

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
4:30 p.m., Garden Room, Dubuque Arboretum

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Jennifer Tigges, Rebecca Kuhle, Robin Kennicker, Ricard Kirkendall, Rob McCoy and Ray Werner

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware, Laura Carstens, Steve Fehsal and Kristen Dietz

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting. Unanimous.

SANDI HELGERSON WILL SHARE UPDATES ABOUT THE DUBUQUE ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN:

The Veteran's Memorial was adopted by a young Veteran's group who will take over the upkeep. They plan to add handicap parking spots out front since currently they are only located out back and when there is a concert it is a further walk. Current new project is the outdoor room, 48 new trees have been planted, and an Eagle Scout project – self guided hike has been finished.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF EAGLE POINT PARK AS A CITY LANDMARK SITE:

City of Dubuque Planning Services Manager, Laura Carstens presented Eagle Point Park as a national public resource. It is considered a city significance in our community and is registered as one of ten local landmarks.

REQUEST BY DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING FOR ENHANCEMENTS FOR WASHINGTON PARK:

David Schmitz, representative from Museum of Art, proposed moving forward with the recommendation for consideration of planning for enhancements for Washington Park which include some of the basics such as new benches and lights. The main idea is to enhance the park in its present state. Motion made by Kirkendall and seconded by Garrett. Unanimous.

PET FRIENDLY WORK GROUP UPDATE:

Commissioner Kuhle was able to update on the progress so far from the five meetings held. Currently a survey is in the works and will be distributed to the

public soon. Landlords and businesses are the focus for analysis. There is an August timeframe to have this completed and will be presented to the Commission for approval and to move along to City Council.

No questions from commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Kirkendall, seconded by Tigges, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Unanimous.