

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2014
ROSEVILLE CITY HALL ~ 6:30pm

PRESENT: Bogenholm, Diedrick, Doneen, Gelbach, D. Holt, M. Holt, Newby, Stoner, Wall
ABSENT: Azer notified staff about being unable to attend
STAFF: Anfang, Brokke, O'Brien, Schultz

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair D. Holt announced that the City Council officially appointed youth representative Teague Bogenholm to the Commission. Welcome Teague!

2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

A group of 6 residents were in attendance for the meeting and deferred their comments until the Deer Population item.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2014 MEETING

Commission Recommendation:

Minutes for the October 7, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously, Wall abstained.

4. DEER POPULATION ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION

Brokke briefed the Commission on the history of deer population monitoring in Roseville.

In 2004, a number of departments were handling deer related calls, comments and complaints. Parks and Recreation volunteered to funnel the calls to provide a better, more streamline service to the residents. Since then Parks and Recreation has managed these calls and worked with Ramsey County to monitor the number of deer in Roseville.

- Typically, Ramsey County performs an annual account in January and February.
- Parks and Recreation staff provide the Council with a periodic report of resident comments and Ramsey County reports.
- Brokke also shared Ramsey County numbers over the past few years.
- Brokke spoke to the fact that Ramsey County does have a control program that includes a controlled hunt.
 - Doneen asked for more information and criteria for a controlled hunt.
Brokke spoke about how Ladyslipper Park might be a potential site due to its size and the distance and location of adjacent residences.
- Newby asked about the nature of the complaints.
 - Brokke responded with deer destroying trees & plants, vehicular safety and the issue with the animals becoming too tame.
 - Newby also asked if the City has an ordinance about feeding deer.
 - Doneen commented that deer feeding on local plantings is hard on native vegetation.
- Commission members discussed considering recommendations to control feeding of deer.
- Brokke informed the Commission that he has talked to the Ramsey County Natural Resources Manager and staff from Little Canada and St. Paul about the outcomes of hunts in their communities. Response had been that the hunts have had a noticeable effect to the point that some of these communities are considering not holding hunts in the future.
- Resident Comments:
 - Bill Frank informed the Commission that the deer population is devastating the plant life in his yard and the yards of his neighbors. He has seen 5-7 deer in his yard at the same time. Bill indicated that he and his neighbors believe the deer count in his area of Roseville is rising and something should be done about this. Bill also is worried about the potential damage to the parks by the deer.

- Peter Rhode spoke to how the deer population is detracting from the quality of life in Roseville. The deer are having an impact on the vegetation, has invested in making Watershed improvements only to have the deer eat the very expensive plantings.
- Roger Toogood informed the Commission of the Citizen Guide to the Management of Whitetail Deer and asked the commission to take action.
- D. Holt inquired in the concentration of deer
 - Brokke responded that the North East quadrant of Roseville has the largest population, based on the Ramsey County reports.
- Doneen questioned if Roseville's participation would contribute toward the greater county effort.
- Doneen reflected back to an earlier Commission Council discussion and Council's response did not rise to a level of needing additional attention.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES REVIEW

Kelly O'Brien, City of Roseville Volunteer Coordinator and Rick Schultz, Recreation Coordinator were in attendance to provide the Commission with an update of volunteer activity.

- Kelly thanked the Commission for their work resulting in the creation of the new position.
- Kelly spoke to the importance of recognizing that it takes infrastructure to build out a volunteer program.
- Kelly reported that a phenomenal amount of volunteer work is taking place.
- Currently Kelly is working on supporting community events, building a volunteer framework and infrastructure that mirrors an HR system and building a database to track volunteer activity.
- Volunteer Program Highlights to date include:
 - Hosted a Fall Volunteer Marketplace and have begun plans for a Spring Marketplace.
- Kelly will be working on building a volunteer team to support spring projects that include the blooming boulevard and park sign gardens in addition to Eagle Scout Projects. Kelly is also working on an online access tool to promote volunteer services.
- Rick thanked the Commissioners for their volunteer participation.
- Rick recognized the good teamwork he has experienced working with Kelly, acknowledged that the volunteer program is using best practices and seeing more crossover between volunteers as well as new volunteers.
- Commissioner Diedrick asked about volunteer involvement outside of Parks and Recreation.
 - O'Brien responded that Parks and Recreation is definitely the nexus of volunteering in Roseville.
- Commissioner Holt asked about quantifying volunteer involvement.
 - O'Brien talked about tapping into the experiences of a community member who is an expert in building volunteer data base systems and putting her to work on Roseville's new volunteer database.

6. HAMPTON INN PARK DEDICATION

Brokke reported that the cash amount would be \$136,486 (7% of the FMV). The land amount would be 5% of 3.72 acres or .19 acre.

Doneen commented how this is a classic situation of a small redevelopment and demonstrates why there is a cash option in lieu of land.

- Holt reminded the Commission that a recent transition in the park dedication process results in requests being brought to the Commission for their review earlier in the development process.

Commission Recommendation:

Motion by Commissioner Wall: Recommend to Council to accept cash in lieu of land in consideration of the area's proximity to Langton Lake Park.

Second by: Commissioner Gelbach. Motion passed unanimously.

- Wall asked about the park dedication fund and its uses.
 - Brokke briefly spoke to the guidelines for use of funds collected as park dedication fees.
- Doneen inquired into tracking park dedication income and expenses.
 - Brokke explained that this is done.

7. **PARK DEDICATION RATE REVIEW**

Doneen spoke to holding the park dedication rate and recognized there isn't a current pending need at this time to raise the fee.

D. Holt added that the park dedication program encourages development.

A healthy discussion followed.

Commission Recommendation:

Motion by Commissioner Diedrick: Recommend maintaining the current park dedication fee and land dedication schedule. Second by: Commissioner Doneen. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **REVIEW PLAN FOR JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL**

Potential topics:

- Deer Population
- Community Center Direction
- Cedarholm Golf Course
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Southwest Roseville Land Acquisition

Commission agreed that the timeliest topic would be direction on deer management and the need for further direction on consideration for a community center.

9. **PARK & RECREATION RENEWAL PROGRAM STATUS**

Brokke briefed the Commission on recent renewal program activity and project progress.

10. **STAFF REPORT**

- OVAL opens on November 7
- OVALumination runs November 7 through mid-February
- Friends of Roseville Parks Gala on November 13
- HANC Craft Fair on December 6 & 7

11. **OTHER**

None

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Anfang, Assistant Director