



PARK COMMISSION MEETING

March 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
EB Graham
Ryan Gerhard
Ken Schultz
Shanna Larson
Mike Maher, Community Services Director

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR MARCH 7, 2022

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

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Larson to APPROVE the February 7, 2022 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Graham. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

1. 49er Days Event and Committee Update by President Gordon Backlund

Community Services Director Mike Maher introduced Gordon Backlund to provide an update on the planning for 49er Days.

Gordy Backlund provided background on the event which began in 1974, with the related nonprofit entity formed in 1978, noting that the committee meets once per month. He stated that the event will be held June 17th, 18th, and 19th. He reviewed details of the work plan, schedule of events, and budget.

It was noted that the event transitioned in the past from three days to one day, and now back to three days. The Commission wanted to ensure the locations are clearly identified so that it is easy for residents to find the festivities. Suggestions were made that perhaps City Hall could be used for

overflow parking, to stop alcohol service for a length of time prior to the music ending, and to market access to the event by bike paths.

STAFF REPORTS

2. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Mr. Maher reviewed winter enrollment numbers and noted that summer programing registration is open. He also provided a summary of February activities of the Parks and Recreation department.

3. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher provided an overview of the report which includes information on partnerships with local schools to provide programing. He also highlighted recent activities and noted that summer programing registration is open. He provided an update on purchases that have been made using SHIP grant funds.

4. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the written report.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Graham made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., SECONDED by Commissioner Schultz. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary