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2 MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
3 MINUTES
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5 **Legislation and Intergovernmental Committee Meeting of the Minneapolis Park and**
6 **Recreation Board**

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8 April 1, 2009
9 7:27 p.m. – 2117 West River Road

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11 Chair Kummer called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

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13 **ROLL CALL**

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15 Present: Commissioners Walt Dziedzic, Tracy Nordstrom, Mary Merrill Anderson, and Chair Carol
16 Kummer - 4. Absent: Commissioner Jon Olson - 1.

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18 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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20 Commissioner Nordstrom moved -

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22 TO ADD REPORT ITEM NRP NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE FORM UPDATE AND
23 THAT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED BE APPROVED.

24 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**

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26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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28 Vice President Merrill Anderson moved -

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30 THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING BE
31 APPROVED.

32 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**

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34 **ACTION ITEMS**

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36 There were no “Action items” to be heard.

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38 **STUDY/REPORT ITEMS**

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40 1. NRP National Legislative Form Update.

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42 Mike Kimble addressed the Committee stating legislative hot-buttons for Congress Members.
43 Mr. Kimble continued, sharing project funding initiatives and award receptions.

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45 Vice President Merrill Anderson added for the record NRPA’S top legislative talking points;
46 Parks and recreation agencies provide essential community services and significantly
47 contribute to local and regional economic vitality by attracting new business and
48 residents, increasing property values, creating new employment opportunities, and

1 improving community health. Parks and green space reduce storm water runoff, enhance
2 groundwater gas emissions, provide wildlife habitat, and decrease energy demands.
3 Studies estimate that 20 new jobs are created for every \$1 million invested in parks and
4 recreation construction. State and local park and recreation agencies contribute to local
5 economies by using local businesses for equipment repair, landscaping, maintenance, and
6 other needed services. Park and recreation agencies provided close-to-home recreation
7 opportunities for citizens of all ages especially children and youth, and are the largest
8 public provider of after-school programs. Parks and recreation programs combat obesity
9 in youth (now at 17% of those between the ages of 2 and 19) and help to prevent other
10 chronic diseases. Parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities improve the health and
11 well-being of persons with disabilities; provide recreation to rehabilitate injured military
12 veterans; and introduce those with physical and mental disabilities to lifelong skills,
13 physical activity, and therapeutic recreation.

14 15 2. City Park Dedication Ordinance Update

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17 Mike Kimble provided an update and provided comparison to the City and MPRB versions of
18 the Ordinance.

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20 Following the update Mr. Kimble responded to questions and comments by the board and
21 Council Brian Rice.

22 23 3. Stimulus Project Funding Submissions Update.

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25 Judd Rietkerk spoke of a revised grant application list that added a differed maintenance list.
26 Mr. Rietkerk continued, stating the Park Boards eligibility for The Energy Efficiency and
27 Conservation Block Grant. Mr. Rietkerk then responded to questions and comments by the
28 Committee.

29 30 **ADJOURNMENT**

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32 The time being 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Olson moved -

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34 **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

35 **Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.**

36 **Legislation and Intergovernmental Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**