

PARKS, WATERWAYS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – 09/20/16

The Cedar Rapids Parks, Waterways & Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at City Services Center, 500 15th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

PRESENT: Jeff McLaud, Jackie Thompson-Oster, Darrel Wridler, Bill Unger, Becky Stonawski, Don Clow, Chris Thoms, Mary Lee Malmberg

STAFF: Sven Leff, Lisa Miller, June Schumacher

ABSENT: Felicia Wyrick, Debbie Schroeder, Lindsey Podzimek, Michelle Barker

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 am.
2. Darrel Wridler motioned to approve the 08/16/16 Minutes, Bill Unger seconded, minutes approved as written.
3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. BBQ Roundup/Fundraising Report – Jackie will be meeting with Josh Loeffler from VenWorks this coming month. Will report more after that meeting.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Organization Assistance Application – Tanager Place submitted an application for assistance to be used for families that are currently being treated at their location. After discussion on what would best fit their needs for assistance, Jackie Thompson-Oster moved to provide \$500 in funding to be used for recreation programs or drop-ins at the Northwest Recreation Center. Chris Thoms seconded, motion carried.
 - b. Volunteer Report & Recognition – Sven presented the FY16 Volunteer Report.
 - c. FY18 Budget – Sven briefed the Commission on the upcoming schedule for the FY18 budget cycle. More discussion will be held at the October 18, 2016 Parks, Waterways & Commission meeting. Staff will be working on establishing fees as well as finding ways to control spending. Aquatics recovered 90% in FY16 and Golf did even better than Aquatics by recovering 98%. Sven stated that they had not shared that message yet as they are waiting to do so when a total plan is pulled together for Golf. The budget as a whole was discussed which included ways to get developers to consider building parks when constructing new neighborhoods. Members also commended the Bever Farm for the success it had this year. Further discussion included how to make current facilities better.
6. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Sports Tourism Report:
 - A representative from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) toured the Seminole Valley Cross Country Course and Cedar Rapids on September 1. The visit went very well even though the back loop of the course was flooded! Cedar Rapids is one of the finalists to host their Men's & Women's Cross Country National Championships in November 2018. Decision will be made by the first week of October.
 - GO Cedar Rapids is producing the GO CR Fat Sac & Fox Enduro Ride on December 9-10 (Friday/Saturday). Main activities and ride will take place at Indian Creek Nature Center and Sac & Fox trail. We are also planning a Friday night ride. Angie Cole and members of LAMBA have been assisting in the planning. Registration will open and the website will go live on October 1. The website will be www.gocrfatbike.com.
 - b. Director's Report – The Director's Report was distributed via e-mail.
 - c. Public Input – There was no public input.

- d. Commissions Report/Agenda Items: The old farm house that is seen from the lodge at Ushers Ferry will soon be demolished. The Fire Department will be helping in bringing it down. The Five Seasons Ski Team had an excellent summer. The Boat Club thanked the ski team for use of their docks for the boat races.
7. Motion to adjourn, Don Clow, seconded by Chris Thoms – Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am.

NEXT MEETING –Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:30 AM – City Services Center – Five Seasons Conference Room – 1st Floor.

Respectfully submitted, June Schumacher