

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019

1. Call to Order

The October 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, Branch, Kim, Udermann, Barth

Absent: Ives, Mihajlov, Olsen

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Udermann, second by Downs to adopt the October 14th, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

None in attendance.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Wittrock, second by Branch to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of August 12th, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

6A. Bike Friendly Community Updates

Grange-City staff recently made the trip out to Willmar to meet with the key people who were a part of putting together the plan for submitting their application for the Bicycle Friendly designation. Good discussion surrounding what worked well for them as well as some of the things that didn't. Some key take aways were:

The importance of a bike trail and pedestrian master plan to help guide communities through various planning projects.

The importance of partnering with local business's, chambers, visitor centers.

The availability throughout the community of up-to-date printed maps with routes and trails.

Creation of a bike share program-hubs throughout the community for those without bikes or those visiting, to rent a bike. Could utilize recovered bikes that were either lost or stolen. Also

providing adequate locations throughout the community for locking bikes up so bikers can grab a bite to eat, shop, etc.

All good examples for us to consider as we move forward. Willmar was and will continue to be a good resource for us. We also have multiple examples of bike friendly applications that have been submitted and awarded to draw ideas from.

Grange recently registered the city with the League of American Bicyclists, which is a national advocacy organization that provides information, certification, and promotion to create safer roads, stronger communities, and a more bicycle friendly America.

Grange gave an update on the recent family bike event held on Sept. 29th. A first-time community event, unfortunately the poor weather played a big part with low attendance. Staff will regroup and brainstorm ideas for next year.

Interest in the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) has been good. Individuals from internal city departments as well as external partners have responded. The first meeting is to be planned for in October. Discussions pursued on when the bike friendly application is due, the suggestions mentioned in the community assessment, and “bikeability” in and around Chaska.

6B. Mountain Bike Trail Update

Grange brought the board up to date on the mountain bike trails. We have an executed permit from MnDOT! The board reviewed the site map and saw where the right of way concern is. This small piece of land in the right of way area, will still need to be addressed. Hoping to get before the Chanhassen City Council at the end of the month. Grange is still hopeful there will be a spring start to construction of the trails.

The City was a recent recipient of a bike fix it station from Scheels Sporting Goods. It will be installed on the trails later this month.

6C. Trail Wayfinding Pilot Project Update

Grange shared visuals of the signage recently installed on the local trails; layout for the orange loop trail as well as the linier trail (green). The WSB consulting company Carver County has partnered with has been getting out and surveying various user groups on what they think of the trail signs. We have put the survey out on FB as well as the Community Center webpage. We will email you the survey link, deadline is the end of this week.

7. Receive Council and Planning Meeting Minutes

7A. Received Council Meeting Minutes from July 15th-Downs mentioned he watched the presentation for the Nick Mason Scholarship; it was really well done. Would be nice if we could receive on-going updates as that moves forward.

7B. Received Council Meeting Minutes from August 5th

7C. Received Council Meeting Minutes from August 19th-Nice to see the Council approved the Park Naming Policy.

7D. Received Council Meeting Minutes from September 16th-Downs watched the Learning Links presentation on the Par 30. Thought it was very interesting. Nice to see the Council moved forward with a Letter of Intent.

7E. Received Council Meeting Minutes from September 30th

7F. Received Panning Meeting Minutes from June 12th

7G. Received Panning Meeting Minutes from August 14th

8. Other Business

8A. Staff Reports

8A1. Department Happenings-Grange spoke of the many various happenings and programming going on with the Parks and Recreation department.

8B. Round Table:

- Barth-Nothing to share
- Ruiz Gutierrez-Nothing to share
- Kim-Nice to see the good in our community lately. The homecoming parade had lots of people there and it looked like everyone was having a good time.
- Downs-His grandson had fun recently at the pump track by the dog park. No one else was there, is there a way to notify the public? Mountain Bike group does use it frequently.
- Wittrock-Asked about events at the Chaska Event Center, are there more than just weddings? Could some of the events currently at the CCC be held there? Like fitness classes? The ones for the AOA's are crowded, parking can be a challenge. Also asked about staff wearing lanyards to better help identify staff in the building, especially when a medical emergency. There are corporate events, birthday parties, other events going on. Quietest time is daytime hours. Fishing with Friends will be there on the 16th. Wittrock asked if staff could line up a time with Marshall to meet the AOA's in The Lodge?
- Udermann-Recognized Doc Zieglers recent passing, many babies in this community were delivered by him. The August park board meeting had 133 on-line views, the most ever! The Trail of Fun is coming up, always a big crowd, an amazing event! Recently attended the SW Metro Manufacturing Forum; talk surrounding the "last mile" which is a transit gap for employees getting from the bus stop to the place of employment. Maybe all the conversation surrounding bike friendly and trail improvements could help with this. First time basketball coach for his daughter's mini mites' basketball team!
- Roan-Upcoming events at the CCC, Halloween Live on Oct. 26th, he remembers bringing his kids to this each year, they loved it. Hats off to the staff.
- Branch-Love for Chaska, Dunkin Donuts opened!

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the October Park Board meeting by Udermann, second by Kim. Motion Carried. Next regular meeting date in November falls on Veteran's Day, so will be looking at another meeting date. May be a good time for another work session. Will let you know when decided.