

PARKS, WATERWAYS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – 03/15/16

The Cedar Rapids Parks, Waterways & Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at City Services Center, 500 15th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

PRESENT: Jeff McLaugh, Don Clow, Bill Unger (phone), Ron Gonder, Debbie Schroeder, Barb Hannon, Chris Thoms, Jackie Thompson-Oster, Darrel Wridler, Felicia Wyrick, Mary Lee Malmberg
STAFF: Sven Leff, June Schumacher, Daniel Gibbins, Lisa Miller
ABSENT: Michelle Barker, Angie Cole, Gail Loskill, Susie Weinacht

1. Meeting called to order at 7:37 am.
2. Ron Gonder motioned to approve the 02/16/15 Minutes, Don Clow seconded, Minutes approved as written.
3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. BBQ Roundup Fundraising Report – Jackie reported that she and Angie Cole have been meeting with VenuWorks the 2nd Tuesday of the month. A listing of activities was included in the packet along with the status. Jackie went through some of the events.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Harbor Plans – A copy of a harbor improvement plan request was submitted with the packet. After review, Chris Thoms motioned to accept the improvement plan request, Felicia Wyrick seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Goose Management Update – Daniel Gibbins gave the PowerPoint presentation of the 1996 Goose Management Plan from the DNR. Daniel also gave a report on what the department had done for goose management over the years, working with the DNR. The new laser equipment purchased was displayed and a video of how it worked to scare the geese was played. Discussion followed on various control methods. Don Clow asked that “No Feeding” signs be placed at the ski show site. Ron Gonder gave Daniel some information on a spray that is also used.
 - c. Cedar Lake Master Plan – Felicia Wyrick showed the PowerPoint presentation of the Master Plan for Cedar Lake.
6. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Sports Tourism Report:
 - NCAA DIII Wrestling National Championships just completed a successful run at the **U.S. Cellular Center**. Cornell College (tournament host) is contemplating bidding on the event again in the next cycle.
 - The next large sporting event coming to Cedar Rapids is the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association National Championship. Special flooring will be laid on the ice of both rinks at the **Cedar Rapids Ice Arena**. Tournament dates are April 6-10.
 - The CVB is coordinating the lodging for the Chill Out Soccer Tournament scheduled on April 16-17 at **Tuma Soccer Complex**. To date approximately 1000 overnights in local hotels have been booked.
 - In January the Amateur Softball Association reached out to their state commissioners to try to find hosts for national tournaments not previously awarded at their annual meeting in 2014. Parks & Rec and the CVB offered to host the Men’s 16” Class A National Tournament on September 2-4, 2016 at **Tait Cummins Sports Park**. 19 teams participated a few years ago when Cedar Rapids last hosted this event. We learned over the weekend that we have been awarded this tournament. Anticipated direct spending by teams and families is estimated at \$57,000.
 - We decided to withdraw from bidding on a Quidditch Regional Tournament. We were unable to meet the hosting criteria with the budget we had set aside for it. Perhaps things will change in the future so we can pursue this group at a later date.

- b. Director's Report – The Director's Report was distributed via e-mail. Sven gave an explanation of the location of the Hoover Trail Head Park project. Chris Thoms complimented the presentation given at the Blue Zones event and also congratulated Daniel on a good job with the parks.
 - c. Council Report – None – Susie not in attendance.
 - d. Public Input – None
 - e. Commissions Report/Agenda Items: Ron Gonder stated that he would not be reapplying for the PWRC as he feels it is time to let someone else participate.
7. Motion to adjourn, Don Clow, seconded by Chris Thoms – Meeting adjourned 9:05 am.

NEXT MEETING –Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 AM – City Services Center – Five Seasons Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, June Schumacher