



PARK COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2022

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heinz called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mike Heintz
Eric Evanson
Peter Borman
Ryan Gerhard
Ken Schultz
Mike Maher, Director of Community Services

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Schultz to APPROVE the February 7, 2022 meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Evanson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Borman to APPROVE the January 4, 2022 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Evanson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Anoka County SHIP Grant for Fridley Bike Fleet

Mike Maher, Director of Community Services, stated that the City of Fridley has the opportunity to accept a SHIP grant for a fleet of bicycles that could be used for recreational programming and provided additional details on the grant and proposed program.

The Commission asked about ongoing maintenance of the fleet, whether there would be opportunities to use the bikes in the winter months, the number of bikes that would be considered to be a fleet, and whether helmets would be part of the fleet. It was also asked as to how Fridley was selected for the grant.

Mr. Maher provided options for ongoing maintenance and possible winter use of the fleet. He estimated between 15 to 20 bicycles in the fleet and confirmed that helmets would be an eligible expense. He stated that although they envision partnerships with other communities as part of the

program, they have not delved into the details of what those agreements may look like. He explained that staff has explored alternative programming options and in discussion with Anoka County found out the City would be eligible for the grant.

MOTION by Commissioner Schultz to support the Anoka County SHIP Grant for the Fridley Bike Fleet. SECONDED by Commissioner Evanson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Mr. Maher reviewed highlights from the report.

B. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher provided a summary of the report.

C. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the written report. He provided details on the cross-country ski trail locations, noting that they are being utilized.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Borman made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., SECONDED by Commissioner Evanson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary