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Parks Commission

Agenda

March 5, 2015

5 – 6:30 PM

City Hall

**389 Congress Street ~ Room 24
(Basement)**

- I. Citizen Comment Period (10 min)
- II. Agenda Items
 - A. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes- February (5 min)
 - B. Heseltine Park: Aaron Brady representing Friends of Heseltine Park to provide brief outline and requests regarding a larger community supported project. (20 min.)
 - C. Communications/Updates (25 min)
 - Community Garden - Eastern Promenade
 - Deering Oaks Pond
 - Evergreen Cemetery Wall
 - Western Cemetery Wall
 - Update on Winter Activities
 - Fitzpatrick Field Project
 - Payson Park Title IX Project
 - Footgolf, Curling and Squash
 - D. Unfinished Business (25 min)
 - CIP Update
 - Trust for Public Land Update
 - Administrative Tasks
 - Review and Adopt Rules (Implementation of rules, electing officers; when, how, process. Nominations/Guidelines for election)
 - Annual Report
 - PC's Role in raising funds in accordance with our Ordinance
 - Per ordinance, a role of the Commission is: "Soliciting, encouraging and accepting private contributions to the

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city, in cash or in kind, whether by gift, trust, or subject to conditions; provided any gift in kind and that the form of any trust or conditions has been approved by the city council or is ratified by the city council;"

PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, February 5, 2015
City Hall ~ Room 24
5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Commission Members: Diane Davison, Dory Waxman, Steve Morgenstein, Ralph Carmona, Michael Mertaugh, Cynthia Loebenstein, Carol Hutchins, Meri Lowery, Travis Wagner, Jeff Scher, Dory Waxman

City Staff: Councilor Jon Hinck, Troy Moon, Melissa Graffam, Mike Bobinsky, Rick Knowland

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes December 2014

Motion made by Ralph Carmona to accept the meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve Morgenstein. Motion passed 9-0. (M.Lowery abstained)

Communications/Updates

Community Garden/Eastern Promenade- Project is on track to start in the spring. Demand is high and there is a waiting list for lots.

Deering Oaks Pond- The project has been approved by the Transportation, Sustainability and Energy Committee. It will need to go to the Historic Preservation Board. Mike Bobinsky also mentioned that he is looking into whether or not this project will need to go through the Park and Land Bank Commissions for approval.

Councilor Hinck asked about possible signage regarding not feeding the ducks at the pond. Committee/staff will look at possible signage options that the Audubon Society may suggest that gives visitors informed information as to why not to feed the ducks. Steve Morgenstein is going to also talk to staff at King Middle School about learning opportunities for the students.

Evergreen Cemetery Expansion- Contractors have the site cleared. Work is on hold due to the weather. Project is anticipated to be completed by Memorial Day.

Western Prom Wall- This is a CIP project. The retaining wall is about 60% completed. Work is on hold due to the weather.

Unfinished Business

Review Revisions to CIP Recommendations- Motion was made by Cynthia Loebenstein to send this information onto staff for CIP considerations. Seconded by Ralph Carmona. Motion passed 10-0.

Trust for Public Land Update – The first Steering Committee met on February 4, 2015. Diane Davison, Michael Mertaugh and Dory Waxman will be representing the Parks Commission.