

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 10/29/2015

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm on October 29, 2015 in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Ave S. Des Moines, WA 98918

Council Members

Melissa Musser – Chair
Matt Pina – Mayor Pro Tem
Jeremy Nutting – Council Member

Guests

Nadine Byers
Robert Bisordi
Phillip Lonigro
Tony Rosso
Barbara McMichael

City Staff

Patrice Thorell, Parks & Rec. Director
Dan Brewer, Public Works Director
Tim George, City Attorney
Brandon Carver, Engineering Services Manager
Janet Best, Administrative Assistant

Minutes of the 9/24/2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

AGENDA:

1. Park, Recreation & Senior Service Master Plan Update - Patrice Thorell
2. South 239th Street Stairs – Andrew Merges, Tim George and Dan Brewer

MEETING:

1. Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell, provided a notebook including the final draft of the 2016-2022 Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Master Plan. Additions from the prior Master Plan are Human Services, Arts and Culture, a Healthy Community and a focus on inclusive recreation. Patrice stated that the Master Plan Committee had gone through each of the projects and established a priority level of 1, 2, or 3 with the hope that Priority 1 projects be accomplished within the next 6 years. She stated that next year this Master Plan would update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The MFC Committee thought the information was well organized and connected. They also appreciated that the project was completed within the budget. The next step is for the Master Plan to go to City Council on the 5th of November for discussion. Once the Council approves the Master Plan, it will go to the State Recreation and Conservation Office for their approval which would then make us eligible to apply for grants over the next 6 years.
2. Brandon Carver, Engineering Services Manager had a prepared handout (written by Andrew Merges) regarding the status of the South 239th Stairs. The stairs are closed due to their unsafe nature which includes a rusting ladder, rusty brackets, cracked wood members, and exposed footings. While this remains City property, the City Attorney's Office previously determined the City is not legally required to replace the stairs. As this is a City Park, Committee members discussed trying to find a way to stabilize and reopen the stairs, and if reopened remove the ladder. Public Works Director Dan Brewer stated that if that was the committee's direction, staff would put together a scope and estimate for interim repairs if feasible, and bring that back to the committee for further discussion and direction including funding. The committee discussed a 2020 SWM project to replace the culvert at the same location and that it may be an opportunity to repair or replace the stairs at that time. Depending on the condition of the culvert the project may happen sooner. Councilmember Musser will discuss the project with the Environment Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. Minutes submitted by: Janet Best, Administrative Assistant