

Leisure Services Commission Minutes
August 30, 2018 7:00pm
City Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carver, Cashman, Johnson, Neuendorf, Pins, Solheim, Winter
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
COUNCIL PRESENT: Birgen
STAFF PRESENT: Ray
VISITORS: None

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: Chairperson Solheim called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion: To approve Thursday, July 19, 2018 minutes as presented.
17-18 Moved: Johnson Seconded: Carver
Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

Regular Business

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1. Strategic Planning

Hue Life led by Richard Fursman were retained to facilitate a planning session of where Waverly is going in the next few years. About 50 people including City Administrative Staff, Mayor and Council, and each Council member invited 4 citizens to participate in the 13 hours of visioning. Accordance with the agenda, the initial meeting were introductions and historic events that happened in the Country, State, and Waverly. The next day was to identify themes of local concern based upon the historical information and local trends. Then the group identified "blockages" or "obstacles" to addressing the themes. Actual one and two-year priorities were identified.

The last day took the priorities and had group presentations about the item, where would the City be in one and two years regarding the issue and assigned a lead person to the issue.

The overall themes identified were Quality of Life, Diversity/Inclusion, Communication, and Public improvements.

Leisure Services was specifically named to lead several efforts including river development and a successful Champions Ridge resulting in planning and improving the Memorial Park Area.

The final report will be shared as soon as it is received.

2. 5 Year Plan

Ray reviewed a proposed 5-year plan of improvements for Waverly Leisure Services. He outlined some recurring improvements including ReTree Waverly, park signage, and a systematic replacement of neighborhood play units.

Two major themes were the cascade of potential projects if the Fair was relocated including the pool, Kids Kingdom, driving range, Turf Care Center, etc. Also the method of dealing with over 1,000 ash trees on private property, in terms of removal, disposal, and replacement.

He distributed the proposed plan to staff to get their input and will bring their comments to the next Commission meeting for Commission input on what we should be doing in the next 5 years.

This goes along with the recently completed Strategic Planning and the annual budget process that will be starting in November.

3. Cedar River Parkway Update

Due to delays, Cedar River Parkway portion of the Rail Trail will not be completed until after Labor Day. A delay by the contractor doing the storm sewer installation caused the change in schedule.

The bridge portion will start having 170' bridge beams delivered to start the foundation of the roadway crossing the river. Ray showed a photo of the trail underpass progress.

4. Firefighters Convention

Waverly is hosting again the State Firemen's Convention on September 5-9. There will be 1,500+ RVs, 3,000 people, and several days of new people visiting our community.

1st Street SW and NW will basically be closed during the registration times. Registration is located at the Fire Museum. Because of the vehicle/RV traffic on 1st St. SW, the Waverly Farmers Market is relocating to the east parking lot of the Fairgrounds on September 4 and 8.

The Firemen's competitions will be on 1st Street NW adjacent to Kohlmann Park all day on Saturday.

There will be additional competitions at the parking lot between the pool and the 4H Building earlier in the week.

The parade is Saturday night at 6pm with staging at 7th Ave and 12th Street NW, proceeding South on 12th and east on 5th Ave NW and then south on 6th St. to 2nd Ave SW east back to 1st Street.

Restoration of the prairie at Prairie Park will happen next spring with the Firemen doing the work, using the same seed mix, and with City Staff supervising the work.

All of this is subject to change because the event is very fluid depending on the crowds and weather.

Director's Report:

- Ray shared the annual goose hunting in the City Limits information. This program has been going on for years and is to assist in limiting the Canadian Goose population in the community.

Chairperson's Report

No Report

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2018 7pm (unless agenda items materialize)

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tab Ray

Commission Secretary

Leisure Services Director