

**1. Roll Call**

Park Board members in attendance included Jahn Anderson, Kyle Gallagher, Tim Goodyear, Amber Greves, Tess Komarek, Denny Lambert, and Patrick Robben. Staff members in attendance included Geralyn Barone, Jo Colleran, Dave Johnson and Perry Vetter.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Lambert moved and Greves seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2008 joint meeting with the city council. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Robben moved and Komarek seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2008 regular meeting of the park board. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

**3. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**4. Business Items**

**A. Update on Parks for Tomorrow Program**

Parks and Trails Division Manager Perry Vetter provided a summary of the Parks for Tomorrow Program. He explained to the park board the purpose of the program was to allow citizens an opportunity to make a park donation in honor of someone, or as an opportunity for a fundraising cause. He added that planting of trees in the parks, originally included as one of the program's offerings, was eliminated in past years. Vetter explained that the tree planting option is now provided during Arbor Day programming.

Vetter reviewed "Parks for Tomorrow" projects completed in 2008. He noted that a total of four donations totaling \$2,057 were used to purchase four park benches and a flower pot at the request of those who donated.

Vetter asked the park board for any questions or feedback.

Goodyear questioned if the donations received funded 100% of the improvements made. Vetter responded that the donations covered the entire cost of each amenity; however the city covered the cost for installation of the permanent benches.

Greves asked if the options made available by the city to donate meet the needs of those wishing to donate. Vetter indicated they did, adding that the city is usually able to provide the donator with options to choose from.

Greves asked if the Arbor Day tree planning options were satisfactory to those interested. Vetter indicated that they were, noting that only one tree planting request was received over the past year.

**B. Adoption of the 2009 Park Board Strategic Plan**

Recreation Services Director Dave Johnson presented a draft of the 2009 Park Board Strategic Plan with changes requested by the board from the December 3, 2008 meeting documented. The park board reviewed the draft document and provided no additional changes.

Greves moved and Lambert seconded a motion to adopt the 2009 Park Board Strategic Plan as drafted and direct staff to develop an action step plan to implement the goals and objectives included. All voted "yes". Motion carried.

**C. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions**

Goodyear noted that the terms of Park Board Chair (Goodyear) and Vice Chair (Anderson) expire on January 31, 2009 and required appointments prior to the February meeting.

Lambert commented that Goodyear had done a wonderful job as Chair over the past year and indicated that he was supportive of Goodyear continuing for another term if he was interested. Lambert added that if Goodyear was not interested, he would support Greves as well.

Assistant City Manager Geralyn Barone provided an update on the open city council position and noted that both Goodyear and Greves had applied for the vacant at-large council seat. She added that Lambert was also selected as one of nine finalists for the position; however he has since withdrawn his application.

Goodyear acknowledged that he has appreciated being Chair over the past year, adding however that he was open to change and did not feel that he should be reappointed simply because he is the incumbent. Greves voiced support for Goodyear to be appointed for another term.

Gallagher indicated support for Lambert's recommendation, noting that he was not interested in either position at this time. Robben also voiced support for Goodyear to be reappointed for another term as Chair.

Lambert moved and Gallagher seconded a motion to appoint Tim Goodyear as Park Board Chair for a term to begin on February 1, 2009 and expire on January 31, 2010. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Gallagher moved and Komarek seconded a motion to appoint Amber Greves as Park Board Vice-Chair for a term to begin on February 1, 2009 and expire on January 31, 2010. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

#### **5. Park Board Member Reports**

Goodyear reported that he has attended the Glen Lake ski trail on a regular basis and felt that the ski conditions and operations seemed to be going well. He asked if staff had any operation update to share. Johnson noted that the Glen Lake staff has reported that the trail has averaged 25 users per day, and that the trail opened as scheduled and has had excellent snow conditions for the entire season to date.

Greves asked what the status of the Glen Lake plaza area improvements was. Vetter indicated that he had not been actively involved in the planning/design phase, however indicated that he would follow up with an update for the February meeting. He added that the Community Development staff was working on a plan that would include a new fountain system, park improvements and a small band shell.

#### **6. Information Items**

Johnson noted that the park board's 2008 annual report to the city council was included as an attachment and asked for any park board member feedback or desired changes.

Greves suggested that the board's efforts to date related to the off-leash regulations be included under the stated accomplishments. The rest of the park board concurred. Johnson informed the board that he would make that change and submit the report.

Goodyear acknowledged that this was the last meeting for board member Anderson who resigned his position effective January 31, 2009. Goodyear and the rest of the board thanked Anderson for his contributions.

#### **7. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items**

The schedule was reviewed and no changes made. Johnson reminded the board of the upcoming Kids' Fest event scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2009.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.