

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

September 3, 2008

4:00 p.m. – 2117 West River Road

President Nordyke called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Walt Dziedzic, Bob Fine, Mary Merrill Anderson, Tracy Nordstrom, Jon Olson, Scott Vreeland, Annie Young and President Tom Nordyke - 8.

Absent: Commissioner Carol Kummer - 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Merrill Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine –

THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND WORKERS COMPENSATION PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

President Nordyke announced that the Board was in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent Performance Evaluation and Workers Compensation proposed settlements and asked anyone not involved in the discussions to leave the Board Room.

The time being 5:14 p.m., Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Merrill Anderson –

THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUME THE BUSINESS OF THE REGULAR MEETING.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

THAT THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, BE APPROVED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine –

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2008 REGULAR MEETING BE APPROVED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

River District Manager Wiseman, Lakes District Manager Hokeness and Minnehaha District Manager Kipper updated the Board on projects and events taking place in each of their districts.

OPEN TIME

George's Dog House

Edna Brazaitis, Grove Street, addressed accountability comparing George's Dog House, hot dog vendor at Lake Calhoun, and Mintahoe, Nicollet Island Pavilion operator. She asked the Board require Mintahoe to comply with its contract and to appoint a Board Member to meet with her to discuss her concerns.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS (Continued)

Richard Mammen, Community Recreation Services Director, introduced Sherenia Gibbs who updated the Board on the Minneapolis Youth Congress Convention taking place on October 28, 2008.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson –

- 2.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE AN INCREASE TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 24408, WITH BONESTROO, INC., FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH MISSISSIPPI PARK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,100.00, FOR A NEW CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$98,000.00 (FUNDING SOURCE: MET COUNCIL BONDS).
- 2.2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE AN INCREASE TO PSA NO. 23883 WITH TKDA AND ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,500.00 FOR DESIGN, SURVEYING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE ST. ANTHONY PARKWAY BICYCLE TRAIL PROJECT FOR A NEW AGREEMENT TOTAL OF \$200,000.00 (FUNDING SOURCE: O & M LOTTERY-IN-LIEU FUNDS).
- 2.3 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID OF MEYER CONTRACTING INC., O.P. NO. 7015, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$463,024.30, FOR FURNISHING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND INCIDENTALS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE B.F. NELSON SHORELINE RESTORATION, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS (FUNDING SOURCE: MWMO GRANT):

BASE BID	\$ 454,884.30
ALTERNATE #1	\$ 8,141.00

- 2.4 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (MWMO) FOR PROJECT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000.00 FOR SHERIDAN MEMORIAL PARK.
- 2.5 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID OF MEYER CONTRACTING INC., O.P. NO. 7018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$223,760.00, FOR FURNISHING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND INCIDENTALS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE RIVERBANK STABILIZATION AT SHERIDAN MEMORIAL PARK, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AS FOLLOW (FUNDING SOURCE: MWMO GRANT):

BASE BID	\$ 219,960.00
ALTERNATE #1	\$ 3,800.00

- 2.6 THAT THE BOARD RETAIN RLK INCORPORATED FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION AND OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE WEST RIVER PARKWAY BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION FROM FRANKLIN AVENUE SOUTH TO GODFREY PARKWAY FOR A STIPULATED SUM OF \$285,900.00 (FUNDING SOURCE: O & M LOTTERY-IN-LIEU PROGRAM).
- 2.7 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A TEMPORARY EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON VICTORY MEMORIAL PARKWAY BETWEEN THE SOUTH LINE OF 40TH AVENUE NORTH AND 150 FEET NORTH OF 43RD AVENUE NORTH NEAR AND ADJACENT TO YORK AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,800.00.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom –

- 2.8 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED FULL, FINAL AND COMPLETE SETTLEMENT, EXCLUDING FUTURE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY MEDICAL COSTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE AND SPECIFIED IN THE STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT, TO CLOSE ALL WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS BY MARK BLACKOWIAK (ARBORIST) FOR THE WORK INJURIES SUSTAINED WHILE WORKING FOR THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD, AND ANY PENDING CLAIMS OF WORK INJURY.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson –

- 2.9 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED FULL, FINAL AND COMPLETE SETTLEMENT, EXCLUDING FUTURE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY MEDICAL COSTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE AND SPECIFIED IN THE STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT, TO CLOSE ALL WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS BY GEORGE KELLY (PARKKEEPER CREW LEADER) FOR THE WORK INJURIES SUSTAINED WHILE WORKING FOR THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD, AND ANY PENDING CLAIMS OF WORK INJURY.

Commissioner Dziedzic offered a substitute motion to take this case to court.

Substitute motion failed due to lack of a second.

Vice President Merrill Anderson called the question on the original motion.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote (Commissioner Dziedzic opposed).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner B. Fine, Chair; Commissioners W. Dziedzic,
A. Young, T. Nordstrom and M. Merrill Anderson

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom –

- 4.1 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-122, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-122

AUTHORIZING HENNEPIN COUNTY'S PLAN FOR MITIGATION OF
IMPACTS RESULTING FROM RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
OF THE PORTION OF EDGEWATER PARK NEEDED TO
REPLACE THE LOWRY BRIDGE

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Dziedzic –

- 4.2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE GRAND ROUNDS MISSING LINK ALIGNMENT AND PARK AND OPEN SPACE AMENITIES AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AMENDED PER BOARD REPORT, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE MASTER PLAN FOR APPROVAL BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PARK AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION, WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

1. REMOVE THE STINSON BIKE PATH FROM THE PROJECT;

2. REMOVE KASOTA PONDS FROM THE ACQUISITION AND AMENITIES MAP AND TO WORK WITH THE ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT #12 WITH THE CITY OF ST. PAUL TO MINIMIZE ROUTE IMPACTS TO THE PONDS; AND
3. WORK WITH THE PROSPECT PARK AREA RESIDENTS IN IDENTIFYING FUTURE TRAFFIC IMPACTS.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Annie Young, Chair; Commissioners Tracy Nordstrom,
Carol Kummer, Walt Dziedzic and Scott Vreeland

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland -

- 5.1 THAT THE BOARD RESTRUCTURE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MINNEAPOLIS TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION PER THE REQUEST OF THE MTAC:

COMPOSITION – 15 VOTING MEMBERS

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD COMMISSIONER
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE - AT LARGE – NEW POSITION
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE - COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE - COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE - COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 3 & 5
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE - COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 4 & 6
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER OR DESIGNATE
TREE EXPERTISE MEMBER – NEW POSITION
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MAYOR OR DESIGNATE
MINNESOTA SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER
BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT MEMBER
MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD STAFF PERSON
MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC WORKS DEPT STAFF PERSON (UP TO 2)

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS

THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD COMMISSIONER, CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES, TREE EXPERTISE MEMBER AND THE BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT MEMBER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ANNUALLY. THE STAFF FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND THE STAFF OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE MINNESOTA SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WILL APPOINT THEIR OWN DESIGNEES.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

- 5.2 THAT THE BOARD ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS AND THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT CONCERNING STORMWATER RUNOFF VOLUME MANAGEMENT IN THE MINNEHAHA CREEK SUBWATERSHED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland -

- 8.1 THAT THE BOARD TERMINATE THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND WOOD WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH MIDTOWN ECO ENERGY.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

- 8.2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT AND WOOD WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH MIDTOWN ECO ENERGY.

Commissioner Young offered a substitute motion to send the agreement go back to the Administration and Finance Committee for evaluation.

Commissioner Vreeland seconded the substitute motion.

Following discussion on the substitute motion, Vice President called the question.

Action Taken: Substitute motion approved on a voice vote.

Vice President Merrill Anderson called the question on the motion –

THAT THE AGREEMENT GO BACK TO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STAFF FOR EVALUATION.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no “New Business” to be heard.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.1 Email dated August 13, 2008 to Superintendent Gurban from Jeanne Torma, Division Manager, Juvenile Probation, supporting the Teen Teamworks employment program.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2 Email submitted by Lakes District Manager Hokeness to Jessica Berg, Concert and Events Coordinator, dated August 19, 2008 from Elwood Narum regarding Minnehaha Falls concerts.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.3 Email submitted by Lakes District Manager Hokeness to Jessica Berg, Concert and Events Coordinator, dated August 19, 2008 from Brad Dunse thanking her for the booking at Bryant Square.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.4 Email submitted by Lakes District Manager Hokeness to Jessica Berg, Concert and Events Coordinator, dated August 20, 2008 from Bruce and Julie, Earth Sign Records, thanking her for having Patchouli as part of the Concerts in the Parks this summer.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.5 Email submitted by Lakes District Manager Hokeness to Jessica Berg, Concert and Events Coordinator, dated August 20, 2008 from Steve Kovacs, Zareba Security, regarding Lake Harriet concerts.

PLACED ON FILE

Commissioners reported on communications received and activities that have taken place since the August 20, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Copies of communications submitted by Commissioners are made part of the Board's permanent record.

ADJOURNMENT

The time being 6:20 p.m., Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine –

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.