

**CITY OF MOORHEAD  
PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 19, 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 Moorhead Sports Center, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Larry Anderson, Parks and Forestry Division Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager; Karen Stremick, Office Specialist, Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council

**Visitors Present:** None

**2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**3. MINUTES – April 21, 2009**

Lemke motioned to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2009 PAB Meeting, with one correction. In the voting in section 9, Wray-Williams should be removed as Lemke was present and Wray-Williams is the Council alternate. The motion was seconded by Bach. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**5. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

The following items will be added to the agenda:

9a) Field of Dreams Update

9b) MB Johnson Update

9c) Soccer Building Change Orders

**6. 2010 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Staff presented PAB a list of proposed capital improvement requests for 2010. When viewing the capital requests for new park development the PAB wanted to know a breakdown of costs for various stages of park development, ranging from grade and seeding to full completion. Staff will supply a breakdown of costs and additional prioritizing at the next meeting. PAB also urged staff to consider the development of new parks in close proximity to existing parks when prioritizing capital requests.

**7. 2010 PROPOSED PARKS AND RECREATION FEES**

Staff presented the PAB with proposed fees for 2010. These fees were based on an annual 3% increase as previously recommended by the PAB.

A motion was made by Lemke to approve the 2010 Parks and Recreation fees as presented. The motion was seconded by Durand. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

**8. FLOOD MITIGATION**

1. Staff updated the PAB on the status of several flood damaged facilities within the parks system. Staff will apply for FEMA funds to repair/demo/replace the facilities as recommend by PAB. The Neighborhood Recreation Center at Riverfront Park, has been discussed in the past as needing major repair or demolition. The building has since been further damaged with the spring flood waters of 2009. Demolishing this facility would mean that the paintings on the exterior would also be destroyed. These are murals that were painted with a grant from the F-M Foundations in an effort to promote diversity. If the building is demolished, photos would be taken of the murals to be saved for posterity. The PAB also discussed the condition of the tennis courts at Riverfront Park. Due to continuous flooding and ground shifting there are areas of the courts that have cracks up to four inches wide rendering the courts unusable.

A motion was made by Lemke to demolish the building and tennis courts at Riverfront Park. The motion was seconded by Durand. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

2. The foundation of the Historic Log Cabin has been further damaged by spring flood waters. There are concerns that the foundation is so deteriorated it is at risk of total collapse and the structure sliding down the hill. Previous discussions suggested moving the Log Cabin to MB Johnson Park. This structure will be reviewed by FEMA in an effort to obtain Flood Mitigation funds to help the City with a possible move.

A motion was made by Durand to move the Historic Log Cabin from its current location to MB Johnson Park. The motion was seconded by Stotts. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

3. Many of the facilities at Woodlawn Park are affected annually by flood waters. Some of these facilities are the wading pool, baseball field, playground, tennis courts and bathrooms. Staff felt that the building housing the bathrooms and the tennis courts were repairable. Woodlawn Park is very popular with disc golfers and bathroom facilities are necessary. Discussion regarding the wading pool, baseball field and playground equipment concluded that there is extensive damage due to flood waters and demolition was the best option.

A motion was made by Stotts to get a quote to repair the tennis courts and the building housing the bathrooms, and to demolish the wading pool, baseball field, playground equipment. The motion was seconded by Bach. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

**9. UPDATE/INFORMATION**

**A. Field of Dreams:** Stotts updated the PAB on the Field of Dreams meeting he attended, they are continuing to focus and push their 1,000 for 1,000 fundraising campaign.

**B. MB Johnson Update:** Heitkamp updated the PAB that she is waiting for the final drawings from SRF Consulting. She reconfirmed that the priorities are a shelter, restrooms, play equipment and parking.

**C. Soccer Building Change Orders:** Anderson notified the PAB that some of the items that were on the list of value added items were utilized. The following items were changed; brick to the building was removed, the style of countertops was changed and changes were made to the furnace/air conditioning system. These changes will account for \$16,000 that will be put towards the contingency fund for the building.

Heitkamp announced that on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. the Parks Department is co-sponsoring a block party at Arrowhead Park. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided.

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by:



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