

**CITY OF MOORHEAD
PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
Hjemkomst Center
202 1st 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 20th day of October, 2009.

Members Present: Randy Bach, Heidi Durand, Lila Hazemann, Diane Wray-Williams, Ron Schneider, Rick Stotts,

Members Absent: Greg Lemke

Others Present: Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager; Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council

Visitors Present: None

2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

None

3. MINUTES – September 15, 2009

Durand motioned to approve the minutes of the September 15, 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. SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY TO REPLACE THE PEDESTRIAN / BIKE BRIDGE CROSSING THE RED RIVER AT GOOSEBERRY AND LINDENWOOD PARKS

Discussions centered on the continually increasing cost for this bridge, but also the importance for the Park Division to support an application for federal or state funds that could be utilized for this project. Also discussed was the possibility that this could be listed as a separate line item in the Capital Improvement requests in an effort to

continue to move forward on our playground replacement / construction in new neighborhoods.

A motion was made by Wray- Williams to support the resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Hazemann. Six votes were in favor; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. **PARK TOURS OF RIVERFRONT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER, SOUTHSIDE REGIONAL PARK, AND THE LOG CABIN ON 4TH STREET**

Members went on a site visit to various parks to get a “first hand” look at the new construction at the Southside Regional Park as well as the problems with the Neighborhood Recreation Center at Riverfront Park and the Log Cabin in Woodlawn Park.

Members continue to be in agreement that there are currently no funds to make improvements / changes to the Riverfront Park building and that it should remain as is with the routine maintenance that all buildings would receive. There is some expectation that this facility will see much more use in the next year with stickball moving to this location as well as the construction of a disc golf course. Both activities would need restrooms available and storage for supplies. With the configuration of the new stickball area there is ample room to put two basketball hoops in allowing for 2 separate half court games. Once use has been determined this facility will again be revisited to determine if capital improvement requests should be submitted.

When visiting the Log Cabin members received a first hand look at the structural problems of the facility at this location. This topic will be discussed at depth in the November 17th meeting.

There was a site visit to the newly constructed restroom / concession building at the Southside Regional Park. Discussion centered on the use and the upcoming request to the Minnesota Senate Bonding Committee.

8. **UPDATE / INFORMATION**

M.B. Johnson Park: Members received an update on bids that were received since the last park board meeting. Bids were higher than engineer’s estimates. It was determined that in an effort to move forward with this project the playground equipment would be put on hold until funds could be found. Member Bach wanted to stress the importance of the playground equipment for the citizens using this park. Anderson commented that should the City receive funding for the work that needs to be done at the log cabin the \$50,000 currently in CI funds for that project could possibly be utilized for this play equipment. Council approval would be needed. Funding for the log cabin work would be determined in June of 2010.

Hampton and Johnson Farms Grade and Seed: The legal dispute in regards to the dirt piles at Johnson Farms have been resolved and the City has contracted with a company to move the dirt piles to an alternate location once it dries up. Dormant seeding and grading will commence weather permitting. Anderson believes that there should be enough funds remaining to put in playgrounds at each of these locations.

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Heitkamp". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Holly Heitkamp
Recreation Division Manager
Moorhead Parks and Recreation