

Crystal Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
September 2, 2015  
Broadway Park

**Approved 10/7/15**

The Parks and Recreation Commission Broadway Park neighborhood meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Erin Kolb. Commission members in attendance were: Lynn Haney, Tom Jungroth, Lori Merriam and Nancy LaRoche. Also present were Brad Fortin, Scott Berggren, Anne Norris and Derrick Hacker from the city staff. Also attending were residents from the Broadway Park area.

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

Ms. Norris reviewed various city projects.

Officer Derrick Hacker gave a brief overview of the crime statistics for the neighborhood. There is nothing out of the ordinary happening in the neighborhood at this time. He informed the residents of various ways to connect with the Police Department. Ms. Kolb mentioned the option to communicate with neighbors through Next Door. Mr. Jungroth mentioned the Run for Rocco.

Residents had the following questions:

- What should they do about people dumping garbage in the dirt piles (couches, mattresses, etc.)? *Call City Hall main desk 763-531-1000 and Public Works will clean it up.*
- 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.

Mr. Fortin reviewed the projects they were working on at Broadway Park, and throughout the city. Dirt piles will be moved this fall. Will be working on the landscaping to clean things up and eliminate hiding spots.

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

- They would like to see butterfly gardens or bee gardens
- Eliminate bushes
  - o Mr. Fortin took time to solicit for volunteer gardeners
- Do you spray for dandelions
  - o Mr. Fortin described the criteria for spraying. Broadway is a low priority, but they try to mow once a month.
- A resident brought up Mac Wildlife, and challenged the Commission to spend more time making the area more walkable and accessible. Treat it like a treasure.

The residents were thanked for their attendance.

The neighborhood portion was adjourned at 7:45pm

The Park and Recreation Commission business meeting was called to order at 7:53pm.

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Ms. Norris talked discussed the budget memo and hit on the key points. Ms. Norris mentioned that the Council was very complimentary of the expansive long range planning the commission has done.

A conversation was also had about the Blue Line Extension project in regards to Becker Park. At this time the council has not made the beliefs known about what Becker will become when the Blue Line comes through.

In regards to the Becker building they would like to see better wayfinding to get to the park, and potentially change the address so people can be directed there more easily. They also discussed ways to cool the Becker building during rentals with either fans or air conditioning. The Recreation Department will update the website with better pictures of the Becker building for marketing purposes.

The Commission reviewed the proposed revised Dog Park rules. Mr. Berggren presented a sign mock-up. The commission suggested the sign verbage be put in green. The QR Code on the sign will go to PDF sign that will link to expansive rules and comment section. Brad will work on getting a sign made once it is finalized by the Recreation Department.

Ms. Kolb discussed the memo regarding meetings city staff had with Three Rivers Park District. Three Rivers would like to start creating partnerships for programming near regional trails. Ms. Hackett will be coordinating a meeting of other Recreation Directors in the area to formulate a plan on how to work with Three Rivers.

The City received \$3000 from Hennepin County to make and install wayfinding signs in the Crystal. The Commission prioritized the signs directing people to specifically Becker Park and Bassett Creek. They would like signs to get people to the parks. They also agreed that more planning is needed for a long range solution to how signs should look and where they would be installed. Once sign ideas are confirmed, Mr. Fortin will get a quote for the signs.

There was not a City Council report.

Ms. Haney reported that the 2015 Crystal Frolics expenses were \$5,000 over revenue. They may need to look at cutting out a night of Fireworks.

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

Staff gave the monthly reports, highlighting major activities.

The August minutes were approved as sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Scott Berggren  
Recorder

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