



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Vice Chair Heather Palmerini called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Commission Members: Vice Chair Heather Palmerini, and Commissioners Emily Anderson, Ryan Pryor (remote), and Scott Vermeulen.

Chair Paul Sweum arrived at 7:06 pm.

Councilmember Ethan Benson was not present.

City Staff:

Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison (remote).

AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved by Commissioner Vermeulen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 4-0 (Palmerini, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Heather Palmerini inquired about the xylophone parts missing at Riverview Park. Paul Sweum is concerned with speed and driving in his neighborhood and is interested in traffic calming devices.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: No report.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Vermeulen, seconded by Commissioner Palmerini to:

Approve the October 16, 2023, minutes.

PASSED: 5-0 (Sweum, Palmerini, Anderson, Pryor, Vermeulen)

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. 2024 Chair and Vice Chair Elections. Discussion followed. Ryan Pryor nominated Scott Vermeulen as Chair, seconded by Paul Sweum. Scott Vermeulen declined to accept the nomination. Emily Anderson indicated she would be willing to assume either the Chair or Vice Chair role with support. Paul Sweum nominated Emily Anderson as Chair, seconded by Scott Vermeulen. Heather Palmerini nominated Paul Sweum as Vice Chair, seconded by Scott Vermeulen. Paul accepted the nomination. This matter is footed to the end of the meeting.

OUT OF ORDER

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT: Update provided by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison, noting the focus is on the holidays and supporting downtown and the Ridge on their events. The downtown lights will be turned on this Wednesday except for the tree which will be turned on at the Tree Lighting on December 2nd. The lights on Center Boulevard are on and will stay on through February 15th. The City is sponsoring Santa on December 9th with the first hour dedicated to special needs children.

2. Project Updates: Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager, provided updates on Centennial Park Inclusive Playground which is under construction. The Sensory Garden is being set up with concrete to be poured shortly. The plan is for visual items to be complete by mid-December. Timing for forever lawn may be in early January and anticipated park completion in mid-January. He then provided an update on PROST (Parks Recreation Open Space and Trails) noting the consultant, Kimley Horn, is gathering data. The website was shown to the commission including the interactive map. Discussion followed.
1. Continued from above. 2024 Chair and Vice Chair Elections. Paul Sweum nominated Heather Palmerini as Chair, seconded by Emily Anderson. Heather Palmerini declined to accept the nomination. Emily accepted the nomination as Chair which passed unanimously. The Commission voted unanimously to appoint Paul Sweum as Vice Chair.

FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- Project Update
- Community Center Expansion Update

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk

This meeting was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

Minutes approved at the _____ Parks & Events Commission Meeting.