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Regular Session

TENTATIVE AGENDA May 8, 2017
Shakopee Park and Recreation Advisory Board
7:00 p.m.
LOCATION Shakopee Community Center
1255 Fuller St South
Shakopee, Minnesota

Our mission is to provide, develop, protect, and enhance excellent park and recreation services, open spaces, and natural resources that contribute to a high-quality of life for our residents.

Present: Jeremy Casper; Josh Forsythe; John Otto; Karen Cahoon; Mike Vogel;
and Kyle Verley

Others Present: Jay Whitting, City Council Member; Dave Schleper, Chair Shakopee
Heritage Society

Staff Present: Jamie Polley, Parks and Recreation Director

1. Roll Call

Karen Cahoon P
Jeremy Casper P
Josh Forsythe P
Kyle Verley P
Mike Vogel P
John Janke NP
John Otto P

2. Approval of Agenda

Jeremy Casper, John Otto moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

Vote: 6 - 0

3. Approval of the April 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes of the PRAB

Mike Vogel, Kyle Verley moved to approve the April 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes of the PRAB as presented.

Vote: 6-0

4. Recognition of Interested Citizens for Items Not On Agenda (No action will be taken.)

5. General Business

A. Pathways to History Presentation

Ms. Polley addressed the Board and presented the first Agenda item. She introduced City Council Member Jay Whitting and Mr. Dave Schleper of the Shakopee Heritage Society to present the first Agenda item on a project called “Pathways to History”.

Mr. Whitting addressed the Board and noted that in 2011 the City Council extended Memorial Park to include land south of 101, at the request of the Shakopee Heritage Society. Since then the area has been improved to include a connection of Sarazin St to Memorial park via a trail under 101, landscaping, retaining walls and an enhanced storm water retention area. Mr. Whitting noted that Shakopee hosts over 10 million visitors per year to the City through the various events and attractions in the area. The Heritage Society's intention for this area is inform the public of the historic significance of this area and propose to construct Kiosks with historical information, picnic tables, benches, etc. There will be different phases to the project, of which Phase I will include five signs introducing trail users to the history of Shakopee. The signs will begin at the 101 Bridge and will continue on the south side of the road.

Mr. Whitting introduced Mr. Dave Schleper, Chair of the Shakopee Heritage Society. Mr. Schleper addressed the Board and provided the members a brief but detailed history of the integral people and places within the City of Shakopee. Some of the people include the Mdewankanton Sioux, early settlers to the area and even those who escaped slavery. Some of the places include burial grounds, natural springs and ruins of historical buildings. Mr. Schleper noted that these people and places would be the focus and subject of the signs, in hopes to bring to the light the vast amount of history within our City.

Mr. Whitting addressed the Board to invite the PRAB and public to a fundraiser for the signs on August 17th at Turtles restaurant in Shakopee. The Heritage Society is looking for donations from companies or individuals and are looking for about \$1,000 per sign. He noted that up to four companies or individuals to donate per sign and would list the name or company logo at the bottom of the sign. However, they will welcome any donations or contributions toward the sign program.

Otto stated that he thought the historical marker signs tie in very nicely with Memorial Park.

Forsythe inquired if there was a timeline for the project. In addition, he wanted to thank the Heritage Society for all their hard work and feels that this project is important to the City.

Mr. Whitting responded that funding is really setting the timeline for the project at this point. The Heritage Society has decided to construct the signs out of heavy duty UV material so they will last for many years without fading.

Ms. Polley noted that the City does partner with Memorial Park and currently maintains this park area as part of their general fund maintenance budget. Maintenance at this time consists of mowing and minimal garbage pickup. She

suggested that the City could possibly put up a temporary plywood sign indicating “a future home of . . .” with details of what was coming and details of how people could donate to the project. The Board was in agreement and was open to future updates of the project.

6. Informational Items

A. May Project Update

Ms. Polley addressed the Board with the last Agenda item for the night. She noted that she has been providing the Board with monthly updates of Park projects, which have mostly focused on the renovation of the Community Center/Ice Arena. She will continue to update the Board with ongoing projects.

She reported on the Community Center and Ice Arena. The decking around the leisure pool will begin to be poured on Tuesday. The pool company has installed all of the stainless steel cutter and is currently installing the slide. The shallow end of the lap pool has been dug out, rocked and formed for concrete. The contractors have also completed the footings for the pool bump out. The steel structures of the roof are currently being installed. The locker rooms are coming along. Tile is almost complete and the lockers were delivered last week. The upper level is near completion. The new fitness equipment was installed this last week. Final punch list items are being completed and the public will begin using the new fitness area and fitness studios the week of May 15th (or sooner if possible). The old fitness equipment will be removed on the 15th. The playground is set to be delivered on May 24th and will be completed by June 16th. In addition, new staff are being interviewed and hired. The entire project is still on schedule and on budget. The planned completion date is June 30, 2017.

Ms. Polley provided a brief update on SandVenture Pool. She stated that since the altered school schedule, the pool would open early this year on Memorial weekend.

She next updated the Board on Quarry Lake Park. The gazebo is complete and the Parks Department will be installing it soon. The docks are assembled and will be put in the lake soon as well. Staff is working on signage for the park to inform the public that the water of the lake is closed to the public and for the Waterski Association use only. We will also be installing some other directional signage.

Otto inquired about the private use agreement between the City and the Shakopee Waterski Association. He noted that the current signs were confusing and could deter residents visiting the park.

Ms. Polley responded that the agreement/lease continues through 2035 and allows the Waterski Association exclusive use of the lake. The City will receive a percentage of all proceeds from waterski show admittance and concession sales. She would work on clarification of signs.

The next project update was the Fun For All Inclusive Playground. The donor board is being finalized and staff was still hoping for installation at the beginning of June for a grand opening June 4th.

The final project discussed was Tahpah Park West. Ms. Polley noted that Rachel Contracting has begun the construction of Tahpah Park west baseball field. There is a lot of dirt to be moved. Substantial completion is scheduled for June 16th.

7. Other Business
8. PRAB Adjourn

Jeremy Casper, John Otto moved to adjourn the May 8, 2017 PRAB meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Vote: 6 - 0

Regular meetings of the Shakopee Park and Recreation Advisory Board are normally held the second Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Please contact Jamie Polley at 952-233-9500 if you have an item you would like placed on the agenda.