

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
August 2, 2018 6:30pm

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

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O'Brien recognized that there was public in attendance to speak on the Cleveland Avenue and Marion Street Park Site Naming Discussion later in the agenda.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2018 MEETING

Commissioner Hoag moved to approve the June 5, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Warzecha seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 12, 2018 MEETING

Commissioner Hoag moved to approve the July 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Warzecha seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

5) PRESENTATION OF MRPA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Staff introduced Michelle Snider, Executive Director from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA). Snider provided background on the MRPA and the Awards Committee which oversees professional awards for individuals and the Award of Excellence program which recognizes projects. The Cedarholm Community Building was nominated for an Award of Excellence under the "Parks and Facilities" category. Snider noted the creativity in rebuilding an aging clubhouse into a multipurpose community building for all citizens of Roseville. In addition, she recognized the Commission, staff and community for their excellent work on the project. The Award of Excellence was presented to Chair O'Brien.

6) ONGOING TOPICS

a) Cleveland Avenue and Marion Street Park Site Update and Naming Discussion

This item was moved up in the meeting agenda due to residents being present for this topic.

Staff provided an update on the two new parks at 2134 Cleveland Avenue and 1716 Marion Street along with an overview of the Naming Policy. The primary principles for

naming a park include natural habitat, geographic location, non-descript terms or significant contribution.

Residents have provided naming suggestions for both parks. The Commission was provided a list of the 23 name suggestions for 1716 Marion Street and 59 suggestions for 2134 Cleveland Avenue.

Ken Young, 1972 Eldridge Ave. – Roseville resident since 1972, suggested that the park be named Gordy Beseth Park. Beseth was his neighbor and also served for over 30 years as a Building Inspector. He provided assistance and encouragement to Young and his wife during home remodels. In addition, he was a great neighbor and a fixture in the neighborhood. Beseth's son lives in the family home in that neighborhood with his 3 children who will be playing at the new park.

The Commission discussed the name suggestions, how they relate to policy and why the name Midland is so prevalent in that area of the City.

The Commission agreed to narrow down the 2134 Cleveland Avenue list to the following options:

- **Midland Park**
- **Midland Gardens Park**
- **Midland Parallel Park**
- **Pollinator Park**
- **Cleveland Park**

Vice-Chair Baggenstoss provided further detail on his idea for “Marion ...” which he believes coupling with hill or woods would provide an identity to that small area of town.

The Commission further discussed the name suggestions for 1716 Marion Street and worked to narrow the name options to the following:

- **Marion Hill Unity Park**
- **Marion Unity Park**
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- **Unity Park**
- **Marion Hill Park**

The Commission discussed settling on a final name recommendation for the City Council from the lists above at their September meeting.

7) **DISCUSSION OF 2018 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Staff provided a brief background on the community survey results, highlighting a few significant Parks and Recreation scores, including:

- 95% of respondents rate the Parks and Recreation facilities as either excellent or good
- 41% of households reported that they participate in a city sponsored activity or program
- 47% of respondents report that they use the trail system at least once per week
- 89% are aware that the City opened the new Park Buildings
- 54% have visited or used one of the new Park Buildings
- 99% of the people who visited or used the Park Buildings would rate their experience as excellent or good

Commissioner Hoag inquired if the 11% of those who reported using the athletic facilities was in line with previous usage, or is it trending down due to the age of the Roseville population. Staff recalled it was similar.

Commissioner Gelbach questioned if the perception of higher crime is something that should be considered with the Parks. Staff confirmed that the Police Department will be providing crime statistics to the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

The commission discussed the occasional vandalism in/at the parks and buildings and wondered if that was an issue. It was reiterated to always call 911 if there are any concerns.

8) **FOLLOW-UP TO JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL**

The Commission discussed the outcome of the joint meeting with the City Council. Overall, the Commission felt well received.

Chair O'Brien inquired about the next time that the Commission would have a joint meeting with the City Council. Staff confirmed that there is not a set time for the next meeting. Potentially, Commissioners could present the name recommendations for 1716 Marion Street and 2134 Cleveland Avenue.

The Commission discussed some of the feedback including the suggestion to provide unique offerings and the evaluation of the Natural Resource Stewardship Program.

9) **STAFF REPORT**

- The fall brochures will be in homes in the next few weeks
- 2 Final Discover Your Parks (DYP) events remain (Aug 8 at Keller Mayflower Park and Aug 15 at Autumn Grove Park)

- Remaining Concert Series dates are still ongoing until August 12th
- Final 2018 Roll-in Movie on August 10 – “Frozen”
- Natural Resource Renewal Event – August 18th at Villa Park (10:00am-12:00pm)

10) **OTHER**

Commissioner Warzecha mentioned that a printed list of the Summer Concert Series previously was located in the kiosks at Central Park. Staff verified that they are typically onsite and most likely ran out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant