

RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Department

The meeting of the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Gale Pederson at 5:59 p.m., at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Building in Maplewood, Minnesota.

Members Present: Gale Pederson, Cedrick Baker, Deb Falkowski, Metric Giles, Bryan Shirley, Rich Straumann, Brian Tempas,

Members Absent: Candy Petersen and Kong Vang

Staff Present: Jon Oyanagi, Scott Yonke, Sara Ackmann, Trudi Winek, Kara Coustry and Jon Yang (intern)

Guests: Joann Ellis (Commissioner McDonough's Assistant), Friends of the Park and Trails: Mike Brooks, Andrew Capistrant, Neil Franey, Judy and Pete Regnier

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Richard Straumann moved, seconded by Brian Tempas that the agenda of the Parks and Recreation Commission be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deb Falkowski moved, seconded by Richard Straumann that the minutes of June 10, 2015 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION TERM UPDATES AND NEW MEMBERS

Kong Vang of Little Canada is a district 2 – at large representative. He couldn't make it tonight because of a prior engagement. Cedrick Baker of Saint Paul is a district 6 representative. Cedrick worked as an internal auditor at Metropolitan Council and recently promoted to Equity Program Manager. We hope to celebrate Phil Jenni's many years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission during our next regular meeting on September 9th.

SOCCER PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANT

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the City of Saint Paul's proposal for grant funding on June 10, 2015, and expressed concern about community engagement and accessibility of the ballfield. They asked the City of Saint Paul to describe the community engagement process and the nature of accessibility for the immediate neighborhood. After reviewing the City of Saint Paul's responses, they were satisfied about the level community engagement and neighborhood accessibility. Richard Straumann moved, seconded by Bryan Shirley to recommend approval the City of Saint Paul's application for the Ramsey County Soccer Partners Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Coustry