

**CITY OF MOORHEAD
PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 17, 2010
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 Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Avenue North, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 17th of August 2010.

Members Present: Randy Bach, Heidi Durand, Ron Schneider, Rick Stotts, Council Member Mark Altenburg, Council Member Alternate Brenda Elmer

Members Absent: Lila Hazemann

Others Present: Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager

Visitors Present: Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council; Dave Olson, The Forum; Dennis Thoen, 225 3rd Street South, Moorhead; Diane Wray Williams, Moorhead City Council; Christyann Ronde, PO Box 191, Moorhead; Terri Shustad, 429 Deldona Drive, Mankato; Jean Hokanson, 100 3rd Street North #105, Moorhead; Scott Onstine, 3008 38th Avenue South, Fargo; Gloria Weisgram, 508 5th Street South, Moorhead; Hazel and George Retzloff, 318 4th Street South, Moorhead; Mike Hokanson, 307 4th Street South, Moorhead.

2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS / INTRODUCTIONS

None

3. MINUTES

Bach motioned to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2010 PAB meeting, the motion was seconded by Durand. All votes were in favor; the motion carried.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

5. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

6. WOODLAWN PARK IMPROVEMENTS / LOG CABIN:

The Park Advisory Board was asked to consider and recommend to the City Council one of the following options with regards to the Woodlawn park improvements and Log Cabin.

Option 1: Approve various Woodlawn Park Improvements leaving the Log Cabin at its current location. Stabilize the Log Cabin foundation. The cost has been estimated at \$25,000 and would be paid for with City funds.

Option 2: Approve various Woodlawn Park Improvements and relocate the Log Cabin and statues to Memorial Park. Remove the existing foundation, landscape and restore existing site to match adjacent grade. The cost has been estimated at \$96,000 and would be paid for with State funds.

Discussion surrounding the project was held with four citizens requesting to speak on this topic but others from the neighborhood were present. Those citizens were Gloria Weisgram, Mike Hokanson, Hazel and George Retzlaff, and Scott Onstine. All were in support of leaving the Log Cabin at the current 4th Street location. Mr. Hokanson spoke to preserving a small community within a larger community and the need for additional maintenance to the area. Gloria Weisgram gave her account of the history of Bowman Park and the Folk Arts programs that she held at the cabin, and the Retzlaffs spoke to what a "treasure to the community this Log Cabin is" and how it draws neighbors together. Scott Onstine, the Grandson of Adolph Bowman who was instrumental in the reconstruction of the Log Cabin for the garden club at this site, said the family is disappointed that the City would even consider moving it.

Member Stotts made a motion to recommend Option 2 which was to move the Log Cabin to Memorial Park with a second by Randy Bach. The motion was approved by a vote of three to one with Members Stotts, Bach and Schneider in support of the motion while member Durand voted no and Altenburg abstained.

7. Approve Park Fees

Staff requested that the Park Advisory Board review the proposed 2011 participant fees and recommend to the Moorhead City Council that there are no increases on programming fees but would recommend an average of 3% for facility rental charges.

Discussion surrounded the graph that identified the fees charged within the Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan area and the fact that Moorhead's fees are well above the others. Motion was made by Durand to approve the fee schedule as presented and seconded by Altenburg. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

8. Sports Center Concession Contract – Dominos

It was requested that the Park Advisory Board make a recommendation for the approval of a contract with Northern Empire Pizza dba Dominos Pizza to provide concessions at the Moorhead Sports Center.

The proposed contract would be for three years but would have an option to discontinue the contract on an annual basis with notice. Mark Altenburg made a motion to approve which was seconded by Bach. Motion carried by a vote of three to two with Members Stotts and Durand voting no.

It was recommended that the next Park Advisory Board meeting be held at M.B. Johnson Park new shelter. The meeting date would be September 21 at 4:00 p.m.

9. **UPDATE/INFORMATION**

Additional handouts with information were handed out at the meeting.

- Examples of Graffiti in the Bear Den at Memorial Park.
- Newspaper article in regards to the Log Cabin neighborhood meeting.
- Invitation to Dedication of the Andrew Nelson Memorial Track.

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Heitkamp".

Holly Heitkamp
Recreation Division Manager
Moorhead Parks and Recreation