

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101**

**MEETING OF  
METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**

**November 5, 2009**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chuck Haas, Richard Jabs, Barb Schmidt, Bob Moeller, Daniel Shlaferman, Tom Gamec, Wendy Wulff,  
Metropolitan Council Liaison to the Commission

**ABSENT:** Billy Dinkel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Haas called the meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:02 p.m. on November 5, 2009.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Chair Haas issued the oath of office to Tom Gamec, new Commissioner for District E. After being sworn in, Gamec gave a little history of his career in politics and the choice to serve on this Commission.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

Commissioner Jabs motioned and Commissioner Schmidt seconded to approve the November 5, 2009 Agenda and the October 6, 2009 Minutes. **The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INVITATION:** Invitation to interested persons to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda (each speaker is limited to five-minute presentation).

None.

**BUSINESS**

**(2009-XXX) North Mississippi Regional Park Grant, Mpls. Park & Rec. Board - Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Stefferd discussed the request for a grant of \$425,535 comprised of interest earnings on park grant accounts by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for reimbursement of work that has been done in North Mississippi Regional Park.

It was motioned by Commissioner Jabs and seconded by Commissioner Shlaferman to recommend that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$425,535 comprised of interest earnings on park grant accounts to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for the following purposes:

- \$225,535 to reimburse the Park Board for local funding of trail, picnic and parking area improvements in the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North section of North Mississippi Regional Park.
- \$200,000 to finance design/engineering studies and construction regarding parking, pedestrian-bicycle facilities and additional recreation amenities in the 47th Avenue North area of North Mississippi Regional Park as called for in the Metropolitan Council-approved master plan.

**The motion carried.**

**(2009-XXX) Amend scope of grant SG-2006-067 to Finance Play Area Construction at Elm Creek Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District - Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Stefferdud discussed a request by Three Rivers Park District to amend the scope of grant SC-2006-067 as well as extend the grant's duration to 12/31/10.

It was motioned by Commissioner Shlaferman and seconded by Commissioner Jabs to recommend that the Metropolitan Council authorize a change in the scope of grant SG-2006-067 to finance the construction of the play area at Elm Creek Park Reserve and direct Council staff to execute an amendment to the grant agreement that reflects this change in scope and to extend the grant's duration to December 31, 2010. **The motion carried.**

**(2009-XXX) Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant request for Lake Waconia Regional Park, Carver County - Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Stefferdud gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the request from Carver County for a park acquisition opportunity grant. He discussed using Parks and Trails fund and Council bonds to finance the grant.

It was motioned by Commissioner Shlaferman and seconded by Commissioner Jabs to recommend that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$657,572 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to partially finance the acquisition of 1.28 acres (Country Store Garden and Floral parcel) as part of Lake Waconia Regional Park. The grant should be financed with \$394,543 of the FY 2010 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation plus \$263,029 of Metropolitan Council bonds. **The motion carried.**

**REPORTS**

**Chair:** None.

**Commissioners:** None.

**Staff:** Beckman gave an update on two vacancies. She noted that interviews will begin in mid-November.

Schmidt asked for an update of the policy plan. Beckman stated that because of the vacancies (partly) this will come before MPOSC in January and February and noted that there may possibly be two meetings in February. She stated that there will be a lot of re-writing to make this a web-based plan.

**NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle, Executive Secretary

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