

**RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION TRAINING ROOM**

The meeting of the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Gale Pederson at 6:04 pm at Parks and Recreation, 2015 Van Dyke St, Maplewood, MN – Training Room.

Attendance: Cedrick Baker, Debra Falkowski, Gale Pederson, Candy Peterson, Bryan Shirley, Kong Vang

Absent: Metric Giles, Richard Straumann, Brian Tempas

Staff: Gus Blumer, Jon Oyanagi, Amber Soler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the agenda was so moved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from December 2016 was so moved with no changes. Cedric Baker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

- 1.) Cedric Baker nominated Gale Pederson for Chairperson. *All were in favor.*
- 2.) Kong Vang nominated Cedric Baker for Vice-Chairperson. *All were in favor.*

LAKE OWASSO COUNTY PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Gus Blumer, Landscape Architect

- 1.) Gus Blumer presented plans for the redevelopment of Lake Owasso County Park. The latest concept plan was developed after input was received from the commission, staff, and three well-attended public input meetings. Currently the buildings leak, the beach is rundown and storm-water drainage is an issue. Plans are in place to build one medium-sized shelter, move the play area closer to the shelter and to realign the road which will impact storm-water runoff, slow traffic and possibly add an additional crosswalks for enhanced safety. The plan will be presented to the public and also at the City of Shoreview commissions and councils. Construction should start this year.

Informational only; no motion.

STATE OF THE PARKS ADDRESS

The State of the Parks address is on February 14, 2017. Gale will present this to the county board.

TROUT BROOK REGIONAL TRAIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Parks and Recreation staff have been meeting with key stakeholders before hosting larger public meetings. Public engagement meetings will follow shortly in March at three different locations along the potential trail corridor.

MASTER PLAN UPDATES

- 1.) Off-Road Cycling Master Plan is underway with public meetings to follow soon.
- 2.) Off-Leash Dog Area Master Plan is being evaluated by survey.

CAPITAL PLANNING

- 1.) Summary of CIPAC Projects was presented with 7 major projects and 11 regular projects. CIPAC Project Presentations will take place on March 16, 2017 in the Parks and Recreation Training Room.
- 2.) Cedrick Baker raised concerns about future funding and how the department will approach prudent spending on projects.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Jon Oyanagi

- 1.) June 10th is the grand opening of the Tuj Lub courts. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be food, dance, music, speeches and the opportunity for attendees to try their hand at the sport.
- 2.) The Ramsey County fair is in July and the commission would like to have a booth again this year.
 - a. The commission would like to discuss the option of having a brief physical activity for children to participate in at the booth.

REPORT FROM CHAIR AND OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS

- 1.) Gale and Candy met with Youth on Board to engage local youth in being active and contributing members in the political process. There is another meeting that they will attend on March 4th.
- 2.) Park Ordinance Question regarding use of bathroom language: the commission agreed with Mark McCabe's email (sent on 02/08/2017).
- 3.) March's meeting was changed to 03/15/2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Gale Pederson moved to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Kong Vang seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Soler