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Office of Parks and Operations

PARK AND OPEN SPACE BOARD

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

6:30 PM

Christine Nuernberg Hall

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Vice Chair Cain called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Vice Chair Jason Cain

Board Member Joseph Branch

Board Member Peter Bratt

Board Member James Lysaught

Board Member Breanne Plier

Board Member Anton Usowski

Board Member Gerald Vite

Board Member Geoffery Hurtado -- **Excused**

Alternate Alderman Brian Parrish -- **Excused**

Alderman Kathleen Schneider -- **Excused**

Also present were Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies, Director of Community Development Tollefson, and Administrative Assistant Deuster.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. September 29, 2021 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Board Member Lysaught

SECONDED BY: Board Member Vite

AYES: Cain, Branch, Bratt, Lysaught, Plier, Usowski, Vite
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3) Discussion Item

Discussion and Possible Action

a. Ulao Creek Neighborhood Linear Park

Director of Community Development Tollefson provided the board with the upcoming Ulao Creek Neighborhood Linear Park update. Staff provided answers to the questions provided by the board from last month.

The Board expressed interest and support toward the park, but had questions on maintenance and staffing that would be needed to keep the park in good condition. After discussion the board agreed to two questions that would be voted on at the November meeting.

- 1) Does the Board agree on the general conceptual design layout for the East Growth/Ulao Creek trail system?
- 2) Should the proposed trail system be considered a City park/open space?

b. Emerald Ash Borer Update

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies updated the board on the Emerald Ash Borer removal status. The city is transitioning from primary areas to secondary to create buffer in zones like the parks and open spaces.

4) Action Item

Discussion and Action

a. 2021 Annual Report

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies provided the board with the 2021 Annual Report for review and approval. The board recommended adjusting the size of the percentages/numbers and possibly changing the colors to be more easier on the eye. The board also agreed to not include the Leisure and Travel article into the report.

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Board Member Vite

SECONDED BY: Board Member Bratt

AYES: Cain, Bratt, Plier, Usowski, Vite

NOT PRESENT: Branch, Lysaught

5) Parks and Forestry Superintendent Report

a. Parks and Forestry Superintendent Report

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies informed the board on the 2022 budget, along with discussed upcoming meetings with Kueny Architects on the Lemke Park Design.

b. 2021 Work Plan

Parks and Forestry Superintendent provided the 2021 Work Plan for review.

6) Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn at 8:29 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Deuster
Administrative Assistant