

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2016
ROSEVILLE CITY HALL – 6:30PM**

PRESENT: Becker-Finn, Bogenholm, Bole, Diedrick, Gelbach, Heikkila, O'Brien, Stoner, Newby, Warzecha

ABSENT:

STAFF: Anfang, Brokke, Christensen

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at the start of the meeting.

Brokke introduced Danielle Christensen as the new Parks and Recreation Department Assistant. Additional information was provided on her role in the department and at the Commission meetings going forward. Christensen introduced herself to the group.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 5 MEETING

Commission Recommendation:

Minutes for the April 5 meeting were unanimously approved. Stoner abstained.

4. 545 ROSELAWN AVENUE PARK DEDICATION

Brokke explained the proposed subdivision of a 1.4 acre parcel at 545 Roselawn into 3 single family homes. Confirmed current structures (1 home and 2 garages) would be removed to accommodate the new homes. Becker-Finn requested brief clarification on the role of the Commission for Park Dedication. Brokke explained that the Commission is to recommend either cash or either land dedication to the City Council to satisfy the Park Dedication Ordinance. Park Dedication applies to all new development or redevelopment projects. Cash would be \$3,500 per unit; land amount is 10% which is approximately .148 acres. Previous Park Dedication examples were noted. Commissioners discussed the value of cash vs. land for the project.

Commission Recommendation:

Diedrick made a motion to request cash at a rate of \$3,500/unit, in lieu of land for this project. Second by Stoner. Motion passed unanimously.

5. DEER POPULATION DISCUSSION

Newby introduced the past deer population process for the Wildlife Management Ordinance. Brokke provides brief background presentation. Ramsey County historically has had a deer monitoring program. Roseville partnered with Ramsey County in 2004 to start surveying the deer population. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Ramsey County standards Roseville has .77 square miles of habitat and should have 15-19 deer. On average, Roseville has had 43 surveyed deer noted over the last 9 years. Roseville also tracks the number of cars hit, number of dead deer picked-up,

and official complaints. Becker-Finn commented that deer move between Lake Owasso and Josephine.

Brokke discussed his attendance at the East Metro Deer Management Meeting. The DNR and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) were in attendance. The agenda included getting to hear one another's management options and survey review. Sharp shooting was recommended as the most effective technique. Brokke confirmed that each city can decide what they think is in the best interest of the city. If the City Council authorizes a hunt it can be completed during hunting season or off-season. Off-season would require a DNR permit.

Bole inquired into additional information on deer population and Lyme's disease. Brokke responded that officials said this was not a significant problem in the Twin Cities Area.

Brokke confirmed that Ramsey County does reduce the deer population and surrounding communities do have controlled hunts. Becker-Finn asked what type of processes other cities utilize and the cost estimates. Processes vary and cost was estimated at a couple hundred dollars per deer.

Gelbach notes the increased population in Lake Owasso area and questions the possibility of actively enforcing feeding bans in the area. Active commission discussion, including:

- Continued education on City Ordinance
- Deer complaints
- Potential future public hearing
- Measurements of success
- The need to give the feeding ban additional time to gauge success
- Potential impact of recent Natural Resource work
- Historical opposition to hunts

Becker-Finn confirmed that she trusted the DNR numbers and Roseville is double the suggested population. Commission agreed to update the City Council at the upcoming June joint meeting.

6. CEDARHOLM GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE REPLACEMENT PROCESS

Gelbach and Stoner briefed the Commission on Advisory Committee progress and upcoming meetings. Last meeting had 3 local golf professionals present. They helped to provide best practices and pitfalls. Next meeting will focus on partnerships. Heikkela inquired on what was learned from the previous meetings. Gelbach answered that the takeaways included:

- Cedarholm is a "community course" and the future plans need to focus on the needs of those specific customers
- Look to cluster services to minimize staff
- The importance of the patio area

It was discussed that this building could potentially serve as an intermediate size facility. In addition, concerns over the maintenance storage and workspace were brought up.

7. DISCUSS AND PREPARE FOR JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

Brokke explained what to expect at the Monday, June 13th joint meeting with the City Council. June Commission Meeting will again be used to prepare for the joint meeting.

Possible discussion items include:

- Emerald Ash Borer status
- Asset Management progress
- Cedarholm Golf Course Clubhouse replacement update
- Renewal Program wrap-up
- Deer Population follow-up

Becker-Finn noted that the Marion Street Park project should also be included. Anfang suggested highlighting volunteers. Requests for additional statistics on community builds, park usage and participation were discussed.

8. STAFF REPORT

Anfang reported:

- Pottery in the Garden – May 21st 11-3 at the Arboretum
- Citywide Garage Sale – June 3-5th
- Overview of Summer Entertainment Series insert
- Rosefest 2016– June 23-27th and July 4th
- Taste of Rosefest tickets available Monday, May 9th

Brokke reported:

- Marion Street Park Grant – Status anticipated by May 6th
- Presentation on the recent park property donation by the McCarron Family
 - 1.17 Acre wooded property that will connect Villa Park to McCarron's Lake
- Ethics committee has been dissolved. One representative from each city commission will serve on an as-needed basis. O'Brien indicated her interest in serving on the Ethics Committee. Commission agreed to appoint the Ethics Committee representative annually when electing the Commission Officers.

Commission Recommendation:

Becker-Finn made a motion to appoint O'Brien to the Ethics Committee. Second by Stoner. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OTHER

Stoner proposed that the Commission march in the Rosefest Parade. Also, proposed idea to have kids serve as commissioners for 1 meeting. Commission discussed holding 1 meeting a year at a park with kids in attendance.

O'Brien requested that at the next meeting there is discussion on Discover Your Parks (DYP) and the Commissioners participation. She suggested the potential to have a booth for Commission members.

Gelbach relayed that he recently attended the Ramsey County Urban Pollinator Conference. While at the conference he was approached to include additional pollinator gardens in Roseville Parks. Brokke suggest that Jeff Evenson and/or Paul Bockenstedt,

with Stantec, provide further information as to what we are currently doing and how that fits in the future. Newby suggested the potential to have a community pollinator plant day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm