

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

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

**3:45 p.m. Meet at Wabun Picnic Area at Minnehaha Regional Park
for Tour and Transportation to Business Meeting**

**4:30 p.m. MPOSC Business Meeting at Lake Hiawatha Recreation Center
2701 E. 44th Street, Mpls. 55406**

**4:55 p.m. Depart Hiawatha Rec. Center Back to Minnehaha Regional Park for Rest of Tour
St. Paul, Minnesota**

July 8, 2008

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Glen Skovholt, Chair, Barb Schmidt, Gary Botzek, Richard Jabs, Emily Barbeau, Robert Wicklund, Daniel Shlaferman, Bob Moeller

ABSENT: Dan Wolter, Metropolitan Council Liaison to the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Skovholt called the meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:30 p.m. on July 8, 2008.

There was a brief presentation of Lake Hiawatha Recreation Center and the history of Minneapolis Park Board's restoration/renovations and development of the area. The group discussed the water quality issues and ongoing monitoring that is being done.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Commissioner Barbeau motioned and Commissioner Moeller seconded to approve the July 8, 2008 Agenda and the June 3, 2008 Minutes.

PUBLIC INVITATION: Invitation to Interested Persons to Address the Commission on Matters Not on the Agenda (Each speaker is limited to a five-minute presentation.)

None.

BUSINESS:

Request for CIP Reimbursement Consideration for Costs to Remove Home from Inholding parcel at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, City of Bloomington - Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks
Stefferud discussed the City of Bloomington's request and background regarding possession of a property located at 6101 West 84th Street as an in holding for Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve that the City has. The City obtained a life estate on this property in 1977 and the homeowner recently passed away.

The City wants to demolish the house on the property in the next couple of months. The house is in very bad shape and is not viable for relocation. The City requests reimbursement consideration in a future regional parks capital improvement program (CIP) for costs associated with demolition of the house and restoration of the site. The expenses are estimated to be \$44,157.

Skovholt asked if Bloomington will be doing a full update of the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan. Randy Quale, Bloomington Parks and Recreation stated that they would be.

Commissioner Jabs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund to recommend that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Consider reimbursing the City of Bloomington up to \$44,157 for expenses related to the removal of a structure and site restoration of the inholding parcel located at 6101 West 84th Street as part of Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve in a future regional parks capital improvement program. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
2. Request the City of Bloomington and Three Rivers Park District to prepare and submit to the Metropolitan Council an updated master plan for Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve in 2009, and inform the City and Park District that new development proposed in the updated plan is not eligible for Regional Parks CIP funding until the Metropolitan Council has reviewed and approved the plan.

With no further discussion, **the motion carried.**

REPORTS

Chair: Chair Skovholt announced that Emily Barbeau will be leaving the Commission and this will be her last meeting, as she is moving out of her district. This will leave two vacancies on the Commission.

Commissioners: None.

Staff: None.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2008. There will be a tour of the Tony Schmidt Regional Park followed by a business meeting to be held at the Ramsey County Public Works Department at Hamline Ave. and Hwy. 96. Watch future Agenda for off-site meeting place, time, directions, and details.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Skovholt adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. A tour of **Hiawatha Recreation Center and Minnehaha Regional Park** followed the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle, Executive Secretary

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