

SUMMARY
DES MOINES PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
12:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 28, 2009
City Council Chambers, City Hall

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Board took the following action on items listed in the attached meeting agenda summary. Copies of resolutions may be obtained from the Park and Recreation Office 237-1403. Please refer to the five-digit resolution number when requesting information or copies. Any item requiring a roll call was taken by voice vote. For purposes of condensation, roll calls will only be broken down in the minutes when the actual vote was not unanimous.

#09-071 ROLL CALL

Present: Galloway, Gelb, Ogle, Noland,
George, Modersohn, Cahill, Krumrey,
Thornton, Feltner, Murphy, Chen
Absent: Jensen, Koenig-VandeHaar,
Scavo

#09-072 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND/OR AMENDED

Galloway requested Board action items be placed first and the Friends at beginning of Director's report.

Motion by Gelb to approve agenda as amended
Seconded by George
Motion carried

III. DISCUSSION AGENDA

#09-073 MINUTES

Minutes of June 23, 2009 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Motion by Thornton to receive and file June 23, 2009 Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes
Seconded by Chen
Motion carried

FOR BOARD ACTION

#09-074 Amending Citizen Golf Committee By-laws

Motion by Gelb to approve amending the citizen golf committee by-laws
Seconded by Feltner
Motion carried

#09-075 Video Surveillance in Parks

Motion by Murphy to approve video surveillance cameras in parks
Seconded by Modersohn

Tripp stated it is the recommendation by staff to enter into a partnership with Police department to place cameras in the park system to deter crime. The

camera systems were purchased through grant money with park staff assisting in installing the systems.

Ogle asked is the action to approve the general concept or where cameras should be placed. The action is to approve the concept. Installation will be approved by Police Department and Parks. Ogle questioned if this needs approval by the board. Tripp stated it does not, but staff decided it was a policy issue for consideration by the board.

YES: Galloway, Gelb, Modersohn, Noland, Cahill,
Krumrey, George, Thornton, Feltner, Murphy, Chen
NO: Ogle

PRESENTATION

#09-076

Birdland Levee

Tripp introduced Richard Brown, Park Planner III. Tripp commented the key elements to this project – levee reconstructed in Birdland area that will cause impact to parks and facilities specifically the tennis courts and baseball field, and the project offers connectivity to McHenry Park/Nature Island and the trail system. There are environmental concerns in routing the connection between those two facilities – trees, bird and wildlife. Richard Brown introduced Pam Cooksey, Engineering, and Carl Elshire, Public Works, who were present to answer any questions. Brown provided background and overview of the project. Neighborhoods have been contacted and future meetings are planned for their input. Gelb asked what the new The Corp of Engineers have gone through an arduous process and the Kiwanis have been in meetings. Ed Linebach, President of the Board, Kiwanis Nature Island, stated they were presented with three options. The proposed levee alignment has been approved by neighborhood and Kiwanis.

Galloway was concerned about trail on top of levee across the island the possibility of flooding Tripp stated the levee at Trestle to Trestle was too low. Army Corp and City will be constructed to protect it during floods.

Krumrey requested dates of neighborhood meetings.

Ed Linebach stated in speaking with the Corp they don't want to delay levee being built, but would like to keep the existing trail open.

Question on when Trestle to Trestle north of MLK next to Target would be open. Brown advised that the project should be completed in early fall.

George requested feedback from tree survey. This will be back on agenda. Tripp stated that if any member is interested in a tour of area to contact him.

Noland asked the trail east of 42nd connected to pedestrian bridge, it looks like cars could use it. Brown advised there are a couple access points that cars could possibly use, but there will be bollards placed to restrict access.

IV. REPORT OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Friends of Des Moines Parks Picnic

Jane Hein, President of Des Moines Friends, updated board on picnic planned for tonight 6 to 8 Terrace of Gray's Lake. Coupons will be given for paddle boat, free food, and sailing. Update at a later meeting. The Friends purchased a new speaker system for Yoga in the Park.

- **Fishing habitat**
Becker, Park and Recreation superintendent, advised DNR evaluated ten ponds for water quality, and fish population at Dean, Case, Waveland, Glendale, Riverview, Witmer, Ewing, McRae, Gray's, and Greenwood. Catfish population is great at Gray's Lake. Murphy suggested that part of Tai Dam property, if city owned, should be evaluated.
- **Fishing program**
This is a collaboration between Park and Recreation and DNR for urban fishing. Several organizations have held day camps. Last year 1,325 participated in the program as of July 23, 1,850 participants. Becker acknowledge Heath Decker and Tim Smith
- **Marina update**
At the prior meeting a request was made to place a sign at the marina. Staff agreed and has purchased and will be installed soon.
- **2009 Park Fun Pass**
In collaboration with community services, 320 fun passes have been issued. Will look at this in the future.
- **Sculpture Park**
Moran, Senior Park Planner, advised project is moving ahead, grade work done, sod, landscaping and irrigation will be installed shortly. Art Center gala is September 26, and public event on September 27. It is hoped that the park will open earlier than the Gala.
- **Greenways Plan**
Kick off meeting was well attended, value of greenways. Another meeting will be scheduled.
- **River safety**
Meeting with City staff, Corp of Engineers, and State of Iowa to strategize on making the public more aware on low head dam safety.

RECEIVE AND FILE

#09-077 West Riverside Drive

**Motion by Gelb to receive and file item
Seconded by Murphy
Motion carried**

#09-078 Social Networking Media
Tripp introduced Teva Dawson, manager of Gray's Lake Park. Teva Dawson, provided an overview on social networking.

Motion by George to receive and file
Seconded by Chen
Motion carried

Report of Chair of Board and Committees

Galloway reminded the board the August meeting is at 5:00.

Council adopted dance ordinance

Youth Advisory Board has requested a representative from the board be invited to join the committee. George asked what the committee does. Ben Page, Assistant Director, advised it is a group of youth that is interested in providing a positive influence on the city. Chen is interested.

Cahill stated Dragon Races at Gray's Lake will be held this weekend.

Galloway thanked Cahill for videos for the Friends.

#09-079 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion by Gelb
Seconded by Modersohn
Motion carried