

Parks Funding Task Force

September 23, 2020

Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Janelle McCoy (Chair) , John Clark, Dale Weigandt, Brad van Appel, James Houghton, Randy Dersham, Erika Thessen, Art Farley, Scott Coleman, Andy Vobora, Jim Mayo, Don Mathes, Bob Warren

Members Absent: Renee Jones

Staff Present: Steve Mokrohisky, Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Michelle Hunt, Cynthia Schlegel

Elected Officials Present: None

Guests Present: None

Bob Keefer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

00:04:00 **Introductions** – Consultant Bob Keefer introduced himself as well as Task Force members, staff, and guests present. Keefer asked the Task Force members what they believed to be the most important aspects of a Parks system to the community and lead a brief discussion.

00:19:00 **Public Comment** - None

00:20:00 **Approval of February, 2020 Minutes**

- Brad van Appel motioned to approve, John Clark seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:21:00 **Review of February 5th Meeting**

- Keefer reviewed the revenue sources identified by the Task Force in the last meeting in February and stated the group was initially going to meet a total of seven times, but may need to meet nine times due to the online format. The key topics the group wants to focus on are finding sustainable funding sources for Parks and how to address the deferred maintenance needs, followed by natural resource preservation and revenue generation.
- Steve Mokrohisky attended and gave a presentation on the history of Parks' funding source. Mokrohisky stated that the Parks Division and Lane Events Center have been the most effected by COVID-19 because they rely on fees for services that have been interrupted.

00:36:00 **Revised Project Work Plan and Schedule**

- Keefer discussed a revised schedule for meetings and stated the group should be finished by September 2021.

00:39:00 Status Report on Deferred Maintenance Study

- Henry presented on Parks' deferred maintenance needs and stated Parks is in the process of hiring a consultant to perform a facility condition assessment to help identify priority maintenance needs. Henry also stated the scope of the assessment was reduced to focus on the Parks where the most information is needed, thus reducing the cost of the assessment and a phased approach will be used to assess additional parks in the future. The assessment should be completed by mid-January.

00:49:00 Discuss and Define Parks Division Scope of Services and Prioritize

- Keefer presented a spreadsheet of potential services for the group to vote on. He asked the group to define what they feel was most important and asked the group to talk about funding sources and priorities. Keefer asked each member to rank their top six services Parks currently provides, and also to choose their top three priorities that Parks could potentially provide to help narrow the scope for the Task Force.

01:50:00 Brainstorm and Discuss Potential Funding Sources

- Keefer presented a list of possible funding sources based on research from other Park systems. The Task Force will continue to identify priorities and brainstorm possible revenue sources.

02:09:00 Determine Meeting Schedule for October and November

- Henry will send out Doodle poll.

02:12:00 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Following the facility condition assessment, Henry will prepare an estimate of what funding would be needed for repairs at each park.

Adjourn – Clark motioned to adjourn, van Appel seconded. Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.