

Crystal Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
June 3, 2015  
Lions Soo Line (at Twin Oak/POW-MIA) Park  
Approved 7/8/15

The Parks and Recreation Commission Lions Soo Line neighborhood meeting was called to order at Twin Oak POW-MIA Park at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Erin Kolb. Commission members in attendance were: Lynn Haney, Lori Merriam, Steve Hildre and Nancy LaRoche. Also present were Elizabeth Dahl, Council Liaison; Brad Fortin, Scott Berggren, Gene Hackett and Lt. Leslin from the city staff. Also attending were Jared Walhowe, Produce Manager from the Emergency Food Shelf Network; residents from the Lions Soo Line Park area.

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

Mr. Fortin and Ms. Hackett reviewed various city projects.

Lt. Leslin gave a brief overview of the crime statistics for the neighborhood. Residents made a comment that neighborhood children on rollerblades are using the street and there was a concern that they may get hit. It was suggested that the neighbors call 911 as it is not for emergency use only.

Mr. Berggren informed the group of a pilot community garden project that could be located at Lions Soo Line Park. The garden would consist of raised beds that could be adopted by the neighborhood for their own as well as community use. Mr. Walhowe explained how surplus product could be donated to the Emergency Food Shelf Network and how their group could be a resource to this project. In order for this to be successful, neighborhood help would be needed. Those attending thought they would be interested in the project. Mr. Berggren will do additional outreach to the neighborhood to see if there is additional interest. The project could start in 2016.

Lions Soo Line Park residents made the following comments:

- Why was playground removed  
The playground was unsafe. The swings will be replaced soon. A small tot lot will be installed at a later date.

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 7:55pm.

Minutes: June 2015

The Commission reviewed the Arbor Day/Clean-up event. The poster contest should have a better prize and then it would draw more entries. Ms. Merriam offered to work on soliciting a prize for next year's event. Brad will work with James to make the educational piece better. A neighborhood based pot luck could be planned in conjunction with the event.

Ms. Hackett reported that 3 Rivers is beginning to plan meetings for the Bassett Creek regional trail. The Commission will be informed as the meetings progress.

The Commission thought the Lions Soo Line garden project should continue planning but more outreach is needed before the pilot program is finalized. Mr. Berggren will work on that and give periodic updates to the Commission.

Mr. Fortin gave an overview regarding the PIR requests for 2016 – 2020. Many projects include building and grounds updates. More detailed information will be available as the budget process continues.

Commission members signed up to work various Crystal Frolics events:

- 5K Nancy and Lynn
- Scavenger Hunt: Nancy, Steve (Saturday) and Erin (Sunday)
- Mayor's Dunk Tank: Need helpers? Lynn will check on this in case NEAR does not have enough people
- Crystal Ball Hunt: Lynn will ask Casey Peak to write the clues, Tom J will post clues and hide the item.

There was not a Chairperson report.

Ms. Dahl reported on the latest City Council actions. They are looking at retooling some of the Commissions and inviting more participation from sub-committees and task forces. She informed the Commission of a possible city event "Crystal Ball".

Ms. Haney reported that the Crystal Frolics button giveaways will start soon. Fireworks are scheduled for 2 nights. A mandatory meeting will be held later this month to finalize all events.

The Recreation Department hosted the last CBA meeting. Mr. Jungroth told the Commission that the PowerPoint presentation on the Department history was informative.

Staff gave the monthly reports, highlighting major activities

The minutes for both April and May were approved as sent.

Minutes: June 2015

The Commission discussed holding a dog park user's meeting because of recent problems there. The meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at the park at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Gene Hackett  
Recorder