

Park Board Minutes of Wednesday, November 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order with the following Commissioners present: Nelson(Chair),McCoy, Leys, Kramer ,Gilberts, Weslch (present at 6:34pm) Also present Kelly Lessard Linder and Jeff Lessard

Motion by McCoy, second by Gilberts to approve open meeting requirements.
Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Leys, second by McCoy to approve September 18th 2013 minutes

Motion by Nelson, second by Leys to approve the naming rights request from Kelly Lessard Linder of the shelter and placement of a sign on Blackhawk Ave and Villa Louis Rd to be called the Lessard Shelter and to go to Council for approval as per city naming rights policy. Kelly spoke on behalf of the family to the historical significance of this request. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Leys , second by McCoy to approve the naming rights request from Jeff Lessard of the Fisher St. and 4th St. Shelter and placement of a sign to be called the Fourth Ward Community Shelter and to go to council for approval as per city naming rights policy Jeff spoke on behalf of the Fourth Ward Reunion Committee and past residents. Motion carried 6-0

A lengthy discussion about the Diposal of Fish Waste ensued with the Director pointing out ongoing problems at city parks and that the Public Works Committee had voted to table any further discussion on installing fish cleaning stations Additionally it was stated that the Council would be voting on a new Ordinance on December 3rd meeting and the ordinance was geared toward reducing and enforcing these existing problems and staff strongly endorsed it.

First Action: Motion by Gilberts, second by Leys to have staff seek fishing cleaning station information and disposal options including adding more dumpster pick up at certain locations and additional signage. Motion carried 6-0.

Second Action : Motion to council that they approve the Deposit of Refuse Ordinance with the deletion of section 1(3) "fishery may be deposited back into the water source" which is against state law and the entire section 1(7).

Motion carried 4-2 with Kramer and McCoy voting nay.

No Action taken on the Lawler Park Ladders/Life Jackets

Motion by Leys , second by Kramer to approve a 3 year commitment of the co-sponsored Carpfest & Dropping of the Carp Events and to utilize city facilities/parks and equipment to assist in this event and to be approved at council level. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Leys , second by McCoy to approve St Feriole Island Gardens request to utilize and enhance the Moore Building and be approved by council. The Director commented that if a Mural portion of this request was approved a policy should also be in place before this could happen. Motion carried 6-0

The commissioners spoke on positive topics happening in our parks and recreation programing including the official lighting of the Holiday Lights at the Gardens on Dec.6th , Washington St Park and Lawler Park improvements, LaRiviere Parks wonderful trail system, and Hoffman Halls many evening programs.
Motion by Leys, second by Gilberts to adjourn