

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
February 5, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Baggenstoss, Gelbach, Heikkila, Hoag, Newby, O'Brien, Quick
Stoner, Warzecha
ABSENT: Bole
STAFF: Brokke, Christensen

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O'Brien noted that Commissioner Bole would not be in attendance at the meeting.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2019 MEETING

Commissioner Gelbach moved to approve the January 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Baggenstoss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4) PARK DEDICATION – HAND IN HAND CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL
(211 MCCARRON'S BLVD. NORTH)**

Hand In Hand Christian Montessori School has proposed a five-lot subdivision at 211 McCarron's Blvd. North for a school and a four low density residential properties. The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The cash total would be \$16,000 (\$4,000 each additional lot) or .95 acres of park land (10% of 9.54 acres).

Chair O'Brien acknowledged that a member of the public made a suggestion to negotiate a shared ballfield in lieu of Park Dedication. The Commission discussed this proposed option and noted that others may have an issue with giving someone an alternative option for Park Dedication as cash or land have historically been the requirements to satisfy Park Dedication.

Chair O'Brien mentioned that the southwest quadrant of the city already has heavily developed park land and questioned if it made sense to add another park to this area.

Commissioner Warzecha asked if there is a need for ballfields in the city. Staff responded that currently there is not a need for the size of ballfields that would fit on this property's green space.

The Commission discussed the potential options for Park Dedication at 211 McCarron's Blvd. North.

Commissioner Newby proposed suggesting taking the cash in lieu of land in the amount of \$16,000 to the City Council. Commissioner Hoag seconded. Vote was 6-2 with Gelbach, Hoag, Newby, O'Brien, Stoner and Warzecha voting in favor and Heikkila and Baggenstoss voting nay; motion passed.

Commissioner Stoner requested a list of options that could be supported by Parks and Recreation in conjunction with Hand in Hand Montessori School on the anticipated green space located at 211 McCarron's Blvd. North. Staff responded that a modified soccer field, a tee-ball diamond or a play lot could potentially be a viable use of the open space. However, it would be the city's practice to involve the community in those decisions.

Commissioner Stoner proposed a motion that the Commission recommend to City Council that City Council explore the possibility of a cooperative agreement with Hand in Hand school regarding the use of some of the open space, similar to the one the City currently has with Concordia Academy School in lieu of Park Dedication. Vice-Chair Baggenstoss seconded.

A lengthy discussion followed, with Commissioner Stoner supporting the idea that the possibility of a creative cooperative agreement between the City and Hand in Hand be kept open. Another concern expressed by Commissioner Stoner was the relatively low amount of money that would come if choosing cash for Park Dedication. Commissioner Baggenstoss voiced support of protecting the green space on the property. Another concern expressed by Commissioner Stoner was the relatively low amount of money that would come if choosing cash for Park Dedication. Commissioners Hoag and Warzecha voiced concerns regarding the fact that this sector of Roseville does not have a need for more park land or athletic fields, and the money from this Park Dedication could better be used in other sectors with less park and open space.

Vote was 4-4 with Baggenstoss, Gelbach, Heikkila, and Stoner voting in favor of the motion, and Hoag, Newby, O'Brien, and Warzecha voting nay; motion failed.

5) SWOT ANALYSIS EXERCISE (STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS)

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
What do you think we do better than others?	What do you think others do better than us?	What trends and conditions do you think exist that may have a positive impact on what we do?	What trends or conditions do you think exist that may negatively impact us?
1. Volunteerism	1. Need to better organize volunteers - maximize potential	1. Family volunteer opportunities	1. EAB
2. Abundance of new facilities that need limited maintenance (in the short term)	2. Younger family outreach. Early buy-in.	2. Build on "Unity Park Model" of reaching out to underserved groups	2. General maintenance funding
3. Good and distributed park system. Well known	3. Lack of a communications plan that tells all of the things that we are currently doing well and the "opportunities"	3. New retiree population engagement	3. Natural Resource program on our own without Stantec
4. Community engagement that P&R fosters prior to decisions	4. Flagship community building	4. Older Adult activities	4. Deer
5. A City Council that is committed to Parks and makes it a priority.	5. Current focus on English language	5. New American engagement	5. Climate change - RSC\OVAL
6. Engaged Citizens who are committed to Parks	6. Reaching underserved groups	6. New sport enthusiasts (responsive)	6. Climate change – invasives that have not been identified
7. Strong and innovative community input process	7.	7. Pursue OVAL Bonding	7. OVAL State Bonding unsuccessful
8. Award winning P&R Department	8.	7. New Governor (political climate)	8. Status quo in the face of growing diversity
9. New and experienced staff (good mix)	9.	8. Research and seek all available Grants	9.
10. Brochure and programming options	10.	10. Growing diversity of community	10.
11. Relationships with other community entities - additional opportunities	11.	11.	11.
12.	12.	12. Goats	12.

6) DISCUSS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION GOALS

The Commission reviewed the goals that were discussed at the January 3, 2019 meeting. They agreed to create specific measurable action steps for each short and long term goal at the March 5, 2019 meeting.

7) STAFF REPORT

- Harriet Alexander Nature Center Open House on February 10, 2019 (12:30-4:30 p.m.).
- Parks and Recreation is currently hiring seasonal summer staff positions. Apply at: cityofroseville.com/seasonaljobs.

- There are three openings on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15.
- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reduced the deer population in Roseville by 10. They will continue the 2018-2019 reduction program until all 20 deer tags have been filled. To date seven deer have been taken from Reservoir Woods Park and three deer have been taken from Owasso Hills Park. It is anticipated that at the end of the reduction program 10 deer will have been removed from each park.
- Staff discussed the potential that a percentage of Emerald Ash Borer larvae may freeze and die when temperatures reach -20°F.
- Staff continues to move forward with legislative efforts for the Cedarholm alcohol provision and OVAL Bonding.

8) **OTHER**

Chair O'Brien noted that at the March meeting the Commission will be voting for the Chair, Vice-Chair and Ethics Commission Representative.

Commissioner Stoner was interested in further information regarding the tree preservation plans in new developments; specifically the new Senior Living Community at 2650 Lexington Ave. Commissioner Stoner agreed to find out additional details and will provide a status update on tree preservation as an agenda item at the March 5, 2019 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant