

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION - Minutes

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: WATERLOO MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 136 NORTH MONROE STREET

- 1) **Roll Call And Call To Order** - Seidl called the meeting to order at 6:30, present: Quimby, Seidl, Springer and Cotting with Strobel arriving late. Absent: Schultz, Kniesel and Yerges. Others attending, Garret Perry and Chris Thiel both of Design Studio Etc., Youth Center Director Kristie Silha, Jefferson County Parks Director Joe Nehmer, Tom Bergen of McKay Nursery, Bob Feller of Iconica, County Supervisor Dick Jones, Rachel Cass, Norma Cox, Eric Gangstad and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
- 2) **Review Of Agenda** – Seidl he wanted to reorder the agenda to accommodate guests attending.
- 3) **Approval Of The September 14, October 12, November 16, December 17 and December 21 (all 2010) Meeting Minutes.** **Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Seidl to approve all meeting minutes approved. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
- 4) **Citizen Input.** None.
- 5) **Youth Center Director Report.** Silha reported that number have been down due to weather. She said homework was an issue with parents. She said she was polling the kids to come up with projects. She raised self-defense, photography and greenhouses as ideas raised by a youth. The ice rink was mentioned. She is considering coordinating with Marshall. She sought permission to work with parents of younger children to establish weekend hours for a game day and/or arts & crafts. She said special project have generated participation. Silha questioned the feasibility of being open regularly for two or three kids.
- 6) **Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facility Volunteer Coordinator Update.** No update with the topic being covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 7) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Park Sign Bid Process Update. Discussion:** Springer provided an update. No action taken.
 - b) **Discussion & Action Regarding A Potential Dog Park and Firemen’s Park Operations.** **Discussion:** Strobel said the Trustees President was asking if the dog park site had been finalized. Seidl said the item could be tabled until the next meeting. No action taken.
 - c) **Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan - Review Of Cost Estimates And Site Amenities For Potential Improvements.** **Discussion:** Thiel said park concepts were presented at the last meeting. He made the Commission aware of plan changes made due to feedback. He provided cost estimates and ideas for amenities. The Commission provided additional feedback. Thiel said all the handouts and input would be distilled into a preliminary plan draft. No action taken.
 - d) **Review And Opportunity For Comments On Concept Drawing For The CDBG-EAP Project (area adjacent to 200 block of South Monroe Street and former Van Holten riverside property).** **Discussion:** Hansen provided a project update. Springer said little could be done in the flood plain. Seidl said the area is in the center of the community, a focal point for the Weiner & Kraut Festival and should be viewed as an opportunity for forms or recreation in addition to an opportunity to benefit adjacent businesses. Cotting

shared Maureen Giese's idea of having a carousel motif/theme in this area using local skills. Seidl requested comments going forward.

8) New Business

a) **Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facility – Consultant Presentation. Discussion:** Bergan started a presentation along with the consulting team of Bergan, Seidl, Thiel, Perry and Feller. Bergan said the project could be a gateway to Waterloo connecting to the broader Glacial Heritage Area initiative. Thiel presented slides and then opened it up to a listening session. See "Garman Knowlton Trailhead Facility Meeting Notes: January 18, 2011" for detail.

9) Future Agenda Items, Announcements And Next Meeting Date. ## Next meeting February 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. ## Seidl said he would arrange for a tour of park facilities in the area. ## Cotting noted the upcoming Glacial Heritage Area meeting to be held in Waterloo.

10) Adjourn. Motion: Moved by Cotting, seconded by Springer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mo Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Waterloo