



Park Commission Meeting (Work Session)

June 3, 2024

6:00 PM

Commons Park, 6249 7th Street NE, Fridley MN 55432

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission work session to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present

EB Graham
Peter Borman
Luke Cardona
Tim Kirk
Ken Schultz
Don Whalen
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for May 6, 2024

Minutes for the May 6 meeting will be presented for approval at the August 5, 2024 meeting.

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for June 5, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Cardona to approve the June 3, 2024 meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Proposed K9 Training Area at Locke Park

Sergeant Tom Roddy presented a proposal to develop a training area for the Fridley Public Safety K9 program at Locke Park. The proposed area is located southeast of the main park lot. The proposed training area would be enclosed in fencing and would contain training equipment to keep police dogs in good condition and training.

There is a desire to develop the area during the 2024 construction season. Commissioners asked clarifying questions on fencing types, access, maintenance, enclosure size and how the area may be used by other agencies.

After questions, the group reached a consensus agreement of support for development of the K9 training area at Locke Park.

2. Commons Park Walking Tour and Discussion

The Commission reviewed several concepts for redevelopment of Commons Park including the development concept found in the 2022 Park System Improvement Plan and an updated 2024 preferred concept.

The Commission discussed the plan approach to balance the requests of Fridley residents with plans for development of athletic facilities within the park and Fridley Public Schools campus. An overview was provided on where proposed amenities are shown on the concept plan in relation to landmarks in a walking tour of the park.

No recommendations were made by the Commission.

Old Business

Staff Reports

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Borman at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher
Parks and Recreation Director, City of Fridley