

## PARKS, WATERWAYS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – 01/19/16

The Cedar Rapids Parks, Waterways & Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at City Services Center, 500 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 am.
2. Don Clow motioned to approve the 12/15/15 Minutes, Chris Thoms seconded, Minutes approved as written.
3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Organization Assistance Request – Tanager Place submitted a request for 2016 summer swim passes. June Schumacher reported on Tanager Place usage for the 2015 season award. All punches were used from the four (4) passes that were awarded. Michelle Barker motioned to award five (5) aquatic punch passes for the 2016 summer season. Chris Thoms seconded, motion approved. Tanager Place will be awarded five (5) aquatic punch passes.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. PWRC Work Plan – Sven discussed the 2016 Commission work plan. Cedar Lake Master Plan Presentation and the Greenway Park Development Update will be moved from February to March. Goose Management and Bever Farm will be moved from March to February.
  - b. Bill Quinby Dedication Request – Sven Leff explained the process that took place with the request to name the baseball field at Daniels Park the “Bill Quinby Field”. The question will be addressed as to what the city should be doing as a whole in regards to naming things.
  - c. Foundation Update – Sven reported that the articles of incorporation have been completed and will be sent to the attorney to file. Jackie Thompson-Oster and Steve White have agreed to be the starting members. This will be a grass root, citizen’s advocacy group. Michelle Barker expressed concerns regarding group getting focused on one area and others getting missed. Also, will the creation of this board cause the PWRC to become irrelevant? Jackie explained that the board’s main focus would be fund raising and decisions on funding would be priority driven. The Commission’s main focus has not been fundraising.
  - d. Finance Overview – Sven provided an update on the low-income fund including usage and what the current balance was in the account.
  - e. BBQ Roundup Fundraising Event – VenuWorks staff was in attendance and gave a presentation on planning for the Family Fun Day event that will be held on June 26, 2016 at the McGrath Amphitheatre. The planning started earlier this year so staff is hopeful it will get a better response. Last year the planning got stated too late. The group has outstanding vendors lined up and are continuing to work on securing even more. VenuWorks and the Parks & Recreation Department are partnering on this event and will continuing to work together.
6. **REPORTS:**
  - a. Sports Tourism Report:
    - Cedar Rapids was awarded the Iowa Amateur Softball Association Men’s 16” Class A & B Slow Pitch tournament on August 5-7, 2016. It will be held at Tait Cummins Softball Complex.
    - CVB has decided to submit a bid to host the US Quidditch Midwest Regional Championships at Tuma November 5-6, 2016. Bids are due February 19th. If it is awarded to Cedar Rapids 13-18 teams are expected to participate.

- CVB have partnered with the Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association to submit a bid to host the 2018 State Bowling Tournament (14 weekends February – May). Tournament will be awarded March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Director’s Report – The Director’s Report was distributed via e-mail. Barb Hannon registered a formal objection regarding the proposed open & close dates for the outdoor pools for Summer 2016. Discussion followed regarding school start dates, attendance patterns, and revenue deficits.
  - c. Council Report – No report – Susie absent.
  - d. Public Input – None
  - e. Commissions Report/Agenda Items: Felicia Wyrick reported that the Cedar Lake Master Plan will be unveiled on February 4, 2016, 4:30 – 6:00 pm at the Shores Event Center. Don Clow reported that the ski team has a big summer planned. Sven reported that the river would not be lowered in 2016.
7. Motion to adjourn, Don Clow, seconded by Felicia Wyrick – Meeting adjourned 8:52 am.

**NEXT MEETING –Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:30 AM – City Services Center – Five Seasons Conference Room**

Respectfully submitted, June Schumacher