

Crystal Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
August 5, 2015  
Cavanagh Park

The Parks and Recreation Commission Cavanagh Park neighborhood meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Erin Kolb. Commission members in attendance were: Lynn Haney, Tom Jungroth and Nancy LaRoche. Also present were Brad Fortin, Gene Hackett, Anne Norris and Stephanie Revering from the city staff. Also attending were residents from the Cavanagh Park area.

Introductions were made and Ms. Kolb outlined the purpose of the neighborhood meetings.

Ms. Norris reviewed various city projects.

Chief Revering gave a brief overview of the crime statistics for the neighborhood. Most of the calls concern juveniles on the lake. She informed the residents of various ways to connect with neighbors through Next Door.

Residents had the following questions:

- How many police visits to a rental property are needed before it because designated as a nuisance? The city has a “3 strikes” ordinance on rental properties
- Is Hennepin County still doing the dispatch for the City when 911 is called?  
Yes. From land lines, the calls go to Hennepin County; from cell phones the call is dispatched to the State Patrol who redirects it to Hennepin County.
- What is the non-emergency number for the Police? Everyone should use 911 – you can tell the Dispatcher that it is a non-emergency call.

Ms. Hackett reviewed the neighborhood input on park development ideas from the 2013 neighborhood meeting. Additional comments were taken and residents were asked to designate 2 of their priorities in order to guide the Commission and staff in planning. Additional neighborhood meetings will be held as plans are developed.

Residents made the following comments on city and park projects/facilities:

- Tripsters trips are good and lots of fun.
- Park programs are good.
- Liked Cyber Monday deals.
- Liked park events (Residents were notified of upcoming city and other special events including the corn feed, concerts and Water Day).
- Question on plastic timbers (playground) replacement A: When the playground is replaced.
- Question on the maintenance of Twin Lake Shores Trail: weeds are too high, flower beds look terrible, weeds are growing through the dock. A: Park maintenance has concentrated on getting the active parks in shape and the more passive areas have fallen behind. Suggestion for a park Pride group to work on some of these issues. Two residents volunteered and will talk to Brad later. Residents were asked to call if they have maintenance questions/concerns.

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- Question regarding the rain garden installation: A: It is to improve water quality going into Twin Lake.
- Does the City apply for grants? A: Yes although many grant sources are no longer available.

The residents were thanked for their attendance.

The neighborhood portion was adjourned at 7:53pm

The Park and Recreation Commission business meeting was called to order at 8:05pm.

Dan Olson, City Planner, talked to the Commission about the Blue Line Station Planning. One of the stations will be adjacent to Becker Park. The City Council requested that 2 Commission members be on the committee. The Commission appointed Ms. Haney and Mr. Jungroth; Ms. Kolb could serve as an alternate. The appointments will be confirmed by the City Council. Meetings are expected to start in September.

The Commission reviewed the proposed revised Dog Park rules. Commissioners felt the tone was friendlier. Revisions were made. Brad will work on getting a sign made.

Ms. Kolb did not have anything for the Chair report.

There was not a City Council report.

Ms. Haney reported that the Crystal Frolics events went well. All Commission events were well attended. The new Sunday events brought a lot of people. It was suggested that additional signage maybe needed to direct the people to the stage area. The Sunday events may be expanded next year. The carnival was down in attendance. Fireworks were good.

Mr. Jungroth did not attend the last CBA meeting. It was hosted by Hawk Realty.

Staff gave the monthly reports, highlighting major activities.  
The June minutes were approved as sent.

Ms. Kolb informed the group of upcoming fundraisers for the Crime Prevention Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Gene Hackett  
Recorder

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