

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2014

John Meehan, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens (arrived @ 6:35 pm) and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

PRESENTER: Mark Robinson, Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio

GUESTS: Patricia Bordman, Dorothy Conrad and Cindy Rose

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ryan Ross that the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting be approved.

Yeas – 5 (Therese Longe, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, John Meehan and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Arrived Late- Art Stevens @ 6:35 pm

Agenda Item #1 – Nomination of 2014 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Bill Wiebrecht nominated Therese Longe as Chairperson; Therese accepted the nomination.

Yeas –6 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Bill Wiebrecht nominated John Meehan as Vice Chairperson; John accepted the nomination.

Yeas –6 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Agenda Item #2 – Kenning Park Concept Approval

Lauren stated that Mark Robinson from Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio is here this evening to discuss the Kenning Park Concept Plan. The Kenning Park Concept Plan will be discussed at the Long Range Planning meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at City Hall.

Mark stated that the Kenning Park Master Plan is the big picture essentially has everything that is there right now with the exception of one tennis court, plus the addition of an open space for play, i.e., soccer, open field, a much more ambitious play area for children, along with a pavilion, a walking trail and all the attendant facilities that go with that shelters, restrooms, ice melt facility and additional parking.

Mark stated the plan leaves in place the two tennis domes, the one relocation of the outdoor tennis courts and moving it across the street at the corner of Eton and Lincoln. The four fields will remain but have been pushed to the east of the park.

Mark stated that the Kenning Park Phase One Plan keeps ~~at the current times of~~ parking around the skate park facility **unchanged**.

Mark stated that the cost for the parking lot would be approximately 1.7 million for the version with the lights, landscaping and the wall by Lincoln. The remainder of the park project would be approximately 1.1 million to complete.

It was moved by Dominic Pulis, seconded by Art Stevens to endorse the overall concept plan dated December 2013, with an additional restroom facility to be added to the plan submitted herewith, prepared by John Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) for Kenning Park and forward same to the City Commission for their approval.

Yeas – 6 (Therese Longe, Dominick Pulis, Ryan Ross, John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)

Nays – 0

Absent- Ross Kaplan

Unfinished Business-

Bill Wiebrecht stated if **that** the board **should have** had received copies of the communications ~~from the~~ **received following the** ~~comments from the~~ Kenning Park Master Plan workshop that was held.

Connie stated that it was an oversight and that the comments that were received from the Kenning Park Master Plan workshop and were forward to John Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) and will be included in the final report to the City Commission.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on February 4, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator