



**Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2024
6:30 PM**

North St. Paul City Hall – Council Chambers
2400 Margaret Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION

Lloyd Grachek, Chair
Laura Greenlee-Karp, Vice-Chair
David Andren, Commissioner
Ben Hansen, Commissioner
Ingrid Koller, Commissioner, absent
Sue Springborn, Commissioner
Sarah Zahradka, Commissioner, absent

STAFF/LIAISONS

Cassidy Schweer, City Council Liaison, absent
Sara Lang, Staff Liaison

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Chair Grachek called for a motion to adopt the May 22, 2024 meeting agenda.
M/Andren ,S/Springborn
Motion carried 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of April 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chair Grachek asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2024 meeting minutes.
M/Andren, S/Springborn
Motion carried 5-0.

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Henry Schneider of Hangtime Boardshop spoke about the idea of hosting a pop up skate park on a clean surface that could last months to years and they could provide refurbished or used obstacles. Another option would be a smaller permanent park like Little Canada/Oakdale/Hugo or larger in west metro areas that include bowls and verticals and attract people around the Twin Cities. The other option is a destination park which the state now has funding for through grants. Commissioner Andren asked what type of hard surface they need, like concrete? Henry answered yes, concrete is best. Commissioner Andren also asked about liability factors. Henry noted that they could increase insurance for the coverage

if needed. Commissioner Andren also asked what the number of kids in classes currently are? Henry said 4 to 5 but typically 8 is the maximum and they are doing beginner level to due limited facilities. Commissioner Greenlee-Karp asked if you need to dig down to create obstacles? Henry said bowls are dug down (6-8 feet on the small side), verticals typically go up. Hangtime would like to be involved in any design conversations. Ball park size of space needed is 2500-4000 square foot range.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS, ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Park and Open Space Master Plan Approval

Chair Grachek suggested a workshop on June 17, from 5-7pm in the Council Chambers to discuss edits to the Master Plan. Staff Liaison Lang will work to coordinate that and work with the new Community Development Director to have them present at the workshop.

B. 2024 and 2025 Event Calendars

The Commission agreed that 2024 is on track for events and 2025 looks good.

VII. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Lang reported on Public Works updates for the last month. This included the slide at Polar Park being closed off due to a large crack and they are working on getting a quote for that soon. Large rubber mats have been placed under swings to try to avoid them being dug out so deep. They have also installed a mat under the Casey Lake slide.

Staff Liaison Lang also mentioned that the Park Planning Project is on hold with the City Manager and Mayor currently to finalize the contract with HGA.

VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS & PARK LIAISONS

Commissioner Hansen had no comment.

Commission Co-Chair Greenlee-Karp had no comment.

Commission Chair Grachek had no comment.

Commissioner Springborn had no comment.

Commissioner Andren asked about an update on a memorial bench for Cathy Troendle at Southwood.

The Commission asked Staff Liaison Lang to follow up with Finance and Public Works to see if there are regulations on the benches and follow-up at next meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Grachek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

M/Andren, S/Hansen

Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled Park and Recreation Commission Meeting is Wednesday, June 26th, 2024 at 6:30 PM.