



City of North St. Paul
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

July 27th, 2022

6:30 PM

The July 27th, 2022 Parks & Rec Commission meeting was held in the City Council chambers of North St. Paul City Hall, 2400 Margaret Street, North St. Paul MN 55109

I. **Call to Order**

Chair Lloyd Grachek called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

II. **Roll Call**

Lloyd Grachek, Chair - present

Laura Greenlee-Karp, Vice Chair – absent from chambers (present at Hause Park)

Larry Amsden – present

Heather Haas –present

Ingrid Koller - present

Sue Springborn – absent

Nancy Thorsen - absent

Sarah Zahradka – present

Arthur Alvarez, Jr - absent

Council Liaison: Tim Cole present (6:40pm)

Staff: Jill Officer – present

III. **Adopt Agenda**

On motion to adopt the agenda by Commissioner Sarah Zahradka, seconded by Commissioner Ingrid Koller with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to adopt the agenda.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

On motion to approve the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes by Commissioner Heather Haas, seconded by Commissioner Larry Amsden, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the minutes.

V. **Meeting Open to Public –**

VI. **Public Hearings – None**

VII. **Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations-**

A. October Event- Commissioner Zahradka describes fall event in past and with the date change changing the type of offerings. Tom Sonnek and Carey Nadeau from the Art and Culture Commissioner, along with Commissioner Zahradka brainstormed options and ideas for the October event. Ideas discussed for the event included kids activities, art vendors, and offering food/beverages. Art and Culture Commission has this event on the next agenda and suggested having the art cart there. Commissioner Zahradka asked if their commission would be comfortable organizing the art portion of the fair. Ideas of charging different fees that could support the lifeguards at Silver Lake were suggested –such as an entrance fee and booth fee and certain booths having candy. With the Art and Culture

commission helping with the art vendors, they requested a portion go to their commission which Park and Rec was fine with. Staff to look into setting aside each year for the budget to go to Art and Culture. Commissioner Zahradka to share previous planning information with the AC Commission. Miscellaneous items discussed were length and time of event, how many vendors, street dance, bonfire, name of event, serving alcohol during the second half.

B. Review of park signage- Staff presented sign package containing mockup of short and tall versions of the sign at Hause and Colby Hills, and color options of brown and blue – group preferred the shorter, all blue version. Group discussed Southwood signs, Environmental Learning Center and Colby Hills Park signs. The quantity of signs and sizes were approved as in the packet. The Environmental Learning Center sign on 13th Ave will be removed. Staff to put proposal together to include in council packet. Staff to work with commissioners for locations of new signs to be installed. Money approved for signs in previous meetings.

C. Hause Park- Discussion on Hause Park will continue next month when feedback from Food Truck night display is combined with City Hall feedback. Group discussed orientation of tennis/pickle ball court.

D. Interest in futsal for a park location.

Reports from Staff-

Staff reports that meetings will all be in the council chambers.

Parade-Commissioner Haas had requested the Fall Round up parade be brought up. The group agreed it would be something they would like to participate in. Possible options of transport were suggested.

Car Show- Commissioner Greenlee-Karp requested a sponsorship to be mentioned at the meeting. The Commissioner was interested and staff to research options.

T-shirts- Commissioner Greenlee-Karp requested new t-shirts for the commissioner be brought up for discussion. The commissioner was interested and staff to research the details.

Cathy from Southwood suggested flashlight pumpkin hunt by phone and wanted it mentioned as an event idea.

VIII. Reports from Commissioners, Council Members & Park Liaisons

A. Council Member Cole inquired about NSPAA -the many baseball teams representing North St Paul with many websites. He questioned if the city had an involvement with these leagues. Staff explained we maintain and schedule the fields. Discussion of recreation programs in North St Paul expanded into other sports. Cole suggested bringing it back in and getting clarity. More information is needed.



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IX. Adjournment

On motion by Commissioner Sarah Zahradka, seconded by Commissioner Heather Haas with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

Next Park and Recreation Meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022 at City Hall in the Sandberg room, 2400 Margaret St, North St Paul, MN 55109