

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018

1. Call to Order

The October meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chairman Grau at 7pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. Roll Call

Present: Grau, Roan, Downs, Gutierrez, Ives, Olsen, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox.

Absent: Mihajlov, Wittrock

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Grange noted addition to the Agenda, under 6C, a proposed recommendation to the city council to authorize the City of Chaska to contract with the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota for their services to help Chaska apply for a designation to become a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Motion by Flaherty-Wilcox, second by Downs, to approve the October 8th agenda with the addition under 6C of the proposed recommendation to council to apply to become a Bicycle Friendly Community. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

None

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Downs, second by Branch to approve the Chaska Park Board minutes of August 13th, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

A.) Grange updated the board on current happenings at Lion's Park Off-Leash Dog Area. The site overall has really come along. The bump out at the curb has been completed. Fencing is up around the smaller dog area, and concrete pads have been poured for the dog wash and fountain areas. Staff is working on a soft opening of the smaller dog area Oct. 29th, at 5 p.m. Invites out to council, the Herald, Chaska Police and the public. The larger grand opening would be done next spring after the wooded area is complete.

B.) Grange shared pictures of Veterans Park, showing how things are coming along. There still is a bit to do in advance of the Veteran's Day ceremony on Nov. 11th. The weather has impacted some areas. Grange explained the recent call out to area Veterans to donate their challenge coins for display in the coin columns. The inaugural Chaska coin has been ordered and will be available for purchase on Veteran's day.

Staff have been fielding calls on the opening date of the archery area. That too will open on Veteran's day.

C.) Bike Friendly Community/Bike MN

Grange shared with the board some of the details of applying for the designation of a Bicycle Friendly Community. Carver County staff have offered to help with applying; they also have SHIP money that will cover the cost to contract with the Minnesota Bike Alliance to conduct research.

As part of the upfront work to be done, there will need to be a full assessment of current trails, wayfinding, etc., as well as the assembly of a task force committed to helping to move things forward. Process could be an approximate 9-12-month timeframe. There will be a November 8th kick off meeting of those interested in being part of this task force, please contact Marshall if you would like to be a part of this.

Motion by Ives, second by Gutierrez, recommending City Council to authorize the City of Chaska to contract with the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota for their services to help Chaska apply for a designation to become a Bicycle Friendly Community through the National Bicycle Alliance; of which Carver County will fund the total amount of \$5,000 for Chaska to receive such services through the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Motion carried.

D.) Commissioner Branch (Board liaison to the City Square West Task Force) shared a presentation with others on where things are at with City Square West. The two major points of this redevelopment are, relocation of the library, and homing in on the best options for the site. Viable options that will draw people downtown to hang out as well as consideration of permanent housing. Three potential sites were ranked for the library relocation, with currently the license center as the best overall site. "Lots more to come, still in developing stages".

7. Other Business

A.) Director's Update-Grange covered many of the recreational events happening throughout Chaska this month.

Also reminded the board to start thinking ahead to the end of year with Grau serving out the maximum term as chair and who may be interested in that position moving forward into 2019.

8. Roundtable

- Flaherty-Wilcox inquired on "adaptive programming" and where we are at. Grange shared that various programming has started, as word gets out the program will grow. Flaherty-Wilcox also asked about consultant used for the city's community surveys. The city uses Decision Resources, who is well known and reputable in the market.
- Olsen asked about where things are at with the Par 30. Grange shared that the project is being led by John Kellin from the Town Course. As things progress updates will be given.

- Ives expressed excitement over the progress made on the dog park and opening yet this fall. Also shared excitement for the CCC's "Little Tigers" program that his children are currently enrolled in.
- Downs-lots going on, excited to see the dog park and Veterans Park wrapping up.
- Gutierrez shared he is happy to hear about all the informative updates.

9. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn October meeting by Olsen, second by Roan. Motion Carried.