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SCOTT COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 5th, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

6:00 PM

1. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Members

- Eric Spieler
- Kristin French
- Cary Coop
- Lauri Schmid
- Kathy Gerlach
- Pat Stieg
- Mark Ewert
- Jon Urlich

Staff

- Patty Freeman
- Nathan Moe
- Alysa Delgado
- Domi Archibald

Others

- Nathan Abney

The January 5th, 2022 PAC was called to order at 6:02 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by Kristin French; Seconded by Kathy Gerlach

Motion to approve the agenda is unanimous with correction to Commissioner Lauri Schmid's name

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the December 1st, 2021 PAC

Motioned by Kristin French; Seconded by Kathy Gerlach

Motion to approve the minutes is unanimous

4. RECOGNITION OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

- a. No Citizens Present

5. Welcome of new Parks Advisory Commissioners Cary Coop and Lauri Schmid

- a. Lauri comes to the PAC with experience as an attorney since 1997. She has an active law practice in Apple Valley.
- b. Cary comes to the PAC as a Belle Plaine City Council member and resident of Belle Plaine and a volunteer with Minnesota DNR and the MN Valley Wildlife Refuge.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

- a. Kristin French nominates Mark Ewert as Chair of the PAC for the 2022 term.

Motioned by Kristin French

Motion second by Pat Stieg

Motion to elect Mark Ewert as the Chair of the PAC for 2022 is unanimous

- b. Kathy Gerlach nominates Eric Spieler to retain his seat as the Vice-Chair of the PAC for the 2022 term.

Motioned by Kathy Gerlach

Motion second by Kristin French



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Motion to elect Eric Spieler as the Vice-Chair of the PAC for 2022 is unanimous

7. ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Regional Trails Master Planning Project Introduction – Nathan Abney and Patty Freeman

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview of the Regional Trails Master Planning Project being kicked off in January 2022; to give the PAC members an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and for the PAC to assign a Commission member or two to the project team.

This project will advance two trail corridors from “search area” status to having approved master planned trail alignments. Master plans will be prepared for the Louisville Regional Trail Search Corridor and a portion of the Southern Scott Regional Trail Search Corridor. Both search corridors were approved as future regional trail search corridors by the County Board and the Metropolitan Council more than 10 years ago, as a part of the 2030 Comprehensive Planning process in 2008-2009.

Please see PAC packet for January 5, 2022 for detailed Master Plan information

Vice Chair Eric Spieler, and Commissioner Lauri Schmid have volunteered to participate in the Project Team.

b. Cleary Lake Master Plan Preliminary Concepts Introduction – Nathan Moe

This agenda item intends to share the concepts with the commission for early feedback as we enter the review process. The early concepts that were shared at the November PAC meeting have been further refined for consideration in the master plan. This revised concept builds on the comments provided by the PAC, the technical team, and the Resident Strategy Team. Like the earlier concepts, these incorporate much of the concerns of the public and of staff. These plans also attempt to provide a path for compliance within the campground through to a fully developed campground concept.

Please see PAC packet for January 5, 2022 for detailed Master Plan information

c. 2022 – 2026 Parks Improvement Plan Overview – Patty Freeman

The purpose of this agenda item is to review the 2022-2026 Parks Improvement Program recently approved by the Scott County Board. Staff will provide general overview of the upcoming projects for PAC’s awareness and can answer questions, etc. This information is also intended to support PAC input to the 2023-2027 Parks Improvement Program process. The project submittal process is February – April 2022.

Please see PAC packet for January 5, 2022 for detailed Improvement Plan information

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Projects & Other Updates



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- i. Nature Connection: Vice Chair Spieler gave an update on his experience with the shift in weather (heavy snow, then 65-degree days). He also commented that he sees very few deer at Murphy Hanrahan Regional Park in comparison to Cleary.
 - ii. Alysa shared that while on a visit to California, she was able to view five California Condor in their natural habitat, which is rare as there are only 400 worldwide.
- b. Outreach – Mental Health and Wellness Programming Grant Project Update – Alysa Delgado
- i. Alysa was able to hire a new Health and Wellness person who starts in January. She will be under the grant contract for the next three years.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS – TENTATIVE TOPICS

- a. The next PAC will be held in February 2022 virtually via Zoom
 - i. Spring Lake Lakefront Development – Phase One Construction Info
 - ii. 2023 Operating Budget, 2023-2027 Parks Improvement Program
 - iii. Wild Rice Significance – Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community


10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pat Stieg; seconded by Kathy Gerlach

Motion to adjourn is unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



 Mark Ewert, Chair



 Date



 Patty Freeman, General Manager of Parks and Trails