Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:
Barbara Schmidt, Carrie Wasley, Dean Johnston, Rick Theisen

CALL TO ORDER
Following a tour of Eastman Nature Center at Elm Creek Park Reserve, without quorum being present, Vice Chair Moeller called the meeting of the Council’s Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
Without a quorum being present, Vice Chair Moeller asked for approval of the agenda of the October 7, 2014 meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission by consensus. Agenda was approved.

Without a quorum being present, Vice Chair Moeller stated that approval of the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission would be postponed until the November meeting.

PUBLIC INVITATION
Invitation to interested person(s) to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda.
None.

Vice Chair Moeller moved the ‘Business’ portion of the agenda to the end of the agenda in the hopes that a quorum may become present.

INFORMATION
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Appointments Process for Terms Ending January 2015
Arne Stefferud, Manager Regional Parks and Natural Resources

Stefferud reviewed the appointment process for the 4 terms ending in January 2015 as outlined in the materials provided. He noted that those wishing to be reappointed need to reapply.

REPORTS
Staff: Stefferud passed out a get well card for Commissioner Barb Schmidt and noted that she may not be able to return this year. He stated the he and staff wish her well.

Stefferud noted that the public hearing on the Regional Parks Policy Plan will be held on October 20, 2014 at 5:00pm at the Community Development Committee Meeting. Commissioners are welcome to attend but not required. Wendy Wulff noted that members may watch the meeting online. Moeller requested that a link be sent to Commissioners.

Chair: None.
Commissioners: None.
BUSINESS

Amend Project Scope of Park Grants SG-2011-106 and SG-2011-118, Carver County – Tori Dupre, Senior Planner

Dupre presented the staff report regarding the request from Carver County for two proposed amendments as outlined in the materials provided. Carver County would like to use remaining funds for additional projects at Like Minnewashta Regional Park and also to extend the term of SG-2011-118.

Weber asked where the grade crossing will be. Marty Walsh, Carver County Parks stated it would be south of the trail entrance to the park at Highway 41.

Vice Chair Moeller noted that there was still not a quorum present. Therefore, Moeller asked for a consensus of the Commission to forward the proposed action to the Council.

The proposed action is that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2011-106 to add to the project scope the design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

2. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2011-118 to add to the project scope the design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, and to extend the term end date to June 30, 2016.

The Commission agreed unanimously to forward the proposed action on to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

4:55 p.m.

Stefferud noted that the next meeting will be on Monday, November 10, 2014. This was rescheduled from November 4, 2014 due to Election Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary