

SUMMARY
DES MOINES PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
5:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 25, 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.

#09-080 ROLL CALL

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

#09-081 Tribute to Sy Forrester
Tripp provided a PowerPoint presentation as a tribute to Sy Forrester.

#09-082 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND/OR AMENDED

Motion by Jensen to approve agenda as presented
Seconded by George
Motion carried

DISCUSSION AGENDA

#09-083 MINUTES

Minutes of July 28, 2009 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Motion by Murphy to receive and file July 28 Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes
Seconded by Modersohn
Motion carried

IV. REPORT OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

- R2G2 2009
McLaughlin, Parks Manager, advised that R2G2, River Run Garbage Grab, was a success. Picked up trash, tires, and garbage; the final numbers are not in but hope to exceed 43,000 pounds taken to landfill, and a ton and a half of recycled scrap metal. Numbers will be finalized in October. Recognized park and recreation staff that planned and organized the event, heavy equipment operators, volunteer coordinator, and people from trails area.
- Ashfield Playground project
Mindy Moore, Park Planner II, advised the City has been working with Rebuilding Together for constructing an accessible playground at Ashfield. Meredith volunteers will be working on project. Friends of Des Moines Parks are working on a grant for sidewalk construction at Ashfield.

- **Greenways**
Mindy Moore, advised it was a successful kick-off meeting with 20 representative organizations attending. In process of working on draft goals and objectives.
- **Sculpture Park update**
Kevin Moran, Senior Park Planner, provided background on some of the publicity on the sculpture park. Moran provided pictures of sculptures. Moran provided information on the security, 12 cameras, at the sculpture park. Wireless connection will be provided. The park is planned to be completed in middle of September. Public opening is September 27, from 1 to 3.

VandeHaar asked if alarm is audible from the park. It will be audible at the park and the security guard can speak. Currently working on protocols for security.

Park hours are from 5:00 a.m. until midnight. VandeHaar asked if they are going to have a self-guided tour with I-Pod. Art Center is working on this along with a map for the blind. We have talked with Art Center on promotional pieces to the park.

- **Urban Forestry Study Report**
Julie Stundins, Horticulture Inspector, provided a brief update of committee. Have created five goals for the plan. Next meeting in September, will have representatives from city departments to work on city forest.
- **Urbandale Avenue Bike Lanes**
Richard Brown, Park Planner III, advised this item was a request to stripe bike lanes on Urbandale Avenue went before council. There was opposition from some residents on losing street parking. Council requested this to be looked at again. Staff is continuing to work toward a solution. Recommendation is this item to come back to Council this fall.
- **Ingersoll Bike Lanes**
City traffic's department has made a recommendation to change the street striping on Ingersoll. The traffic would change from 4 lanes to 3 lanes with a turn lane. Council has completed two readings. It would move forward in the Spring for striping.

Modersohn asked if the Ingersoll lanes a done deal – any other option be looked at either Grand Avenue or High. Tripp stated council action was to proceed to adopt an ordinance. Council's action was to proceed with an evaluation after six months.

Gelb asked if the council discussed the option on Grand. Tripp stated this is a traffic project and they have done research. Tripp will contact Gary Fox to discuss at our next meeting.

- **Birdland levy project – McHenry Park**
One of the impacts is the trail connection from Nature Island to McHenry Park. Hosting a meeting 6:30 tomorrow night at Park Fair Mall with neighbors.

Brown, updated board on Neal Smith trail, received preliminary soil study; they are not sure why it collapsed. Will move forward with a temporary trail.

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- National Night Out participation
Our department dedicates staff to attend the meetings held in our park system.
- Rose Garden Committee
The Rose Garden was established by this Board. We have some meetings with the Board. It is appropriate that the Board have involvement. Galloway asked for any volunteer for the committee. Jensen is interested.
- Urban Bow Hunting Amendment
The City has annexed a number of acres. A person who lives in that area brought to our attention there are differences between urban and rural hunting regulations. At a future meeting, a recommendation to amend the urban bow hunting related to annexation area will be brought forward.
- Potential School/Park Partnership
Due to the Birdland levee project causing the removal of baseball field at Birdland we want to provide accommodations for them. In previous discussions have talked about North High School, Grandview College or a baseball field needs to be at a different location. Dick Murphy received an e-mail from an activist. The school district and parks have collaborated on several projects. The suggestion is to build something at North. There was also a suggestion on Birdland pool and North High to work together to form a complex.

Jensen stated there needs to be cooperation.

Gelb asked the status of tree ordinance. Tripp stated the council approved the first reading. There is some disagreement on standards. A copy will be sent. We don't have a long-term strategy. Council is committed to the effort.

September 21, City Manager has asked for a trail tour from Gray's Lake out west at 4:00 p.m. and Board will be invited. Ben will send an e-mail to board tomorrow.

Galloway distributed Drake Observatory schedule. The City will put it on the Website soon.

FOR BOARD ACTION

#09-084

Property Encroachment Easement at 514 Foster

Tripp advised its staff's recommendation to approve an encroachment easement at 514 Foster which has a structure built on city property. Staff feels this is the fairest solution in the interest of the City.

Question was asked the difference between an easement and a sale. Andrew Hennesy, Assistant to the Park Director, stated the difference between easement and sale is the encroachment easement is only placed there for the life of the building. It would allow the building to encroach on City property as long as the building is there. You don't gain title to the property. If the building is destroyed, they can't rebuild the building.

Gelb asked about property tax on encroached property. Hennesy advised that since there is no title transfer, there is no difference on taxation.

Motion by Ogle to approve
Seconded by Scavo
Motion carried

RECEIVE AND FILE

#09-085 2009 Swimming lessons presentation

John Hagener, Park Superintendent, provided a PowerPoint presentation on swimming lessons. There was a huge increase in participation this year. Hagener recognized Michelle Kinney and Mark Hurley. Hagener provided the background and participant numbers on 2009 swimming lessons.

Krumrey requested a presentation during senior activities.

Jensen asked if Red Cross provides swim lessons during the school year. It is provided through adult education.

Hagener acknowledged the Park Board and Park Foundation for their support.

**Motion by Koenig-VandeHaar to receive and file the presentation
Seconded by Noland
Motion carried**

#09-086 Trail naming recommendation

Tripp stated recommendation from staff is to name an unnamed segment on our trail system – an extension to the Bill Riley trail and Walnut Creek trail.

**Motion by Ogle to receive and file recommendation
Seconded by Jensen
Motion carried**

#09-087 Park Rules

Don McLaughlin distributed a copy of the draft park rules. There are numerous sets of rules. Several questions arose when researching the park rules. McLaughlin requested further input from staff and board, and other city staff to update. There will be more research completed. The goal is to publish the rules. Koenig-VandeHaar requested page numbers placed on the pages for reference. Jensen felt it would be appropriate for the committees to research the rules.

Galloway suggested if anyone has questions or suggestions to forward them to the Board secretary.

Motion carried

Report of Chair of Board and Committees

George questioned when the updated trail maps would be printed. Tripp stated they are scheduled to be printed this fall. Ogle asked if the map will it be on-line. Tripp stated it will.

#09-088 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Koenig-VandeHaar to adjourn