

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.