

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

March 16, 2005

Headquarters Building
2117 West River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

THE TIME BEING 6:00 P.M., PRESIDENT OLSON CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND REQUESTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT ERWIN CHAIR THE MEETING. VICE PRESIDENT ERWIN ASKED SECRETARY SIGGELKOW TO CALL THE ROLL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Rochelle Berry Graves, John Erwin, Bob Fine, Marie Hauser, Carol Kummer, Vivian Mason, Annie Young and President Jon Olson - 8.
ABSENT: Commissioner Walt Dziedzic - 1.
STAFF: Superintendent Gurban, Planning Director Judd Rietkerk, and General Managers Michael P. Schmidt and Don Siggelkow - 4.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Hauser -

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

OPEN TIME

DeLaSalle Athletic Field Proposal

Matt Gallagher, DeLaSalle Student, 6004 – 15th Avenue South, addressed the Board speaking in favor of the proposed athletic field development. He presented letters written by students to the Commissioners.

Ben Bettlin, DeLaSalle Junior Class President, 5135 Belmont Avenue South, Minneapolis, asked the Board to support DeLaSalle as they try to build an athletic field.

Quentin Liggins, junior at DeLaSalle, 4617 – 5th Avenue South, spoke in support of the proposed athletic field development, informing the Board that he has played football for the past three years for DeLaSalle and stating that he felt the development would benefit more than just football players.

Vice President Erwin thanked the students for coming before the Board.

Freedom of Information

Mary Lou Hill, 432 Oliver Avenue South, read a statement regarding “Sunshine Week – Your Right to Know” an effort to raise public awareness on the importance of open government.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mason moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2004 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE JANUARY 19, 2005 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2005 REGULAR MEETINGS BE APPROVED.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Gurban reviewed the Superintendent’s Activity Report for February 2005, highlighting a number of the entries.

General Manager Schmidt reported to the Board on the May 7th Arbor Day activities at Armatage Park. He stated that more information would be coming forward.

Director Rietkerk reported on the installation of security lighting for the statutes at Wirth.

General Manager Siggelkow reported on the first Secretary’s Report on Unfinished and New Business from 2004. He informed the Board that the next report would be coming in June. Commissioner Mason felt that there was some confusion and suggested that Committee Chairs could keep a list of committee items that have not been resolved.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Berry Graves –

- 2.1 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SEEK A HENNEPIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE FUND REMEDIATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE B. F. NELSON PARK SITE

2.2 THAT THE BOARD ADOPTS A POLICY CONCERNING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN THE WORKPLACE, ESTABLISHES STANDARDS CONCERNING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL WHICH ALL EMPLOYEES MUST MEET, AND ESTABLISHES A TESTING PROCEDURE TO ENSURE THESE STANDARDS ARE MET. THE POLICY ALLOWS FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL TESTING UNDER CONDITIONS OF "REASONABLE SUSPICION" AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED POLICY AND PROCEDURE. THIS POLICY RELATES TO ALL MPRB EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. FURTHER, THAT THE BOARD DIRECTS STAFF TO DEVELOP SIMILAR PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, CONSISTENT WITH THOSE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

2.3 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BIDS, O.P. NO. 6405, FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF \$244,000.00 TO FURNISH AND DELIVER TREES FOR SPRING PLANTING, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

BACHMAN'S, INC.	EST. EXP.	\$20,000.00
CENTRAL LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	EST. EXP.	3,000.00
FAIR'S NURSERY & LANDSCAPING	EST. EXP.	5,000.00
CHARLES J. FIORE COMPANY, INC.	EST. EXP.	5,000.00
HOFFMAN & MCNAMARA NURSERY	EST. EXP.	6,000.00
KANKAKEE NURSERY COMPANY	EST. EXP.	12,000.00
KLAUS NURSERIES	EST. EXP.	6,000.00
MCKAY NURSERY COMPANY	EST. EXP.	8,000.00
MINNESOTA VALLEY WHOLESALE, INC.	EST. EXP.	6,000.00
OUTBACK NURSERY, INC.	EST. EXP.	3,000.00
SCHICHTEL'S NURSERY, INC.	EST. EXP.	152,000.00
WILSON'S NURSERY, INC.	EST. EXP.	18,000.00

2.5 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAPRICE GLASER FOR SCULPTURE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION SERVICES AT THE LYNDAL PARK PEACE GARDEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,965.00.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

Commissioner Hauser moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine –

2.4 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID OF BITUMINOUS ROADWAYS, O.P. NO. 6396, IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$131,000.00 FOR FURNISHING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND INCIDENTALS NECESSARY FOR PARKING LOT AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT POWDERHORN PARK, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioners B. Fine, Chair; J. Erwin, W. Dziejcz, M. Hauser, and A. Young

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Hauser –

- 4.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDAL VEIL FALLS BRIDGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPTION A OF THE BRIDAL VEIL FALLS AREA STUDY, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT BASED ON MPRB POLICIES.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioners M. Hauser, Chair, W. Dziejcz, V. Mason, A. Young, and R. Berry Graves

Commissioner Hauser moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -

- 7.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2005 GOLF RATES.
- 7.2 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AN OPERATOR FOR THE MINNEHAHA FALLS CONCESSION SUBJECT TO THE SAME TERMS AS THE CALHOUN CONCESSION.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Superintendents' Residence

Commissioner Mason explained the reasons she has brought the issue of the use of the Superintendents' Residence forward, citing a number of concerns.

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Hauser –

THAT THE BOARD REFER THIS MATTER TO STAFF TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO PLANNING COMMITTEE TO MOVE THIS MATTER FORWARD.

Following discussion, Secretary Siggelkow called the roll...

On call of the roll, the vote was Yeas - 5; Nays - 3, Absent - 1; as follows:

YEAS - Commissioners Erwin, Fine, Hauser, Kummer and President Olson - 5.
NAYS - Commissioners Berry Graves, Mason and Young - 3.
ABSENT - Commissioner Dziedzic - 1.

ADOPTED

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Berry Graves –

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE STATUS OF THE HOUSE AND POSSIBLE USES WITHIN 60 DAYS.

Commissioner Young changed her motion to include that staff report to the Board within 60 days and part of what they report on allows for the possibility of having at least three public tours over the summer.

Commissioner Mason offered a friendly amendment that the Board begin work on the access policy for the house immediately.

Commissioner Kummer offered a friendly amendment that would remove the 60 days, leaving everything else in the motion.

Commissioner Young accepted the friendly amendment with the understanding that there has been strong sentiment that the building be open to the public three times if possible over the summer.

Commissioner Hauser asked for the current motion to be restated.

Commissioner Young restated her motion –

THAT A REUSE STUDY OF THE BUILDING BE DONE BY PLANNING STAFF THAT WILL DETERMINE HOW THE SUPERINTENDENTS' HOUSE IS TO BE USED IN REGARDS TO A POLICY DECISION WITH A STARTING POINT OF LOOKING AT AN ACCESS POLICY THAT WILL INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF THREE OPEN, PUBLIC TOUR EVENTS HAPPENING OVER THE SUMMER.

Vice President Erwin, being no further discussion, called the question.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Berry Graves -

9.1 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-102, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-102

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FOR FRANKLIN STEELE SQUARE
WADING POOL AND SHELTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On call of the roll, the vote was Yeas - 8; Nays - None, Absent - 1; as follows:

YEAS - Commissioners Berry Graves, Erwin, Fine, Hauser, Kummer, Mason, Young and President Olson - 8.
NAYS - None.
ABSENT - Commissioner Dziedzic - 1.

ADOPTED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.1 Commissioner Hauser reported that she continues to get telephone calls and email on the proposed DeLaSalle project.
- 1.2 Commissioner Mason requested that the Board respond to the Bryn Mawr neighborhood's letter from last summer concerning its position on the Bassett Creek Master Plan.
- 1.3 Commissioner Mason reported that she received many communications on the Linden Hills historic tour.
- 1.4 Commissioner Mason also reported on calls she has received from constituents regarding Park Board meetings and stating that the meetings and the process was confusing.
- 1.5 Commissioner Mason also reported that she continues to receive calls, letters and email regarding the DeLaSalle proposal.

- 1.6 Commissioner Fine submitted a letter dated March 12, 2005 from Michael McNally, 4712 Washburn Avenue South, requesting the reinstallation of a fishing dock on the Southwest side of Lake Harriet.
- 1.7 Commissioner Young reported that she continues to receive calls, letters and email regarding the DeLaSalle proposal.
- 1.8 Commissioner Young reminded the Board of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Open House was March 29.
- 1.9 Commissioner Kummer reported that she continues to receive correspondence regarding the DeLaSalle proposal.
- 1.10 Commissioner Kummer reported that she has been attending meetings regarding opening the Longfellow House as a District Office.
- 1.11 Commissioner Berry Graves reported on the upcoming Urban League Dinner stating she thought the Park Board should reserve a table.
- 1.12 Vice President Erwin read a statement regarding his decision not to pursue another term as Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

The time being 7:05 p.m., Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Berry Graves –

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTED

JON OLSON
President

DON SIGGELKOW
Secretary

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