

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Golf Course

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Robin Kennicker, Rebecca Kuhle, Jennifer Tigges and Ray Werner

ABSENT: Richard Kirkendall and Rob McCoy

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware, Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger and Eileen Trimble

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Werner, seconded by Tigges, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting with one correction: in Commission Communications section, change 76% to 72%. Unanimous.

UPDATE ON EAGLE POINT PARK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT:

Park Division Manager Steve Fehsal updated commissioners on the status of Eagle Point Park environmental restoration project.

- The City has contracted with Emmons and Oliver Resources. There is close to one million in grant money for this project.
 - Proposed best management practices and a public input form are on the Eagle Point Park webpage. The consultant is compiling comments from all engagement.
 - 30% plans have been put together by the consultant. The focus is on soil quality restoration, leaf mulch, putting natives in areas that are too steep to mow or non-public areas, and replacing some concrete areas with permeable pavers.
 - The project is moving quickly to meet April SRF deadlines.
- ▶ Commissioner Kennicker asked what we would be doing with the land donated as an addition to Eagle Point Park and what will happen to the old water tower in Eagle Point Park. Manager Fehsal said nothing would be done to the land right now. The current water tower at Eagle Point will be removed and deconstructed; the new one will go on Roosevelt Street at the top of the hill.
- ▶ Commissioner Werner asked if there was still any interest in starting a “Friends of Eagle Point Park” group to manage volunteer projects. Leisure Services Manager Marie Ware said that initiative would need to come from citizen group versus the city.

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES (PAS) AGREEMENT – PROJECT SCOPE AND TASKS:

Manager Ware made commissioners aware that the City has entered into an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District (USACE) to assist the City with riverfront planning and watershed management plan updating and development. A copy of the agreement and memo to City Council may be found as part of the original minutes.

ORDINANCE RELATED TO PETS IN PARKS:

Manager Ware updated commissioners on the pet friendly community action plan process the City Council approved. They have directed staff that there needs to be data collection and assessment completed so we know where we as a City are at this point in time and then community engagement process. The assessment document would come to the commission for review before going to Council. Commissioners asked that pet friendly community work group update be placed on the commission agenda each month. Additionally, they asked if commission representative Kuhle does not hear anything about the group moving forward within a couple weeks, that she check with Assistant City Manager Cori Burbach to check status of the group and how long before first meeting would be scheduled.

STAFF REPORTS:

Manager Ware added two comments to her report. 1) The Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce had their Movers and Shakers and News Makers nominees and KIDS Skate representatives Jennifer Tigges, Mike Heitz and Laura Bies were awarded as Movers, Shakers and Newsmakers of 2018; congratulations! 2) This is last meeting for Lead Secretary Eileen Trimble who is retiring January 31st after 44+ years of service.

No questions from commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Werner, seconded by Kennicker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Unanimous.