

## **PARKS, WATERWAYS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – 05/19/15**

The Cedar Rapids Parks, Waterways & Recreation Commission met on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at City Services Center, 500 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

**PRESENT:** Jackie Thompson-Oster, Jeff McLaud, Barb Hannon, Debbie Schroeder, Bill Unger, Darrel Wrider, Don Clow, Mary Lee Malmberg, Ron Gonder, Tammi Janey  
**STAFF:** Sven Leff, Daniel Gibbins, June Schumacher, Gail Loskill, Todd Fagan, Angie Cole  
**ABSENT:** Susie Weinacht, Felicia Wyrick, Michelle Barker, Lisa Miller

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 am.
2. Jeff McLaud motioned to accept the 04/21/15 Minutes, Don Clow seconded, Minutes approved.
3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. Smoke/Tobacco/Nicotine Free Parks – Sven discussed content of the draft Ordinance. After discussion regarding the content on fines and the impact it would have on the judicial system, Barb Hannon motioned to delete the reference to the penalty of \$100 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, and replace with a scheduled \$50 fine. Bill Unger seconded. Bill Unger then motioned to accept the Draft Ordinance with the amendment and recommended the City Council’s Public Safety & Youth Services Committee consider it for adoption. Jeff McLaud seconded, motion carried.
  - b. Fund Raising Update – Jackie Thompson-Oster reported on the Family Fun Day that will take place June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Amphitheatre. There will be a walk-through on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the venue. Angie Cole reported on the list of participants. Jackie will have a sign up for volunteer assignments to work this event. Mary Lee reported that she just returned from a conference and learned about Strider Bikes. The Fat Tire Bike event should be set for January as long as the go-to person is in place by July.
  - c. Foundation Update – Sven reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to discuss information received from legal representation. Initial board size, initial cost, and roles of the foundation, commission and friends group will be discussed. Information from this meeting will be brought to the June commission meeting.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Scholarship Application – A scholarship request was submitted from Four Oaks Total Child for a family swim pass for a family in need. Barb Hannon motioned to approve, Jeff McLaud seconded, motion carried.
  - b. Harbor Dock Review – A dock plan was submitted for approval. The plan did not specify whether or not the pontoons were foam filled. There was discussion on previous approvals and the need to be consistent. Jeff McLaud motioned to table this item until further investigation can be conducted regarding what the rule actually states. Tammi Janey seconded, motion carried. Item will be tabled until next meeting.

**c. REPORTS:**

A. Sports Tourism Report:

- Introduction of Aaron McCreight, the new CEO of the Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- The current contract for the Girls' State Volleyball Tournament has been extended by 5 years from 2017 – 2021. Since 1991, the tournament has generated more than \$38 million in direct spending in the Cedar Rapids area.
- Cedar Rapids is a finalist for the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association 2016 National Tournament. The tournament director toured Cedar Rapids Ice Arena May 14-15. Dates: April 6-11, 2016. Anticipated direct spending \$1.1 million. Competition is Olympic Oval, Salt Lake City, Utah. Decision by June 15.

B. Director's Report – The Director's Report was distributed via e-mail.

- Todd Fagan gave an update on Emerald Ash Borer Professional Tree Inventory. The data collected would help the department with many other decisions regarding resources for EAB management. The pamphlet distributed to Commission members has all the information and options needed in dealing with the issue.
- Angie Cole stated that she needs volunteers for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for the Color Vibe event.

C. Council Report – No report Susie absent.

D. Public Input – There was no public input.

E. Commissions Report/Agenda Items:

- The Cedar Boat Club will host fireworks July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ellis Harbor.
- An update on the skate park was requested. Sven reported that staff is waiting on the flood protection plan before proceeding. The next step will then be alignment, fund raising and a crowd funding campaign.
- Two Pig Man events will be held in the community June 7 and August 16.
- Don Clow reported on ski events.

F. Motion to adjourn, Jeff McLaud, seconded by Barb Hannon– Meeting adjourned 8:39 am.

**NEXT MEETING –Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:30 AM – City Services Center - Five Seasons Conference Room – 500 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW.**

Respectfully submitted, June Schumacher