Board and City Council can override the existing procedure.

Discussion then centered on the possibility of placing a monument at Trollwood Performing Art School as another location of interest to the Moorhead Rotary Club. Research will be conducted to determine if placement on the grounds is a possibility and who should be contacted that could address this issue.

Recreation Division Manager Holly Heitkamp offered to help connect the Moorhead Rotary Club to the appropriate individuals who could give approval at Trollwood.

8. Golf Update - Revenue Increases

Minutes: Recreation Division Manager Holly Heitkamp provided an update for the efforts to increase revenues at Moorhead's two municipal golf courses.

The Committee discussed improving population growth with golf specials, discounted rates on poor weather days, age requirements for youth golf programs, Moorhead resident appreciation specials, and advertising through cable access television as an advertising option.

9. Information Update

Minutes: Recreation Division Manager Holly Heitkamp provided information about the potential for the Minnesota Legislature to provide "Mighty Ducks" grants to local ice areas. The intent of these grants would be to assist in meeting the recent regulations that were passed on air quality standards and potential refrigerant changes. Plans to apply for a grant will be made to help fund upgrades for Sports Center rinks.

The Committee discussed cost estimates and obtaining quotes from different vendors before applying for the grant.

Councilmember Larry Seljevold inquired about the current work being completed on the bridge in Gooseberry Park and asked for clarification on it being raised well ahead of river flooding. Parks and Forest Manager Larry Anderson responded with a status update and plans for future communications once the bridge is operational again.

10. Adjourn

*Respectfully submitted by:
Randy Dahlin*