

**CITY OF MOORHEAD  
PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 18, 2011  
Hjemkomst Center  
202 1<sup>st</sup> Ave 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 202 1<sup>st</sup> Ave North, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2011.

**Members Present:** Randy Bach, Larry Seljevold, Janeen Stenso, Council Member, Mark Altenburg.

**Members Absent:** Rick Stotts, Heidi Durand.

**Others Present:** Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager, Kristie Leshovsky, City Planner, Brian Zastoupil, Red River Dispatch Center, Tory Jacobson, Moorhead Police Department.

**Visitors Present:** Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council, Bert Chamberlain, Moorhead Citizen, Ralf Mehnert-Meland, Hockey Day in Minnesota.

**2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS / INTRODUCTIONS**

New Park Advisory Board Members were introduced.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRPERSON:**

This item was tabled until the next meeting to allow missing members to vote.

**4. PEDESTRIAN / BIKE BRIDGE:**

This item was carried over from the November PAB meeting where there was not a quorum. Members were asked to support a resolution that Moorhead would be supportive of efforts on a joint project between Moorhead and Fargo to replace the bike and pedestrian bridge which spans the Red River connecting Memorial and Oak Grove Parks.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,250,000 with the City of Moorhead and the City of Fargo splitting this cost, \$625,000 per jurisdiction. The City of Moorhead is applying for \$400,000 in Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds. If this money is received, the City must provide the local match for its share of the eligible construction costs in addition to the ineligible costs resulting in a total local cost of \$225,400. Staff proposes that future Capital Improvement funds and/or Municipal State Aid funds be used for the local match and ineligible costs.

Member Bach had concerns about the potential of committing \$225,400 when there were so many neighborhood parks in need of capital investments and suggested that funds other than park amenities be used to finance this project.

Motion was made by Seljevold and seconded by Altenburg to provide a resolution of support for the application to obtain Federal Transportation Funding to replace the pedestrian and bike bridge across the Red River at Memorial and Oak Grove Parks. Motion passed by a vote of 3 – 1 with member Bach opposing.

**5. TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AT CENTENNIAL PARK:**

City Planner, Leshovsky , Moorhead Police Officer, Tory Jacobson, and Brian Zastoupil, from Red River Regional Dispatch presented information on the telecommunication tower that was proposed for placement at Centennial Athletic Complex. The presentation included information on the selection process for Moorhead to receive this tower and benefits to having it in Moorhead.

Moorhead would be allowed to install antennas on the tower and have MNDOT shelter the equipment at a cost of \$300 per year, which is a much reduced rate. Should there be a catastrophic failure of this tower, it is designed to fall within itself so as not to disturb the surrounding area.

A motion was made by Seljevold and seconded by Bach to recommend approval to the Moorhead City Council. All votes were in favor of the motion, motion carried.

**6. HOCKEY DAY IN MINNESOTA / MOORHEAD:**

Hockey Day in Minnesota Committee Member Ralf Mehnert-Meland; thanked the City for their assistance, and described the event and the planning for handling the crowds that are expected for this event.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus of the whole.

Respectfully submitted by:



Holly Heitkamp  
Recreation Division Manager  
Moorhead Parks and Recreation