

DRAFT MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Doug Wood at 6:31 pm.

Present: Chair Doug Wood, Co-Chair Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Rachel Groman, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Jennifer Kahl, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Also in Attendance: Alder Jennifer Kuhr, Mayor Mary O'Connor

Minutes: Molly Grupe made a motion seconded by Rachel Groman to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion Carried.

Appearances:

A. **Nancy Moore**

Alder Moore appeared on behalf of the Monona Sustainability Committee to announce an event celebrating Earth Day and to promote the Monona Forestry Challenge at Waterman Way Park in Late April.

B. **Andrew Kitslaar**

Andrew Kitslaar appeared on behalf of the Friends of San Damiano to give an update on the creation of the Non-Profit group, the establishment of a website for donations to offset the purchase of the property and timeline for fundraising activities.

Unfinished Business:

A. **Mountain Bike Park Discussion – Maywood Park**

The group that presented the request for a mountain bike trail in a Monona park was back after discussion and coordination with city staff on a final location. The group presented a power point presentation along with a video of a proposed mountain bike trail path at Maywood Park. The board was supportive of the location to move forward with a public input hearing and final consideration at the March 9th meeting. The board did ask Director Anderson to look into liability issues on the city end for installation of the trail.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to proceed with the location of Maywood Park for a mountain bike trail and schedule a public information meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. **Discussion Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Accessible Kayak Launch Schluter**

Eagle Scout Kodie Kraemer was in attendance and provided a presentation on an Eagle Scout project at Schluter Park. The Eagle Scout portion would be to repair the existing sloped kayak/canoe entrance to the lake. He also presented an option for fundraising for the supply of materials for an accessible kayak/canoe launch system at Schluter. The board was supportive of the Eagle Scout Project and volunteer efforts in bringing a kayak/canoe launch system to Schluter Park.

Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Rachel Groman to approve the Eagle Scout project and fundraising campaign for improvements at Schluter Park. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion/Recommendation for B-Cycle Installation at Grand Crossing Park

Director Anderson shared a presentation from Madison B-Cycle with a proposal to install a B-Cycle Station at Grand Crossing Park with 12 bikes with an option to a second station at Schluter Park for the 2021 season and entering into a 3 year contract. Director Anderson shared that there were private business sponsors supportive of a cost share of the annual operating fees to have the B-Cycle station at Grand Crossing Park and the city contribution would be \$2,000/year with would be supported through existing operational expenses at Grand Crossing Park or additional advertising opportunities with the department. He recommended funding of \$15,000 that was approved for B-Cycle in the 2020 Capital Budget with additional funding coming from Capital reserves on projects that came in under budget in the fiscal year 2020.

The committee discussed conceptual support for the installation of a B-Cycle station but several members were not supportive of the proposal and would like to see a better negotiate terms for financial compensation from the city. Anderson indicated he will follow up with B-Cycle and bring back another proposal. No official action was taken at this meeting.

C. Discussion/Recommendation on Resolution supporting re-authorization of Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program

Director Anderson presented a resolution authored by Alder Jennifer Kuhr who was in attendance and explained the importance of reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant program, and how the City of Monona has benefited from this grant program over the years. Supporting a resolution could garner media attention and have other communities follow suit to show the statewide benefit the grant program has to local units of government. The consensus of the committee was favorable and supportive of the resolution.

Molly Grupe made a motion seconded by Jennifer Kahl to recommend the City Council adopt the resolution in support of reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion/Recommendation on purchase & installation Outdoor Pool Heater

Director Anderson presented a proposal for the replacement of the existing pool heater that was installed in 2005. This project was included in the 2021 Capital Budget and the proposal was within the budgeted amount.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips to recommend approval of the proposal for the supply and installation of a new pool heater at the Monona Community Pool. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson provided a verbal report of anticipated agenda items for the March meeting including:

-Introduction of the 2021-2025 Parks & Open Space Plan

-Recommendation to apply for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for acquisition funding for the purchase of the San Damiano property.

B. Missy Miller – Recreation/Aquatic Supervisor

Miller shared January 2021 financials from the Monona Bank RiverRink

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn by Thom Evans seconded by Jeff Hinz was carried at 8:48 pm.