

**Minutes
Minnetonka Community Commission
Meeting of May 24, 2010**

1. Roll Call

Commission members present: Paul Ansolabehere, David Hakensen, Betty Johnson, Michael Kelly, Marli Komarek, Heather Odland, Barb Westmoreland, Melissa Williamson-Herren

Commission members absent: Lucie Taylor, Paul Thyren

Staff: Jacque Larson

Chair Hakensen called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. Discussion Items

A. Approval of March 29, 2010, minutes

Johnson pointed out that in item 2D, page 3, David Kaul's name was misspelled as "Call." Westmoreland moved, Kelly seconded, all voted to accept the minutes of March 29, 2010, as corrected.

B. Report from Commission Members/Staff

Larson announced the need for volunteers at the Burwell House Ice Cream Social June 26. Kelly and Komarek volunteered.

Johnson reported on school group tours at Burwell House, and the visits she is making to schools in advance of on-site tours.

Ansolabehere suggested that councilmembers visit sports teams in the areas. He said he has been approached by people who wanted to do neighborhood picnics in the Coventry and Caribou neighborhoods. He suggests continuing to get neighborhoods interested in activities.

Ansolabehere said people in the west part of city are concerned with dilapidated homes, and want to know who at the city they should contact. Larson said to report them to Minnetonka Mike, the city online request system, and they will be routed to the correct department.

Ansolabehere suggested the city host a garden contest, as he sees lots of gorgeous homes with great gardens.

Ansolabehere also talked about linking city centers via vigorous walking path paths, as well as advertising and promoting city centers as indicated in the city's most recent comprehensive guide plan.

Larson responded that the parks and trails division has been for the past year polling residents on what missing trail links they would like to see filled in, as trails are costly and must be prioritized.

C. Photo contest partnership update

Larson reported that the intern at Lake Minnetonka Magazine who had been leading the effort to partner with cities on photo contests had left the magazine, and follow up calls had yielded no new information. Larson will follow up.

D. Discussion of city communications

Larson provided an overview of the city's current communications tools, and discussed possible tools that the city is monitoring for future use, including social media.

It was suggested that information about the neighborhood initiative program be placed in the Minnetonka Night for Neighbors registration bags.

E. Upcoming Events

Larson reminded commission members of several upcoming events, including the Native Plant Market/Eco Fun Fest on June 10, the Ice Cream Social and Summer Festival on June 26 and the Farmers' Market July 6 to September 28.

F. Next meeting: September 27, 2010

3. Adjourn

Komarek moved, Odland seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Larson
Community Relations Manager