

APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
APRIL 5, 2021
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for April 5, 2021 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, Heather Vandenheuvel, and Claire Luger, Council Liaison

Absent: Amy Buccanero and Angie Schilling

Also Present: Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 1, 2021 MEETING.

Chair Spangler suggested an amendment to the minutes to show that, on the last page, Mayor Iverson was the one who stated that she knew someone who was interested in submitting a proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 1, 2021 MEETING, AS AMENDED.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Vandenheuvel,

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Buccanero, Schilling

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Resignation of Angie Plante Schilling

Assistant City Administrator Dumais explained that Member Schilling had submitted her resignation so there is another seat open on the PAC. She encouraged the members to spread the word about the opening

and noted that it will be posted on social media, newsletter, and the City website.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SCHILLING, SECONDED BY MEMBER VANDENHEUVEL, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ANGIE PLANTE SCHILLING FROM THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Vandenheuvel

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Buccanero

3. Consider application for Park Advisory Commission seat

Assistant City Administrator Dumais introduced T.J. Malaskee who has submitted an application for the vacant PAC seat.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER VANDENHEUVAL, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT T.J. MALASKEE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Vandenheuvel

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Buccanero

4. Resilient Communities Project Introduction

Assistant City Administrator Dumais gave an overview on the Resilient Communities project and asked for feedback from the PAC on whether this is something that they see value in and if so where they would like to see it applied within the community.

Member Vandenheuvel asked where the money for funding this program would come from.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais stated that this program is currently not included in the budget, so it would be something the City Council would have to decide to include in the next budget cycle.

Member Williams noted that one possible idea for where this program could be applied within the community is working on a way to bring seniors and kids together in the parks. She stated many of the City parks are geared towards kids and there have been discussion in the past about ways to bring seniors and kids together and had even talked about attempting to get the AARP Community Challenge grant.

Chair Spangler asked about the scope of work.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais gave an overview of how the University of Minnesota would utilize their student body for the various types of projects for the City.

Council Liaison Luger stated that in the past, the City has worked with WSB to plan parks and asked how this proposal would compare financially rather than going with an engineering firm.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais stated that it would be similar, but would have a smaller scope and the City could look at where leveraging the students versus the engineering firm would make the most sense.

Member Vandenhuevel asked for more examples of what the students can do through the Resilient Community projects.

After discussion, there was consensus of Park Advisory Commission that there is interest in exploring the possibility of taking a closer look at the Resilient Communities program.

5. Comprehensive Plan update with comments

Assistant City Administrator Dumais noted that the Parks, Trails, and Recreation section of the draft Comprehensive Plan update was included in the packet and asked for feedback from the PAC.

Member Williams stated that what stuck out to here was where it states, ‘no additional public park land’ and feels that this may not be a valid statement, because there have been conversations with the Planning Commission about adding additional parkland.

Chair Spangler noted that he had noticed the same phrase.

COMMUNICATIONS:

6. Public Works Tree Inventory Update

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld gave an overview of the tree inventory project that will be completed through an intern this summer, rather with a part-time employee. He noted that the City has ordered its GIS unit and the software has been purchased so once the intern can begin, the City should be read to begin the tree inventory.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SPANGLER, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 5, 2021 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:30 PM

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, and Vandenhuevel

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Buccanero

NEXT MEETING:

MAY 3, 2021

7:00PM