

# Minutes

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City of Falcon Heights, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting  
February 13, 2012  
6:30PM  
City Hall

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*Meeting Chair:* Melissa Weber-Sanders

*Minutes By:* Michelle Tesser

*Present members:* Serena Jones-White, Matthew Waite, Lonetta Hanson, Tom Keene

*Youth member:* Luke Mielke

*Staff:* Michelle Tesser, Jessica Anderson, Tim Pittman (absent)

*Council Liaison:* Keith Gosline (absent)

1. **Meeting called to order 6:33 PM**
2. **Approval of Minutes January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**  
Minutes were unanimously approved. Mielke/Hanson
3. **Warming House/Rink Closure and Skating in the Park event cancelled**  
The warming house and rinks have been closed for season. Many other metro area rinks have also been closed.
4. **Spring/Summer Program Update**
  - Registration and meet-n-greet day will be scheduled in early June. Tesser is checking with FH Elementary School on conflicting dates.
  - New Program offerings: Adult zumba, Harry Potter Camp (quiddich), Soccer at Commonwealth Terrace, 6-7 year olds Sports Sampler camp, Family tennis, and one additional Playground Discovery camp.

General improvement

- Community garden plot
- Cooking supplies now held at CP

**5. Summer Event Planning**

- Family Tennis Tournament- USTA will send a coordinator to help with organizing the event. The date depends on when USTA is available. The tentative date is May 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Movie in Park- Tesser will secure movie rights and all rental equipment (movie, screen, sand bags, projector). Tesser has selected five movies for people to choose from on Facebook. Tesser would like to find boy scouts to volunteer with the camping portion of the event.

**6. MRPA Innovation Scholarship Submission- Falcon Heights Smart Park**

QR codes are the black and white type barcodes found in newspapers, magazines, flyers that you scan from your phone. Businesses have been using them to advertise coupons, specials, locations etc. Recently the city of Newport started using a QR code to promote their parks by putting the QR code on signage at their park. The mayor asked me to look into this further. I was able to find an applicable grant through MPRA that could help fund our city developing a QR code along with an URL/website and also have signage at our parks. The grant is \$2,000. The possibility of this technology is really limitless. The code would go to a website that would have a variety of pertinent information regarding parks, mapping, recreation programs, events, city news, calorie counter etc. The code could also be on flyers, posters, newsletters, rec program guide etc. Although this may be something that only younger generations will use our 2010 census did show that 15-39 year olds make up 44% of our city. And getting the 15-39 year olds engaged in parks and recreation has been a struggle. The grant was submitted on Wednesday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and we should find out the results by the end of February/early March.

**7. EAB Tree Grant Submission –DNR**

Recently, a DNR grant opened up an Emerald Ash Borer grant. This would help Falcon Heights continue with the EAB removal program of ash trees. This grant will help us remove the rest of the ash trees in Falcon Heights and plant trees in their place. We have approximately 200 ash trees left to remove out of 300. We should find out about the grant award by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Staff Reports:**

➤ **Public Works Update**

- Maintaining equipment
- Fire Department projects

**9. New Business**

Next meeting: Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:30p.m.

**10. Adjournment – 7:30pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Tesser. If there are any corrections or additions, please contact Michelle Tesser by phone at 651-792-7617 or by email at [Michelle.tesser@falconheights.org](mailto:Michelle.tesser@falconheights.org)