

Summer ProCITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA

August 5, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

Walt Dunlap Ron Eischen
 Ryan Carlson Mike Bradbury

Council Member Melanie Leehy
 Staff Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff Liaison

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of June 11, 2019 Minutes

Dunlap 1st Motion
Eischen 2nd Motion
Motion Passed

E. AGENDA:

1. Updates/Planning for next year

a. Garden-in-a-box

- Garden-in-a-box program has started and boxes have been placed at Curtiss Field, FH Elementary, City Hall and Falcon Townsquare. The boxes were provided by the Minnesota Horticulture Society. Supplies for the boxes included the box, soil, compost, organic fertilizer and various plants.
- The program should continue next year and should continue to be offered at the elementary school in which they use the gardens as part of their STEM program. Falcon Townsquare Senior apartments have also enjoyed the boxes. The boxes should also be offered to apartment complexes next year as a way to provide gardening to those who don't have access to a garden.

b. Summer Programming

- Based on survey results from parents that had children participate in the 2019 summer programming it would be optimal to extend programming. Summer programming is currently 6 weeks long and consists of 3 Rec on the Go events.

- Program should run through August and Rec on the Go should be offered more as well. Partnering with Three Rivers Parks for Rec on the Go will be ideal because they are able to offer many activities and the partnership in 2019 was a success.
 - Explore options that will appeal to other age groups. Such as Zumba/yoga for parents that coincide with youth programming.
 - Pickle ball has become popular. Reach out to neighboring communities to see how they are meeting pickle ball requests.
- c. Ice Cream Social
- Ice Cream Social 2019 had a turnout of about 272 people. Ramsey County Sheriff served 600 hotdogs; The Lions served 18 gallons of ice cream and went through 18 bottles of root beer.
- d. Curtiss Field Basketball Court
- Curtiss Field basketball hoops have been ordered. Once the basketball hoops have arrived Public Works will pour the concrete. Expected completion of this project is August 2019.
- e. Kid Create Studio
- Kid Create Studio offers art classes to the community. They provide their own curriculum, staff and supplies. One thing that has been a challenge for 2019 programming planning has been trying to find art curriculum that hasn't been used in the past. The City of Golden Valley uses Kid Create Studio and has received positive feedbacks from parents. If the City of Falcon Heights uses Kid Create Studio for art programming this will allow the Summer Program Coordinator in 2020 to focus on sports curriculum which needed some improvement according to 2019 surveys. Motion to pilot programming during Fall 2019 and see the success.
2. Good Neighbor Grant
- a. Story Time
- Funds from the Good Neighbor Grant will be used on an event called Story Time. Story Time will focus on intergenerational reading between seniors and youth. Students will be split into groups with seniors depending on the number of senior volunteers and students that participate. After the book is read at the event there will be time for discussion and a snack. The event will be 90 minutes long and details are still being finalized right now.
- b. Curtiss Field Shed
- A shed was purchased using funds from the Good Neighbor Grant. The shed will be located at Curtiss Field and will provide the opportunity for those living by the park to have access to sport equipment.

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- Maintenance of Curtiss Field and Northhome area. There is need to trim the trees and beautify this area. Discussion involved forming a group of volunteers to assist with the maintenance.

- Next parks commission meeting is scheduled for October 7th.

G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:30PM

Eischen 1st Motion
Bradbury 2nd Motion
Motion Passed