

**City of Cottage Grove
Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Commission
June 13, 2005**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Commission was duly held at City Hall, 7516 – 80th Street South, Cottage Grove, Minnesota, on the 13th day of June, 2005.

Chair Bob Davy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Dubois, Bob Davy, Bill Haluzak, Keith Kleinsasser, Paul Poncin, Ryan Simmers

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Planner John Burbank
Ice Arena/Park & Recreation Manager Zac Dockter
City Council Member Karla Bigham

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 9, 2005 minutes were approved as mailed. Motion by Paul Poncin, seconded by Bill Haluzak. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. East Ravine Update – Plan Summarization

Burbank updated the Commission on the current results of the extensive planning process for the East Ravine Development highlighting the park open space and greenway space within those developments and requested some feedback and recommendations from the Commission. Paul Poncin inquired about timing of the making of County Road 19 into a

four lane road. Burbank responded it is on their long term plan, but they're working closely with the City and keeping an eye on the City's planning process to try and coordinate the expansion of that road with this development. Kleinsasser expressed an interest in maintaining the historical significance of Military Road while understanding the need to accommodate additional traffic. Paul Poncin also recommended to make an effort to hold onto the park property to the north of the planned government center to be used as a link to future parks for a current park expansion or for expansion of the government center. Bob Davy mentioned to make all trail ways as wide as possible to accommodate all users and make multi user access more friendly. Bob Davy made a formal recommendation to stay with the current plan and to not remove or downsize any park/greenway property and to also keep the north end of the Cottage Grove Ravine Park for public use. He also felt the City should make an effort to maintain the historical integrity of Military Road. Seconded by Allan DuBois. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PARK MASTER PLANNING WORKSHOP

A. Park Facility Study – Final Draft

B. Oakwood Park Master Plan Kickoff

Dockter stated that a first draft will be presented from the Close Architecture Firm in the park master plan for Oakwood Park on June 21st. He stated the plan will take into account such things as native plantings, flower garden, band shell, lighting of trails and parking lots, the scenic overlook, benches, tables, grills arbor management, playground equipment and also the future of the disc golf course. Dockter also stated that the east side of the park is already being worked on through grubbing, tree planting and trail construction. Dockter said that more information on the preliminary draft will be presented at the July meeting.

TRAIL WAY PLAN

A. Trail Way System Presentation

Burbank presented a report on the current and future needs of the trail system and how that trail system affects the community and city government.

REPORTS

A. Golf Division

No comments.

B. Ice Arena Division

No comments.

C. Parks Division

No comments.

D. Recreation Programming Division

No comments.

E. Planning Commission

No comments.

F. Historic Preservation

No comments.

G. Council Agendas

No comments.

H. Monday News

No comments.

I. CGAA

No comments.

PARK PLANNING/MANAGEMENT EDUCATION MATERIALS

This includes items of interest that are going on in other communities and items to help Commissioners become better members.

A. Strawberry Festival Information

For informational purposes only.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Karla Bigham updated the Commission on Council Actions in regards to park projects and also mentioned that the Strawberry Festival is held this following weekend and hopes all of the members can attend some or any of the events for their enjoyment.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Allan DuBois to adjourn, seconded by Keith Kleinsasser. Motion to adjourn carried at 8:48 p.m.