

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

AGENDA
March 2, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

Walt Dunlap

Ron Eischen

Mike Bradbury

Ryan Carlson

Jeff Yager

Council Member Melanie Leehy

Staff Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff Liaison

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of January 6, 2020 minutes.

Bradbury 1st Motion
Carlson 2nd Motion
Motion Passed

E. AGENDA:

1. 2019 accomplishments/2020 Goals

- 2019 accomplishments have included; increased REC on the GO participants, use of Garden in a Box and increase attendance of Ice Cream Social. The Target Soccer grant also allowed for new nets to be purchased. The Good Neighbor Fund allowed for a new shed to be purchased, funded REC on the GO. During the short winter season, the warming house was used heavily with about 15-20 skaters during a 4-hour weekend block of time.
- 2020 goals compiled below;
- One goal that was discussed included creating a festival that could be based around state fair timing. Commissioners asked "how can we showcase the City while the large amounts of people are visiting our city during the fair?"
- Next, incorporating adult programming during youth programming in the summer. The idea behind this goal was thinking about the parents that wait for their kids during programming...they can be participating in programs at the same time.
- Another goal included beautifying the city before the state fair starts so we can showcase it to visitors.
- Workshops based on community safety offered to the community.
- Promoting a Fall/Spring clean-up in the parks
- Promoting volunteering; Restoration and Unity are days that volunteers are needed

- Creating a volunteer program. The purpose of the program will be assist with beautifying the city.
 - Promoting neighborhood events. Partner with CEC.
 - Partner with local businesses to promote events.
 - Create a streetscape plan for City parks.
 - Create a garden showcase day that is similar to the city wide garage sale. Add gardens to a map and community members can visit other gardens and participate in vegetable swaps.
2. Event Planning – This topic will be discussed at the April 6th Parks Commission Meeting due to the lack of time.
 - a. Story Time
 - b. Ice Cream Social
 - c. MN Twins Youth Baseball Clinic
 3. Strategic Planning
 - Council Member Melanie Leehy shared the strategic planning notes and discussed the reports based on her experience during the two workshop sessions. The strategic planning report led to some of the priorities being discussed amongst the group that could lead to creating 2020 goals. Some of the priorities that were focused on included; developing a streetscape plan, deciding on a festival idea, volunteerism and community park development.
 4. Website Review-This topic will be discussed at the April 6th Parks Commission Meeting due to the lack of time.

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- City Council Breakfast: Event will be held March 21st 10AM-12PM
- Community Garden Workshop: Event will be held March 18th at 6:30PM
- Warming House: Closed for the season
- Completed Parks Guide: Will be mailed out within next week to residents.
- Elect Officers: Nomination for Ryan Carlson to be chair and Jeff Yager as co-chair

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:06PM

Dunlap 1st Motion
Bradbury 2nd Motion
Motion Passed