

**APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 2, 2020
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for March 2, 2020 to order at 7:00PM

CALL OF ROLL:

*On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission were present:
Members Barb Williams, Bruce Spangler, Bret Ohnstad, Monica Wick and Claire Luger, Council Liaison*

Absent: NONE

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Lisa Iverson, Mayor, and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

Visitors: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chair Spangler determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for February 3, 2020.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Wick, and Williams

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

2. To Consider Appointing Amy Buccanero to Fill the Vacancy on the Park Advisory Commission

Amy Buccanero introduced herself and explained that she had moved to the City about a year ago and would like to be more involved in the community. She gave a brief overview of her background and education.

The Commission discussed some of the park locations and features in the City.

Mayor Iverson noted that Ms. Buccanero's husband serves on the EDA and she thinks have them both involved in the City will be a good thing. She noted that Ms. Buccanero's marketing degree could come in very handy when the PAC is promoting various events in the City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SPANGER, SECONDED BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT AMY BUCCANERO TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Wick, and Williams

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

3. To Discuss Identifying Community Organizations to Collaborate with for Park Activities

Chair Spangler stated that he feels the Commission came up with a list of potential partners at the last meeting.

City Administrator Linwood stated that the PAC may want to consider some of the area businesses for collaboration.

Commissioner Ohnstad asked about how the business or organization should be contacted.

City Administrator Linwood stated that the Commission members can reach out and have initial conversations with the businesses, but noted that if they are not comfortable doing it, he can get in touch and talk to them.

Chair Spangler asked Commissioner Wick if she was planning on any projects in partnership with the Girl Scouts this year. He stated that he wants the Scouts to be aware that the City is here and willing to work with them on some projects.

Commissioner Wick stated that she wasn't sure, but will reach out to the Girl Scouts.

4. To Begin Discussions on Non-Traditional Park Improvements

Commissioner Williams stated that she did a quick internet search and found that a lot of cities seem to be using reclaimed materials such as tires or old logs. She stated that she understands that wooden structures require more upkeep but likes the idea of keeping it closer to nature and would be a more inexpensive option than traditional playground equipment. She gave the example of having something unique at Fireside with the bee and butterfly garden that may make it more fun for the kids but not be full-fledged playground equipment.

Chair Spangler stated that he assumes the PAC will continue with the trail and signage at Fireside Park.

Commissioner Ohnstad stated that Fireside Park may be a good candidate for using more natural materials or reclaimed objects because it would fit nicely in this area. He stated that it might help to use timbers to raise the pathway that is often times under water.

Mayor Iverson stated that at one time there was interest from some Girl Scouts in doing some signage along the trail and asked if that had happened. She asked if the project had been completed.

City Administrator Linwood stated that there is some signage out there. He stated that he will check with them, but he believes that it was supposed to be an ongoing project with the Girl Scouts.

Council Liaison Luger stated that the Forest Lake Early Childhood Family Education installed a more

natural playground about 13 years ago and believes that they were able to acquire it through a grant. She explained that it was all-natural materials such as bark and wood, but was somehow manufactured so it was safe and compliant with ADA standards. She suggested reaching out to them to see who they went through to get the more natural equipment.

Commissioner Williams stated it would be nice to have some sort of survey where people can answer the question about what they are expecting or wanting that the City does not currently have in the parks.

Mayor Iverson stated that she has been noticing a lot of fat tire bikes now that the weather is starting to warm up and suggested that perhaps the City create something that may be a good fit for those purposes.

City Administrator Linwood noted that surveys are fairly easy to put together, so the Commission can direct staff to do that whenever they are ready.

Chair Spangler stated that he would like the Commission to start thinking about questions to include on a survey.

City Administrator Linwood stated that he will put together some survey ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

Mayor Iverson suggested that the PAC find something to tie in with Stagecoach Days.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:22 PM

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Wick, and Williams

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 6, 2020
7:00PM