



Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission Meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2021

A Regular meeting of the Cambridge Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at Cambridge City Hall Council Chambers, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008.

Members Present: Commissioners Jeff Andres (via Zoom), Kriste Ericsson, Jeff Soderquist, Mark Ziebarth, Aviva Hillenbrand, and Elijah Anderson (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Barry Wendorf (excused)

Staff Present: Carri Levitski, Community Development Specialist

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Levitski called the meeting to order, took roll call (all present except Commissioner Wendorf), and lead the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizational Meeting

Staff and the Commissioners welcomed Aviva Hillenbrand to the PTRC Commission along with welcoming Councilmember Ziebarth back to the Commission in a new role as the Council Appointee.

Councilmember Ziebarth nominated Commissioner Ericsson as the Chairperson of the PTRC Commission. Nomination was supported by Soderquist. With no additional nominations, Commissioner Ericsson was appointed as the Chairperson by acclimation.

Councilmember Ziebarth nominated Commissioner Soderquist as Vice Chair, Commissioner Soderquist nominated Commissioner Andres as Vice Chair. Commissioner Soderquist was approved as Vice Chair by acclimation.

Levitski briefly reviewed the Commissioner Bylaws and Code of Conduct with the Commission. Levitski also referred to a confidential handout that listed the Commissioners contact information. Levitski reminded the Commission that personal data regarding Council appointments is not public information. However, it is good for the Commission to have such contact information. Levitski also cautioned the Commissioners regarding conversations among themselves and what constitutes a "Daisy Chain".

Levitski reviewed the 2021 meeting calendar and encouraged Commissioners to submit pictures and quotes for the website.

Approval of Agenda

Soderquist moved, seconded by Andres to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Andres moved, seconded by Ziebarth to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Ericsson moved, seconded by Hillenbrand to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

New Business

Levitski updated the Commission regarding Ordinance 732 that was approved by the Cambridge City Council which approved a non-resident from the Cambridge-Isanti School District Community Education Department to be a member on the PTRC Board.

Commissioners reviewed the Parks Regulations. Concerns were raised regarding the rest room facilities and designation of the opposite sex. At this time, staff has not received any complaints. At this time the language will remain.

Levitski reviewed the letter sent last fall from the Cambridge-Isanti Area Softball Association included in the packet. Discussion ensued regarding the sales tax revenue. The Commission directed staff to give an update on where the sales tax revenue has been allocated and future plans.

Levitski updated the Commission on the Parkwood Park Improvements and informed them staff will let them know when the ribbon cutting ceremony will take place.


Levitski updated the Commission on the 2021 Summer Parks Programming and informed the Commission upon Administrator Woulfe's retirement, the Community Development Department will take back the planning and programming of the summer events.

Other Business/Miscellaneous

Levitski updated the Commission regarding ongoing City Council discussions. Commissioner Andres had an idea regarding the implementation of a Park Ranger Program. The Program would consist similar to the "Adopt-A-Highway" program. Levitski stated staff would look into the logistics of such a program and would report back to the Commission in the next couple of meetings.

Adjournment

Ziebarth motioned, seconded by Soderquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Motion passed unanimously.



Chair Kriste Ericsson

ATTEST:



Carri Levitski, Community Development Specialist