

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

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

**September 7, 2010**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Haas, Barb Schmidt, Richard Jabs, Doug Baines, Daniel Shlaferman, Wendy Wulff, Metropolitan Council Liaison to the Commission

**ABSENT:** Billy Dinkel, Bob Moeller, Tom Gamec, Jeff Lee

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Haas called the meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:02 p.m. on September 7, 2010.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

Commissioner Baines motioned and Commissioner Jabs seconded to approve the September 7, 2010 Agenda and the August 9, 2010 Minutes. Chair Haas called for a vote. **The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INVITATION:**

None.

**BUSINESS**

**Dakota County Request for Reimbursement Consideration in Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program, Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Stefferud described the request from Dakota County for reimbursement in a future regional parks capital improvement program for up to \$1,687,000 for the following capital projects:

- \$1,100,000 as a match to a \$1,000,000 federal Transportation Enhancement grant to develop 3.7 miles of the Mississippi River Regional Trail in the City of Rosemount from the City of Inver Grove Heights/Rosemount border to Spring Lake Park Reserve.
- \$415,000 as a match to a \$709,000 federal Transportation Enhancement grant for acquisition and construction of 1.1 miles of the North Urban Regional Trail through Dodge Nature Center in the City of West St. Paul
- \$172,000 for system-wide signage including primary and secondary entrance signs, directional, regulatory and interpretive signs.

Stefferud discussed the staff's analysis and conclusions as well as their recommendation.

With no further discussion, Chair Haas called for a recommendation of the Committee.

It was motioned by Commissioner Jabs and seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to recommend that the Metropolitan Council consider reimbursing Dakota County in future regional parks capital improvement programs up to \$1,687,000 for projects shown in Table 1. 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. **The motion carried.**

**Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan Update, Three Rivers Park District and City of Bloomington, Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Steffered described the submittal of a joint master plan for Hyland Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve submitted by Three Rivers Park District and the City of Bloomington.

Steffered described the inholdings and boundary adjustments being proposed. He also discussed acquisition cost estimates as well as proposed recreational development costs potentially eligible for Metropolitan Council Regional Park Capital Improvement Program.

Steffered discussed the citizen participation in the planning process. He also discussed the development of facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as the costs for natural resource development.

Schmidt asked about transfers of land from the City of Bloomington to Three Rivers Park District. Randy Quale, City of Bloomington responded that each entity owned parcels and there were also parcels that were jointly purchased.

Baines asked about the acquisition of a conservation easement on Northwest Anderson Lake. Quale stated that this easement is proposed if the privately held residential lands redevelop or the land use changes along this shoreline.

With no further discussion, Chair Haas called for a recommendation of the Committee.

It was motioned by Commissioner Jabs and seconded by Commissioner Shlaferman to recommend that the Metropolitan Council approve the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve Master Plan (Referral No. 50002-2). **The motion carried.**

**Gale Woods Farm Boundary Amendment, Three Rivers Park District, Jan Youngquist, Senior Planner-Parks**

Youngquist described the request from Three Rivers Park District to approve a minor boundary amendment to Gale Woods Farm with the acquisition of .87 acres. She noted that Three Rivers is not requesting reimbursement for the acquisition of the parcel.

Schmidt asked what the visitation of this special recreation feature is. Youngquist replied that it is 82,000 per year.

With no further discussion, Chair Haas called for a recommendation of the Committee.

It was motioned by Commissioner Jabs and seconded by Commissioner Baines to recommend that the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the master plan boundary of Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature to include the parcel located at 7280 County Road 110 West. **The motion carried.**

Youngquist showed a video, put together by the Metropolitan Council's Communications Department showcasing the Gale Woods Farm Special Recreational Feature.

## **REPORTS**

- **Chair** – None.
- **Commissioners** – None.
- **Staff** – Council Liaison, Wendy Wulff reported that the draft Regional Parks Policy Plan has been approved for public hearing with the removal of Highland Park as a proposed Regional Park Study Area. Beckman noted that the public hearing will be October 13, 2010 at 5pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

October 5, 2010, 4pm Room LLA.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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