

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 1, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Mike O’Keefe, Vicky Erickson, Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler, Pam Brokaw, Joyce Hall

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli, Anne Wasmund, Ben Wasmund, Laura Foster, and others.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Casanova at 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Brokaw, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW SURVEY RESULTS FOR “SUPPORT A HUDSON DOG PARK” PROVIDED BY ANNE WASMUND Ann Wasmund provided the survey results for the “Support a Hudson Dog Park” facebook page. She stated the 344 responses received were mostly positive and supports the concept of a dog park in the city. Wasmund noted upon approval by the city, fundraising efforts for the fencing and other amenities for both a large dog and a small dog area would be initiated.

Casanova commented on the need for future discussion on the regulations, fees, dog licensing, maintenance, etc. It was suggested that a portion of the dog license fees collected could be designated for such items. Zeuli noted the 2016 Parks capital and operating budgets have not allocated any funding for the dog park. Further discussion on the fencing, water service, restrooms and other amenities continued.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Hall to approve the conceptual plan for a dog park at Prospect Park on the westerly bluff of the old hospital site. Zeuli stated the DNR notes that a dog park is considered passive use therefore would meet the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: URBAN FORESTRY TREE TREK PROGRAM Zeuli stated the 2016 Urban Forestry grant has several components that include the addition of a gravel bed, ash tree treatments, public outreach and a tree trek program. He briefly explained that several trees along the Lakefront park trail will be identified and park goers will be able to educate themselves on the type of tree, age, features, etc. He noted a map of the tree trek route is proposed near the Hudson arch.

PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT Zeuli stated meetings have been held with city engineers who will provide a cost estimate for services that will include an overall Park needs assessment. He noted the assessment is based on population, growth, needs v.s. deficiencies for the overall park system.

Zeuli stated the Outdoor Recreation Plan will include an updated map and also trails. Noted a draft should be available at the upcoming meeting.

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PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated meetings are scheduled for discussion on the needs to increase the bee population and also to discuss the pesticides used in the parks.

Zeuli stated the Rotary's Pollinator project will involve clearing the site along the Lakefront Park trail, north of Orange Street. He stated the area will be prepped for the planting of wildflower seeds.

Zeuli stated city crews continue to prune trees. He stated the ice skating season was short this past season. Zeuli stated Xcel Energy will upgrade the lighting at 10<sup>th</sup> & Vine Street and also the light mid block near the sledding hill.

Hall stated the parking issues near the sledding hill will be discussed at a future Safety Meeting.

Brokaw questioned the status of the Anderson Park tennis/pickle ball courts. Zeuli stated that quotes have been received and that the work will be scheduled in the spring to include court improvements and painting of both tennis and pickle court markings.

MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to adjourn the meeting. 6:12 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews  
Secretary