

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 2019

1. Call to Order

The March 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, Ruiz Gutierrez, Wittrock, Olsen, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox, Mihajlov, Kim, Udermann, Wynveen-Barth

Absent: Ives

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Wittrock, second by Flaherty-Wilcox, to approve the March 11th, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

Chris Devore 523 Maple St.
Sylvia Matson 513 Maple St.
Catherine and Mike Hull 406 6th St.
Collin Leck 1228 Crystal Place

The above individuals shared their concerns regarding the 112 School District's intent to sell a parcel of land of which the City of Chaska has been maintaining as Firemen's II Park. They would like the City to purchase the land from the School District and keep the park.

The Park Board thanked the individuals for attending and sharing their thoughts. The Park Board asked Director Grange to gather more information and include this item on their next meeting agenda to have further discussion.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Udermann, second by Olsen, to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of February 11th, 2019. Motion carried.

6. New Business

6A Welcome to New Park Board Commissioners
Matt Udermann
Elizabeth Wynveen-Barth
Vincent Kim-Youth Rep

7. Other Business

7A Mountain Bike Trail

Grange spoke on the history of this project for the new commissioners, as well as the progress made recently. Chaska is in a holding pattern currently, as both the Carver Trails group and Carver County are reviewing the MOU with their attorneys. Next steps after review and approval of the MOU would be to go to Council with a resolution to move forward, then build out of the trails could start.

7B Wayfinding Update

Grange shared information on a potential pilot project with the cities of Chaska, Carver and Victoria. The goal would start with identifying one project, 1 loop downtown along the levy as well as 1 linear connection. Also, in discussions with Carver County on uniform signage across the county. Next steps are to locate existing signage, identify entry points into the community, distance points, etc. and start experimenting with signage, paints and graphics. Carver County is also working with a consultant to create a resident survey asking for feedback on current usage of trails, programming ideas, entrances into downtown areas, etc.

Udermann asked about tying this in with the business communities as well, Grange shared that yes, they are actively involved, as will be a key part to the bike friendly community designation application.

May 17th is also Bike to Work Day, so Grange is looking to promote that day and challenge others to participate.

7C Receive Council Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2019.

8. Staff Reports

8A Department Happenings-Grange shared various happenings in Parks and Recreation.

Friday, March 1st, the CCC hosted the annual carnival. Great turn out on a wintery evening, around 500-600 in attendance.

Grange updated board on recent marketing pieces out via FB on "Let's bring ParkRun to Chaska". We are currently looking to build awareness in the community and possibly coordinate a test run once weather is better.

The Community Center broke 9,000 members in February.

Chaska Valley Family theater performed "Godspell" musical in the theater. Great turnouts! As usage has increased recently in our theater, we installed a new, much needed lighting system. The new system is now up-to-date and more user friendly for staff as well as our user groups.

A new piece of fitness equipment (upper body ergometer) will be delivered this week.

Staff are now offering new opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. We are offering new times where there is less traffic for open gym as well as open swim. This will allow for participating in a less busy/loud environment than our general hours.

The Curling Center just finished up a 5 and Under Bonspiel with 32 teams competing. They will be hosting the U18 National Championship, the weekend of March 13-17.

Round Table:

- Ruiz Gutierrez-Excited for momentum on the mountain bike trails.
- Flaherty-Wilcox-Thanked the Firemen's II community members for coming out to the meeting tonight.
- Downs-Asked about an update on City Square West. Grange mentioned things have been quiet since fall. Staff are looking into programming ideas for the paseo area. Grange also mentioned the idea of touring other community paseo's in the metro, to see what's out there for ideas.
- Roan-Congratulations to past park board chair, Nate Bostrum, on appointment to the city council. Also gave blanket recognition to Chaska High School sports on successful seasons, as well as recognizing Mike Koster on a tremendous hockey career representing Chaska Hawks and Breakaway Academy.
- Mihajlov-Appreciate the work put into the park naming policy, thank you.
- Olsen-Asked about a new community park in Chaska, where and the timeline. Grange-No timeline yet as development decisions still in process, one of which is placement of a new elementary school. Will bring more information as things progress.
- Kim-Excited about the wayfinding discussions and thanked the Firemen's II neighborhood who came to tonight's meeting.
- Wynveen-Barth- Also enjoyed seeing and hearing the concerns from the Firemen's II neighborhood.
- Udermann-His family had a great time at the CCC carnival, as well as the ice show this past weekend, both had great crowds.

9. Next Meeting-April 8th

- 10. Adjourn** Motion to adjourn the March Park Board meeting by Kim, second by Downs. Motion Carried.