

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
FEBRUARY 7, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Matts-Benson,
Ybarra
ABSENT: Lenhart
STAFF: Anderson, Johnson

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Staff noted that Vice-Chair Hoag was present via Zoom. However, he was having technical difficulties and not able to speak via the microphone at this time.

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience members indicated they wish to speak.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2023 MEETING

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Arneson seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

4) REVIEW POSSIBLE ART PIECE DONATION FOR THE HARRIET ALEXANDER NATURE CENTER

The city has been contacted by a perspective donor who is interested in making a substantial contribution of a public art piece for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Specifically, the donor is interested in contributing an art piece that highlights the nature center and draws more people into the facility. The donor is interested in commissioning a piece by Lori Greene, a mosaic artist who identifies as a community and public artist. Lori has completed several successful pieces in Roseville including at the Roseville Library.

Lori is a multicultural woman and she brings a unique perspective that is not always seen in public art projects. In addition, she has a strong focus on public engagement and community involvement in her projects.

Staff relayed that currently there is not a Public Art Master Plan and noted that it may be worthwhile to address this in the future.

Lori was available at the meeting and provided the Commission with pictures of previous public art pieces that she has created. The art medium that she utilizes is mosaic tiles. She shared that her idea for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center would be three sculptural forms. Each form would represent the (past and present) flora and fauna of either the wetlands, forest or prairie.

Commissioner Arneson asked if the tiles are ceramic and where they are made. Lori responded that they are high-fire ceramic tiles made primarily in Italy, Portugal and Germany.

Lori relayed that she anticipates the size of the sculptural forms will be approximately 15 feet high and three feet wide.

Staff added that the original concept for placement of the forms was to have them visible from the parking lot.

Lori discussed possible community outreach options, including; public meetings, surveys, demonstrations, etc.

Commissioner Brown asked the timeline to complete a project like this. Lori relayed she would anticipate it taking 6-12 months.

The Commission discussed how exciting the project is and that they like the concept that Lori presented.

Commissioners Bolton and Ybarra shared that they would like to see the art pieces throughout the Nature Center property and not just near the parking lot.

In addition to the proposed art piece, the city has received another donation related to additional signage at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Staff shared that the signs will help direct people to the nature center and will work to remedy any confusion between the nature center and Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The Commissioner reviewed the potential concept drawings for the signs and discussed how the two proposed projects could interrelate.

Commissioner Hoag relayed that he would include the Parks and Recreation logo to the signage.

Commissioner Bolton shared that he thinks a map on the signs would potentially be helpful.

Commissioner Matts-Benson asked if there will ever be sidewalks placed on the east side of Dale St. in front of the nature center. Staff responded that they would need to review the Pathways Master Plan to answer definitively. However, they don't believe that there will be pathways added on the east side of Dale St.

Commissioner Baggenstoss recommended that the signage not be modeled after the art piece as the art should be viewed separately.

Commissioner Matts-Benson moved to accept the donation for a public art piece at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center created by artist, Lori Greene. Commissioner Brown seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

5) DEBRIEF REGARDING JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

Staff gave a brief review of the joint meeting between the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission. As the City Council approved the name change of Pocahontas Park to Keya Park staff provided a potential name change transition plan:

Keya Park Transition

- Updated websites/News release
- Playground engagement:
 - Three meetings in March/April
 - Likely September/October neighborhood build
 - Completed a few weeks after
- Park sign
- Interpretive signage
 - Including Dakota consultation
- Land acknowledgement
- Transition complete end of 2023

Staff also discussed the Campus Master Plan and what impacts it may have on Parks and Recreation. Staff noted that the Commission will need to work through specific tangible options to account for any lost space.

6) STAFF REPORT

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- Debbie Cash, Recreation Supervisor and Naturalist retired on February 2. Deon Haider has been hired as the new Recreation Supervisor and Naturalist.
- The Martin Luther King Day Natural Resource Event in Central Park had 33 volunteers participate.
- The recent Candlelight Snowshoe Event at the Cedarholm Golf Course and Community Building had 150 participants.
- The Chinese New Year Event at Harriet Alexander Nature Center on January 29 had 211 people attend.
- Arts at the Oval will take place on March 25, 2023 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at the Roseville Skating Center.
- 120 Community Garden plots will be available this spring at Oasis Park.
- The Sweetheart Dance will be on February 24 at the Roseville Skating Center.
- Upcoming adult trips: Ives Auditorium (March 22) and Winona Day Trip (April 25).
- The 2023 Spring/Summer brochure will be in homes by the last week of February with registration opening March 7.

b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION AND UPDATE ITEMS

Commissioner Ybarra asked if any proposals have been received for the food service at the Cedarholm Community Building. Staff relayed that one vendor has submitted a proposal that is currently being reviewed.

Commissioner Arneson suggested the removal of the old boardwalk pieces at Harriet Alexander Nature Center.

Staff noted that the March Commission meeting will be the last meeting for Vice-Chair Hoag and Commissioner Lenhart. They encouraged anyone who may be interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission to apply.

The Commission discussed the election of Chair and Vice-Chair at the March meeting.

7) OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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