

Duluth Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2010

Attending: Luke Livingston, Randy Marcus, Paula Bender, Wanda Bennewitz, Matt Reeves. (LS is ill; MM was called to work)

P&R Staff Attending: Kathy Marelle

Discussion of 2010 goals for the P&R Department

- CoDY – City of Duluth Youth League – Develop a youth program within the Parks and Rec Department; establish direction and develop programs primarily based in the city proper for teenage intramural sports
- Park projects – First priority are the restrooms at SHP. Second is the proposal for the design of the building at WPJones Park to replace the depot. Third, RFP's for the construction design of RBP with an emphasis on two phases. The dog park taking top priority and then the river overlook.
- Continue to develop and expand all current programs.

There was a motion and second to state these are our top goals for this year. The motion passed.

News

- P&R Department has been somewhat restructured to help ease the workload.
- Upcoming activity is the Valentine's Day Gala. All are invited to attend.
- New Board appointments – Chairman for the next year, Wanda Bennewitz. Secretary for next year, Paula Bender
- New members – Nicole Love, from the LEADS program and David Jones. During the last meeting in January, the Council voted to appoint these new members for our Board. Jeff Cook was rolled off and can be considered for reappointment at a later date. Concerning future appointments: Our Board respectfully requests the opportunity to give input to Council concerning prospective Board members before appointment as we have had in the past.

Business

- There was a motion and second that the Department keep project management with the firm who is doing the construction of any park project. There is no need to have another firm to deal with in each project. This might add extra costs and miscommunication. This cost should be added into the scope of the projects in the bids. After a short discussion, the motion passed.
- LeRoux Property was again discussed. With area foreclosures, recent flooding, present economic conditions, and other park needs, the Board continues to recommend that the purchase of this property at this time at this price is not in the best interest of the City. (per Big Mac discussion and previous Board discussions)
- There was a motion and second to recommend proceeding with the first three items of Hill, Foley, and Rossi contract for the construction design for WP Jones Activity Building at \$32,000. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be the first Wednesday in March @ 7pm.