

**CITY OF MOORHEAD
PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
Hjemkomst Center, Elm Room, 4:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Moorhead Park Advisory Board was held at the Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead, Minnesota on the 16th day of October 2007.

Members Present: Ron Schneider, Diane Wray Williams, Randy Bach, Mary Charlton

Members Absent: Heidi Durand, Lila Hazemann

Others Present: Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager; Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Division Manager; Karen Stremick, Office Specialist; Council Member, Mark Hintermeyer

Visitors Present: Paul Finstad, YMCA

2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

3. MINUTES – September 18, 2007

Wray Williams moved to approve the September 18, 2007 minutes, seconded by Bach. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

5. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

6. REPORTS

a. Proposed YMCA Expansion to Moorhead

The PAB had further discussion on the proposed joint venture with the YMCA in Moorhead.

Gym usage and availability in Moorhead was discussed. Currently the City uses gyms at the area schools and has one gym available at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Programming interest to date has been low, however as residential growth in the area continues City Staff are confident that the Good Shepherd location will be very popular. Past scheduling with the School District has been inconsistent. In the current contract, the City now pays a fee for gym usage, which will hopefully help to alleviate interruptions in our programming. Staff has also scheduled meetings with School Administration to increase communication, determine gym availability and prevent future program interruptions.

Before moving forward with a joint venture with the YMCA the PAB wanted to determine what the City gym needs are and what is currently available. The PAB also discussed to need to fund the many projects within the City waiting for funding, and did not know if a joint venture would be wise at this time.

b. M.B. Johnson Park – Scope of Work for Planning

A draft scope of work for MB Johnson Park was given to the PAB for review.

Wray Williams motioned to accept the draft scope of work for MB Johnson Park and to make a recommendation to City Council to pass, seconded by Bach. All votes were in favor, the motion carried.

c. Log Cabin Folk Art Building - Relocation

Code officials have determined that the Log Cabin is unsafe to occupy. The original location of the Log Cabin was at Davy Memorial Park where it was used as a stagecoach station. The log home was moved a number of times from that location but eventually was destroyed saving only the logs. These logs were donated to the Moorhead Garden Club who then used them to build the current structure located near Woodlawn Park. Flooding in that location has caused the foundation to become unsafe.

Discussions surrounding moving the Log Cabin back to its original location in Davy Park or to MB Johnson Park, or possibly Trollwood. Moving the Log Cabin would cost approximately

\$49,500 with demolition, moving and the cost of a new foundation. Other suggestions have been to destroy the existing structure and donate the logs. No action will be taken at this time and the building will remain closed until a decision is made.

7. UPDATES

a. **Matson Field Renovations**

Anderson updated the PAB on the status of Phase I of the Matson Field improvements. Bids were re-opened and awarded for the concrete work. Demolition is complete and work is currently proceeding with the footings and dugouts.

b. **Centennial Athletic Complex Improvements**

Work is progressing on the parking lot and dugouts. The fencing is completed.

c. **MN Senate Capital Investment Committee Visit – Soccer**

A presentation was made to the Senate Capital Investment Committee chaired by Senator Keith Langseth, regarding the grant for soccer fields at Southside Regional Park. It is the third priority with Blaine and Rochester being the first and second. Blaine and Rochester are looking for 100% funding from the state, whereas Moorhead is requesting 20% of the funding from the State with the local match being 80% of the total project cost. The next step in the process will be to work with our local legislators to gain a successful vote from the State Legislature.

d. **Riverfront Park – Neighborhood Recreation Center**

Staff has been approached by a group who would like open a bike repair shop along the bike trails. They were interested in the buildings in Davy Park; however, those are currently being used. The Neighborhood Recreation Center at Riverfront Park could possibly be made available as it is currently used for storage. To use the building year round renovations could be approximately \$40,000. The building is not heated. City Staff will continue to work with them to find a location.

e. **Sports Center Renovations**

The Sports Center will be holding an open house on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 2:00pm - 4:00 pm. There will be tours of the facility, open skating and refreshments available.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by:

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