

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020

1. Call to Order

The March 9th meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chair Dave Roan at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dave Roan, Jason Branch, Matt Udermann, Josh Ives, Elizabeth Wynveen, Vincent Kim, Dave Downs, Georgiann Keyport, Zac Saueressig.

Staff: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Udermann, second by Downs to adopt the March 9th, 2020 meeting agenda.

4. Visitor Presentation

None in attendance

5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Udermann, second by Branch to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of January 13th, 2020. Motion carried.

6. Receive Council and Planning Meeting Minutes

- 6A. Council minutes January 6th
- 6B. Council minutes January 27th
- 6C. Council minutes February 3rd
- 6D. Planning Commission minutes January 8th

7. Old Business

- 7A. Preliminary Plan Review Del Webb At Chaska

Parks & Recreation Director, Marshall Grange, talked through the initial concept plan the developer submitted back in 2018 to inform new Park Board members. Grange discussed the recommendations the Park Board made regarding park and trail elements in the concept plan which were submitted to the Chaska Planning Commission and approved by Chaska City Council. Grange then reviewed the preliminary plan the developer submitted to the City and how the developer had accounted for the recommendations the Park Board made. The Park

Board did not need to take any formal action; thus this agenda item was an update for the board prior to the preliminary plan going to the Planning Commission.

7B. Bicycle Friendly Community Project

Grange shared some history on this project for the new members. When we last met on Feb. 26th, the various sub committees reported on the work they were doing specific to their 5 E's. Progress was made on identifying routes and gaps within the trail system by the engineering committee. Educational materials will be put out on bike safety and enforcement. There are a couple events coming up in May, Bike to Work on May 19th as well as Bike to School (date not yet identified). May 31st is the Cycle Chaska community event currently being planned by Parks and Recreation. Work is also happening with looking into access to a bike fleet as well as a joint bike rodeo in partnership with Chaska Police.

A project page will be created on the city website to keep the public up to date with on-going progress, as well as allow them to respond with questions.

Grange also shared the opportunity recently presented by Carver County for funding a Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. This is a great opportunity for us and will help greatly with submission of the bike friendly application. A request for proposal will be finalized in the next week to get out to vendors. The hope would be that a plan is done by the end of summer. This plan would measure where we are at currently as well as areas of weakness. Both which will help strengthen the application we submit next spring for Bike Friendly Community.

Discussions pursued on what comes with the bike friendly designation:

- Recognition as a bike friendly community

- A sense of pride for the community

- Brings in outside business, good economically for downtown

- Realtors use it to market the community

- Can re-apply every 4 years and attempt to expand to the next level at that time

7C. Mountain Bike Trail Project

Parks and Recreation have been working with Carver Trails for development of biking trails along Pioneer and Audubon Roads. A 3-way LUP was recently approved by the city of Chaska and Carver County and is on the agenda for city of Chanhassen tonight. A lot of time and effort put forth by Grange to keep this project moving, finally coming to fruition.

Questions asked on volunteer opportunities with the trails group. Grange will talk with Tim Vossberg and get back to you. The school group has designed the trail area along with Vossberg. It's a beginner trail, 18 inches wide, and could be year-round. Carver County is assisting with signage for the site. Hoping to start on the trails as soon as weather allows.

8. Other Business

8A. Staff Reports-Grange talked about the Coronavirus; he attended a couple meeting this week. Administration is looking at planning and what potentially could become of this. Tim Wiebe, the Emergency Preparedness Chief, is defining priority services and putting a list together. A statement has been added to the city website and will be updated as things change. Grange will be drafting a note out to members of the CCC and Curling on our plan. Staff have ramped things up as far as cleaning and disinfecting touchpoints throughout the buildings. We are going day by day as things are changing so quick. Downs mentioned that people coming to the CCC if not feeling well, should stay home.

8B. Department Happenings-Grange covered the various events happening throughout the month.

8C. Park Board Round Table

- Udermann-My family had a great time at the CCC carnival! What a great season both the lady Hawks and boys Hawks basketball teams had, as well as Dance! Shout out to Brian Jung on city trails, they are looking awesome. Udermann recently ran into a nice elderly man who had just left the Lodge, he shared how much he loves visiting there. I also recently attended 3 events at the Event Center, a true gathering place for this community.
- Kim-Sports did great this winter, especially swim! Good to see the mountain bike project moving forward.
- Branch-none
- Ives-Mountain bike trails, they seem small, concerns about a walker on the path getting hurt. There will be signage up to help with that.
- Liz-Shared the Par 30 is close to the goal of \$750,000 for construction. Exciting news!
- Zac-Was recently at Friday night open swim with daughter, observed a situation between a lifeguard and adult, the lifeguard handled the situation with the adult phenomenally.
- Downs asked about the Nick Mason fund and how that is coming along. Staff are working on it with Anna, looking at other similar programs out there. Will be defining a process and specific criteria for eligibility. We are hoping to roll out within 6-months.
- Roan-I'd like to applaud the staff at the CCC, I have observed many staff wiping areas down. Really appreciate that.

9. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the March 9th Chaska Park Board meeting by Ives, second by Kim.

Next Meeting April 13th