

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Chad Kreager, Bruce Krinke, Cheryl Sterling and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rahma Abdi, Sally Kramer and Elsie Slinger. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen. GUESTS: David Wanberg, City Planner.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:02 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lola, seconded by Chad to approve minutes of May 22, 2019. Motion passed.
- 3) Parks Master Plan Review: David Wanberg, City Planner, reviewed the updated Parks Master Plan with the Board. David shared handouts showing ten service areas within the city identifying what parks and amenities are needed within each service area. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides park and amenity standards for communities based on their size. These standards were used to determine needs in each service area. Schools and private recreation areas are also noted in the plan but they are not owned by the City. Board reviewed the handouts and discussed amenities within each service area. David stated there will be three tiers to the Parks Master Plan; the first level is a simple summary of the plan, the second level is a short, easy-to-read plan with graphics and photos, and the third one is a more detailed implementation plan showing needs, timelines, costs and funding. The third tier will be completed at a later date.

David also shared a map showing locations of desired trails, sidewalks and long-term goals. Bike lanes and bike routes on certain roads throughout the city were discussed; for example, to the downtown area, to the park at the Old Public Works site and connections to other parts of the city. Desired bike routes would be indicated with signage whereas bike lanes would have painted lanes on the roadways. Board also discussed the need for bike charging stations and bike repair stations. David and Paul explained they want the Parks Master Plan to be something that is usable and practical for development. David asked the Board to review the draft and if they have comments, please forward them to Paul, Lola or himself. The Parks Master Plan will become part of the City Master Plan.

- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Faribault Family Aquatic Center: The Faribault Family Aquatic Center (FFAC) was voted the best place to swim in southern Minnesota by Southern Minnesota Scene publication readers. This is the third year in a row the FFAC has been recognized with this award.
 - b) Washington Rec Center: Part of the floor at the Washington Rec Center is currently torn up and plumbing is being repaired.
 - c) Maple Lawn Cemetery: The agreement requirements with Maple Lawn Cemetery regarding Maple Lawn Park have been completed. This agreement is for ten years.
 - d) Parks and Recreation Personnel: In the recent City Council budget meeting, Council agreed not to add any new positions in 2020. Therefore, the City will

advertise for two part-time receptionists for the Community Center to fill both open positions rather than one full-time receptionist.

- e) Faribault Area Ice Arena: Ice will be put in this week at the arena and open skate will begin this weekend, September 28 and 29.
- 5) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business:
- a) Parks Master Plan: David Wanberg was present to discuss as reported above.
 - b) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
 - d) Mill Towns Trail: Paul invited all to attend the Mill Towns Trail & Bridge Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at White Sands Trailhead Facility.
 - e) Tunnel Lighting, Signage & Painting: Arrow Electric continues to work on lighting the tunnel into River Bend Nature Center. They are currently working with Xcel Energy regarding some connection issues. City Council has requested a historical sign or marker be placed above the entrance on one end of the tunnel. The tunnel will be painted as well.
- 7) New Business:
- a) Old Public Works Park Layout: Paul presented the proposed plan for a park at the old Public Works Site. The plan will be taken to Council for approval with completion anticipated to be in 2021. Board reviewed, discussed and approved the plan as presented.
 - b) Holiday Lights Group: Paul stated he met with a group of citizens who are interested in starting a holiday lights show in a city park. Paul spoke with contacts in Mankato to get information about their light show and relayed the information to the Faribault group. The group is considering doing something much smaller in Central Park. Paul plans to meet with the group again on September 25.
 - c) Verizon Tower at Soccer Complex: Verizon requested approval from the City to install a 140-foot cell phone tower at the Soccer Complex. Their request was to install it near the Soccer Complex entrance. Neither the Soccer Association nor the School District approved that location. It was suggested placing it in the northeast corner of the city-owned lot directly east of the Soccer Complex. Paul is continuing discussions regarding placement and revenue.
- 8) Other: None.
- 9) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019.
- 10) Motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by Lola to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant