

FARIBAULT PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
NOTES FOR MAY 23, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Chad Kreager and Elsie Slinger. MEMBERS ABSENT: Sally Kramer, Bruce Krinke, Chris O'Neil, and Cheryl Sterling. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen. GUESTS: Wanda Holmgren, George Wickstrom and Cindy Driessen, Faribault Virtues Project.

- 1) Community Art Project in the Park: Wanda Holmgren, on behalf of the Virtues Group, requested approval for installation of an art project in Heritage Park. The Virtues Group is applying for a grant thru the Main Street Committee to install stainless steel reflective surfaces in Heritage Park. Their proposal is to install these reflective surfaces with engraved words on them in English, Spanish and Somali in Heritage Park. If they receive the grant, they'd like approval to install the reflective signs. Economic Development Authority (EDA) approved the project at their meeting last week. There would be 10 wooden posts with two mirrored surfaces on each with written virtues on each side at different heights for all to see. Each "mirror" would contain a self-affirmation which goes hand in hand with the Virtues mission to enrich community, try to create positive and peaceful character, promote unity in Faribault and enrich lives. The Board thanked the Virtues program for all their work and discussed the value and importance of the project. Paul asked about maintenance of the signs and explained a concrete base or placing the signs in the mulch area would be good so each sign can be mowed around with ease. Any repairs would be handled by the Virtues Group for the first year and by the Parks Department after that. Paul discussed the process for grant approval and asked for notification if they receive the grant and when they would be ready to install the signs. Board members agreed that signs were a great idea and supported the project. If approved, the installation would likely be mid-July.
  
- 2) Director's Report:
  - a) Offroad Bike Trail at Teepee Tonka Park: The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) did not find dwarf trout lily plants at Teepee Tonka Park so they gave authorization to proceed with construction of the offroad bike trail.
  - b) Mill Towns Trail Update: Paul stated he had been contacted by the DNR and they indicated the trail construction by Highway 21 may be delayed. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is doing repairs on Interstate 35 this summer so are redirecting traffic onto Highway 21. Since Highway 21 will be reduced to one lane during construction of the trail, MNDOT indicated the trail construction may be delayed due to anticipated traffic on Highway 21. MNDOT and DNR are meeting to determine a timeframe for trail construction but it may be Fall 2018 or possibly 2019.
  - c) Pollinator Garden: A pollinator garden, including a bench and a patio, was installed behind the Buckham Library by the 2018 Faribault Futures group.
  - d) Washington Recreation Center: Health Finders is still interested in purchasing the Washington Recreation Center. Paul reiterated that the Parks and Recreation Department needs another gymnasium before the property can be sold.
  - e) Legacy Grant: The Parks and Recreation Department received a Legacy Grant in the amount of \$5,705 for the 2018 Concerts in the Parks series. The grant will also be used to fund the Saturday afternoon music during Heritage Days.

- 3) Requests to be Heard:
  - a) Outdoor Summer Movie: Lola asked about offering an outdoor movie that is not a movie specifically for children. Paul stated he would look into adding another outdoor movie that would appeal to an older audience.
  
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Senior Center Expansion: The windows donated by Sage are currently being installed in the Senior Center Expansion. Crooked Pint Ale House recently purchased the old Bostons restaurant and donated all the tables and chairs to the Senior Center. The Senior Center also received a Mardag Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase furniture for the new conference room.
  - b) City Master Plan: The Community Kick Off Master Plan Meeting was last Thursday night and approximately 75 to 100 people attended throughout the evening. Information obtained from that meeting will be presented to the Oversight Committee tomorrow night, May 24. Meeting updates will be posted on the city website and questions to the public will be posted on the website as well.
  - c) 1740 Willow Street: Timm's Trucking has completed the cleanup at the 1740 Willow Street property. Parks Department has tilled the land and seeded it for grass.
  - d) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws: Nothing new to report.
  - e) Student Board Representative: Nothing new to report.
  - f) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Nothing new to report.
  - g) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
  
- 5) New Business: Nothing new to report.
  
- 6) Other:
  - a) Tennessee Warning Notice: Lola stated a customer received the Tennessee Warning when registering for a program at the Community Center. She asked if it could be explained in layman terms. Paul explained what the warning means but per our attorney, it needs to be presented as it is written.
  
- 7) Next Meeting:
  - a) Next Meeting: The next meeting is the annual parks tour on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant