

SUMMARY
DES MOINES PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
12:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 23, 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.

#09-060 ROLL CALL

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

#09-061 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND/OR AMENDED

Request to move Board action items after minutes, Director's report will follow and then receive and file items.

Motion by Feltner to approve agenda as amended
Seconded by Modersohn
Motion carried

III. DISCUSSION AGENDA

MINUTES

#09-062 Minutes of May 26, 2009 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Motion by Gelb to receive and file May 26, Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes
Seconded by Thornton
Motion carried

#09-063 Park Restroom Closures

Tripp commented the past several months the board has received reports on restroom conditions. Have posted notices at the affected restrooms. McLaughlin, Parks Manager, advised that initially the Birdland Marina restroom was listed as limited to marina users only. Staff has received several phone calls from the general public and trail users requesting this restroom remain open to the general public. Staff decided to leave this restroom open for the general public and will reevaluate next year.

Motion by Koenig-VandeHaar to approve park restroom closures as presented in the communication with the exception of the Birdland Marina restroom will remain open
Seconded by George

Koenig-VandeHaar asked about hand washing at the portable restrooms
McLaughlin advised that the service provider of the portable restroom facilities
will provide hand sanitizers by July 4th weekend.

Motion carried.

#09-064 Alcohol sale and consumption at Western Gateway Park for Pappajohn Sculpture
Park Gala

**Motion by Koenig-VandeHaar to approve alcohol sale and consumption at
Western Gateway Park for Sculpture Park gala
Seconded by Noland**

Chen questioned glass collection bins. Tripp stated the permit is to serve wine,
and glass will be permitted.

Motion carried

#09-065 Election of officers
Scavo presented the slate of officers. Committee recommends slate of officers
as presented - Galloway, Noland, Gelb, Jensen, George.

**Motion by Thornton to approve slate of officers as presented
Seconded by Feltner
Motion carried**

#09-066 Appointment to the Citizen Golf Committee
Galloway stated as follow-up to appoint a third member from the park board.
Galloway recommended Paula Feltner to serve.

**Motion by Thornton to approve appointment
Seconded by Modersohn
Motion carried**

IV. REPORT OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Tripp advised as a follow-up the council approved community center name change to
Pioneer Columbus.

- New Zoo CEO and Polk County Conservation Director
Two new executive directors - Blank Park Zoo – Mark Vukovich owned and managed
Dewey Ford and was a fundraiser for the Variety Club. The Polk County Conservation
Director is Dennis Parker.
- Park Rules
McLaughlin is working on rules and ordinances and will forward a written report.
- Portable Restroom and Restroom Sanitation
Discussed previously
- Community Garden Report/Update
Terrific year – full at Franklin and new community garden at Allen Park.

- Principal Park Report Update
Repairs are being completed.
- Sculpture Park Update
Is moving ahead, project hopefully completed in July. Official dedication in September.
- Greenway Status Report
Planning on first greenway meeting July 16 at 5:30 p.m. possibility at Botanical Center.
- Joint meeting with Council
Scheduled for tomorrow. Tripp provided the schedule. Tripp recommendation is to do a tour without council and suggested to reschedule a joint meeting in the fall. The Board's consensus is to reschedule meeting.
- Skate Park dedication
July 1 dedication at 5:30 p.m. at 4-Mile.

Scavo inquired about contract mowing and trimming. Scavo advised that he has noticed that trimming is not being done and a piece of equipment was left in the park. Tripp advised that it has improved from a month ago. Tripp advised part of the problem is the new contractor is not familiar with the locale and issues with rain. The contract with custodial work is a similar situation. Tripp requested comments from the Board. Doug Romig, Park Services Manager, commented this has been a unique spring with rain. He is meeting with contractor on a regular basis and is seeing improvement. The City will evaluate at the end of season.

George was concerned about parking for Yoga in the Park. Romig will be meeting today to look at the logistical issues - may do off-site parking at Waterworks. Last Saturday 300 participated in Yoga in the Park. An aerobics program is being discussed for after Yoga in the Park. Gold's Gym wants to bring in a free program. Will look at other locations.

RECEIVE AND FILE

- #09-067** Amending Citizen Golf Committee By-laws
The item came back for clarification from last meeting.

**Motion by Gelb to receive and file citizen golf committee by-laws
Seconded by Thornton
Motion carried**

- #09-068** Trails Presentation
Tripp introduced Richard Brown, Park Planner. Brown presented a PowerPoint on trails in Des Moines.

Feltner asked about bicycle rentals. Romig stated RMS is finalizing agreement for RDA to begin bike rentals. Tripp asked if this can be used for 2010. It will be a multi-year agreement. Feltner thought it would be popular.

Gelb commented the city should be proud of the trail system. Several bike commuters feel unsafe on Ingersoll with buses – suggest striping Grand instead. When location for public input meeting is known, please contact the board.

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

#09-069

Video Surveillance in Parks

Ben Page, Assistant Director, stated this proposal is to place cameras throughout park system. Work with Police Department to purchase some cameras. In trade, will have our trades' personnel install the cameras. Page, introduced Captain Doug Harvey, administrator of grant programs. Proposal is for six cameras that will be monitored by the police department. Feltner asked if citizens will know if there are video cameras. Captain Harvey advised that 90% of the time they will not know where the cameras are located.

**Motion by Feltner to receive and file video surveillance in parks proposal
Seconded by George
Motion carried**

Report of Chair of Board and Committees

Galloway advised that at the council meeting the dance ordinance was discussed, and they were favorable to the resolution. This will come back next month for a final vote. Galloway thanked Ogle for his work on this project.

Koenig-VandeHaar asked how the Papappjohn Sculpture Park is being promoted. Tripp stated marketing will come from the Art Center. Gelb suggested interaction with Convention Center should occur and City needs to post on the Website. Koenig-VandeHaar suggested putting a committee together. Koenig-VandeHaar, Feltner, George, and Noland volunteered to be a member of the committee. A meeting will be scheduled with Art Center.

Frank Thorne from Birdland Marina spoke on signage at the marina. People are violating the rules. Would like a sign placed so people are aware of the marina rules. Tripp will meet with Hagener to discuss.

#09-070

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Modersohn to adjourn
Seconded by Feltner
Motion carried**