

**Minutes of the  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

**Committee Members Present:** Dean Johnston, Barbara Schmidt, Carrie Wasley, Daniel Shlaferman, Tony Yarusso, Jeffrey Lee, Wendy Wulff, Council Liaison

**Committee Members Absent:** Bob Moeller, Seyon Nyanwleh, Emily Piper

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Johnston called the regular meeting of the Council's Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Yarusso to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Shlaferman, seconded by Wasley to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 special meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INVITATION:** Invitation to interested person to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda.

None.

**BUSINESS**

**Appointment of Tony Yarusso as Vice-Chair to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission – Dean Johnston, Chair**

Chair Johnston, in accordance with the terms of the MPOSC bylaws, appointed Tony Yarusso as Vice-Chair subject to the approval by the Commission. The term would commence on January 8, 2013.

It was moved by Wasley, seconded by Shlaferman that the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission approve the appointment of Tony Yarusso as the Commission's Vice-Chair for 2013.

**Motion carried.**

**2013-xxx Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan Amendment, Anoka County – Jan Youngquist, Planning Analyst – Regional Parks and Natural Resources**

Youngquist gave a presentation outlining the Master Plan Amendment for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan as outlined in the memorandum provided.

Schmidt asked if there will be restroom facilities available in the rest area. Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks responded that there will not be restroom facilities.

Wasley asked what type of signage will there be on the boarder of the park and the Columbus Lake Conservation Area (which will allow hunting). Youngquist stated that this will be up to the County.

Steve Sullivan, Dakota County Parks noted a similar situation with the White Tail Woods Wildlife Management Area. He noted that there is signage and also times when trails are closed due to hunting in the area.

Yarusso suggested that signage should depict that there is hunting allowed in the conservation area and not in the park reserve. Stefferud noted that it could be added to the recommendation.

Yarusso asked if Anoka County is working with any tribes regarding the Native American Burial mound located on the site being acquired and also if there are any State or Federal guidelines that need to be followed. Blaska stated that after the acquisition takes place that will be looked at.

It was moved by Schlaferman, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require that Anoka County provide perimeter signage between the Columbus Lake Conservation Area and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve informing visitors that hunting is not allowed within the park reserve.
3. Advise Anoka County that if it seeks regional parks system funding for acquisition of the 1.3 acre addition to the park reserve, regional parks funding may not be used for the easement area granted to the City of Centerville for its monument entrance sign.

Yarusso moved to amend the motion so that 2. reads as follows:

2. Require that Anoka County provide perimeter signage between the Columbus Lake Conservation Area and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve informing visitors that hunting is not allowed within the park reserve and that hunting is allowed in the conservation area.

Schmidt seconded the amendment. **The amendment was approved.**

Chair Johnston called for a vote on the amended recommendation.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

None

## **REPORTS**

**Chair:** None

**Commissioners:** None

**Staff:** Stefferud noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Schmidt asked if there was any notable discussion at the Community Development Committee (CDC) on the rule changes for Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants and related changes to System Protection Strategy 3. Stefferud responded there was no discussion at the CDC, which unanimously recommended adoption of the change. He stated that it will be before the Council on January 9, 2013.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Sandi Dingle  
Recording Secretary