

**CITY OF MOORHEAD
PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Hjemkomst Center
202 1st Avenue North, Moorhead, Minnesota 56560**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Moorhead Park Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead, Minnesota, on the 18th day of March 2009.

Members Present: Diane Wray-Williams, Ron Schneider, Lila Hazemann, Heidi Durand

Members Absent: Greg Lemke, Randy Bach, Rick Stotts

Others Present: Larry Anderson, Parks and Forestry Division Manager; Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager; Scott Hutchins, Director Community and Economic Development, Mark Hintermeyer, Moorhead City Council.

Visitors Present: Joey Schmit, Disc Golf; Westley Leier, Moorhead Youth Soccer, Jolinda Michaels, Moorhead Youth Soccer

2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

3. MINUTES – February 17, 2009

Diane Wray-Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the February 17th, 2009 PAB Meeting, seconded by Durand. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Joey Schmit, representing the local disc golf group, offered the groups assistance in building the new disc golf course planned for Riverfront Park in Moorhead. Wray-Williams motioned to accept the donation of two disc golf baskets and \$200.00 towards the construction of the new disc golf course, seconded by Durand. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

A request was made by Chairperson Schneider to add an item to the agenda to discuss the future *Miracle Field* in Moorhead. Rotarian Mark Hintermeyer requested that the PAB accept the offer from of the Fargo Moorhead Rotary Clubs to construct a *Miracle Field* at Southside Regional Park and donate this facility back to the City of Moorhead after completion. In an effort to start this project in 2009, money will be advanced to the rotary clubs, from the City of Moorhead General Fund Reserves. An agreement will be reached between the rotary clubs and the City of Moorhead to determine the repayment schedule.

A motion was made by Heidi Durand to have the Fargo and Moorhead Rotary Clubs construct a Miracle Baseball Field, at the Southside Regional Park, with initial financing approved by the Moorhead City Council and provided by the City of Moorhead. The Miracle Baseball Field construction will be overseen by technical staff at the City of Moorhead and once completed the field will be donated back to the City of Moorhead, seconded by Lila Hazemann. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. **RED RIVER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Due to the schedule change of the PAB meeting and Red River Softball Association not being present to discuss this agenda item, the item was tabled until the April 21, 2009 PAB meeting.

7. **SOUTHSIDE REGIONAL PARK BUILDINGS - BID**

The PAB received information regarding the proposed construction of a soccer building and a baseball building in Moorhead's Southside Regional Park. Following receipt and initial consideration of project bids the PAB directed staff to conduct further analysis and report their findings and options back to the PAB.

In the PAB meeting packet communication, detailed bid information was provided to PAB members. This information was also available on the City of Moorhead Website www.cityofmoorhead.com. The communication included the identification of additional revenues that could be used to build both buildings simultaneously. Use of this revenue requires approval by the Moorhead City Council.

A motion was made by Heidi Durand to encourage the Moorhead City Council to accept Option 1, providing for the award of the soccer building to the lowest responsible bidder. It also requested that the low bidder grant the City of Moorhead a time extension to accept or reject the baseball building alternate, in an effort to identify the availability of additional funds. The motion was seconded by Lila Hazemann. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by:



Holly Heitkamp

Park and Recreation Division Manager, Moorhead Parks and Recreation