

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2019

1. Call to Order

The February meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chairman Roan at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. Roll Call

Present: Roan, Downs, Gutierrez, Wittrock, Ives, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox, Mihajlov

Absent: Olsen

Staff Present: Marshall Grange and Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Downs, second by Ives, to approve the January 14th, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

None.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mihajlov, second by Wittrock, to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of January 14th, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Receive Council and Planning Meeting Minutes

6A Council Minutes

7. New Business

7A Staff Introductions

Director Grange introduced new department staff: Krista Tolstedt, the new Events Center Supervisor, new Community Center Manager, Kelsi McNutt, and newly promoted, Recreation Program Manager, Erin Link. Each person shared a bit about themselves, as well as things they are excited to start working on. Welcome!

7B Parks and Recreation Organizational Chart

Grange talked about the hiring of these key positions and completing the last of the re org as defined in 2017. Exciting to see this move forward and implemented.

8. Other Business

8A Mountain Bike Trail Update

Grange updated the board on the progress being made with this project over the last month. The city attorney has reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), now will go back to the bike group. Grange had a good meeting with Carver County, they also are reviewing the MOU as far as the language referring to the land they own and the delineation to be done in the spring. Discussions will need to address a parking plan, trail development, safety and ultimately a work permit.

8B Bicycle Friendly Community Update

Grange had good meetings with MN Bike Alliance and Carver County Public Health to further discuss the application process for the Bike Friendly Community designation. The progress being made on the mountain bike trail development also ties directly into this opportunity as well. The initial assessment report done by MN Bike Alliance, should be done by March, they will be present it to the board at that time. Timing is of the essence with this application process, as can only apply once every 4 years. Need to decide what is realistic, submit this fall or keep working on partnerships, wayfinding, trails, etc. to better position ourselves to apply later. MN Bike Alliance is going to share the 182 questions in the application with us. So, once we review the assessment report and look over the application questions, we may have a better idea on what is best at this time. Roan suggested the idea of connecting with other communities that have received a bike friendly designation and talk through the process with them as well as ask what they have learned so far to date.

At a minimum, the progress made to date on this, is building momentum in a positive way around bicycling.

9. Staff Reports

9A Department Happenings

Grange reviewed the happening and events that recently occurred, as well as upcoming events.

- The holiday "Pick Your Perk" membership sale data
- The annual Grandparents and Me event was a big success with 150 attending.
- Mixed Spiel at the Curling Center, Feb. 15-17, 24 teams
- U18 National Championships will be at Curling Center, March 13-17.
- The Adaptive Adventures numbers continue to increase!
- The art gallery is hosting the Transfer of Memory display, with various programming activities going on through the month.
- Ives shared he is looking forward to Friday's Sweetheart Dance with his daughter. He also mentioned that when visiting the dog park with his dog, he is noticing many dog owners who do not have their dogs on a leash when walking around the park, up to the park or when in the gated transition area. He asked if some sort of reminder could be posted at the park as well as something on social media? Possibly reference the cities pet leash law? Could CPD patrol around there? This information will be passed on and appropriate measures taken to get more awareness of rules out there.

10. Next Meeting-March 11th

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the February Park Board meeting by Ives, second by Downs. Motion Carried.