

City of North Saint Paul
September 17, 2024
Approved City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monge called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Schweer arrived at 5:17 p.m.
Council Member Nordby
Council Member Cole
Council Member Wong
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos,
Community Development Administrative Assistant Sara Lang, Community
Development Director Riley Grams, and Public Works Director Ron Ritchie

Guests: Parks and Recreation Commission members, Llyod Grachek, Sue Springborn and
Sarah Zahradka

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

IV. TOPICS

A. Discuss the Parks and Open Space Master Plan

Community Development Director Riley Grams presented this item and encouraged comments and changes before formal approval. Mr. Grams discussed the purpose of the plan and acknowledged the hard work and lengthy process completed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. He thanked the Commission and City staff for their work on this plan.

Mayor Monge inquired about emails he received regarding disability data. Mr. Grams stated they will look closer at the plan as it relates to ADA compliance and determine if more information needs to be incorporated into the plan.

Council Member Nordby inquired about the language used regarding Hause Park. The wording is written as having basketball courts. Administrative Assistant Sara Lang stated a this was done in error, and she appreciated the feedback and would make the correction. Council Member Nordby also inquired about a condensed version of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan to be provided to City Council for guidance moving forward. Mr. Grams acknowledged this would help with coordinating multiple plans.

Council Member Wong suggested clarification on the Sliver Lake Park amenities improvement schedule. She noted the beach and sand volleyball courts do not have an improvement schedule.

Council Member Cole inquired about a document regarding installation, life expectancy, and replacement year of park equipment. He noted it was not in the current Parks and Open Space Master Plan packet. He also suggested including the priority list that was previously made by the Parks and Recreation Commission. This list prioritized the needs and wants of the Parks and Recreation Commission looking ahead anywhere from one to fifteen years in the future.

Council Member Schweer suggested combining both the Parks and Open Space Master Plan with the Park Improvement Plan to better coordinate priorities and projects. Mr. Grams stated staff could create a brief document listing the priorities and projects.

Council Member Schweer inquired how the Council could help the Parks and Recreation Commission. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Zahradka suggested increased support of the plans and allowing approval when they come up for vote.

V. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), meeting is adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk