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January 11, 2017

Parks Commission Public Hearing

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Stinnett called the public hearing to order at 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present, Stinnett, Kegler, Strobel and Kopplin. Absent: Quimby. Ex-officio members present: Yerges and Crave. Absent: Jones. Others present: Diane Graff of the Courier, Linda Norton, Austin Kuhl, Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERING THE OUTCOME OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARD FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 720 WEST MADISON STREET (CDBG-DR-IKE #16/07). DISCUSSION: Haberkorn presented an overview of site activity and circulated site photos. Waterloo resident Linda Norton said she was attending to learn more about the site and was happy the City was taking action at this location. No other citizen comments were received.
3. PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED. Stinnett adjourned the hearing at approximately 5:10 pm.

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2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: October 12th And Also November 9th & December 14th (both cancelled). MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Strobel to approve the October 12th minutes noting that the meetings from November 9th and December 14 were both cancelled. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. None.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
 - a. Coordinator's Report. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn reviewed the written report. Kegler said something like popcorn was needed for the concert series.
 - i. Distribution Of Adopted 5-year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2017-2022
 - ii. 2016 Thank you letter
 - b. Waterloo Regional Trailhead. No report given.
 - c. Friends of Firemen's Park. No report given.
 - d. Waterloo Youth Sports Organization. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn said the Youth Sports Organization was getting ready for baseball.
 - e. Parks Financial Report – October/November/December. DISCUSSION: Hansen reviewed printed reports.
 - i. Coordinator's Bonus Calculations
 - f. 2017 Capital Projects. Noted.
 - g. 2017 Grant Funding. Noted.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Ideas For Lesser Known Parks & Paths: (i) naming contest, (ii) naming rights. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Stinnett to direct the Parks Coordinator to explore all opportunities for selling the right to name a park. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - b. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4, Concept Plan. DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed Haberkorn handouts. Linda Norton said the project was a positive. Kopplin questioned the scale of the project and the costs for up-keep over time. He said the project was not realistic. Kopplin said the project would have to be done in phases. Strobel questioned the size of the splash pad. Haberkorn said Deerfield had a smaller regularly used splash pad. He said he had reach out to Bolling Recreation for details. Crave questions the need for a \$250,000 splash pad. Haberkorn said that sum would be spread across all improvements, not just the splash pad. MOTION: Moved by Kopplin, seconded by Crave to direct the Coordinator to continue forward on planning as proposed. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Municipal Paths Winter Access – Year Round Availability & Parks Department Snow/Ice Maintenance. DISCUSSION: Yerges and Haberkorn agreed to keep clear the sidewalk in front of the pavilion, but otherwise to not have year round cleared paths. No action taken.
- b. Monarch Butterfly – Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Request For Municipal Action. DISCUSSION: Stinnett suggested getting use out of Youker Park by planting milkweed and other plants desirable to monarchs. Kegler said volunteer numbers are thin. Stinnett suggested substituting milkweed and other plants for sunflowers planted in 2016. No action taken.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING

- a. February 8, 2017 at 5 pm. Noted.

8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Strobel, seconded by multiple to adjourn. Approximate time: 6:10 pm



Mo Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer