

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 2/16/2017

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm on February 16, 2017 in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Ave S. Des Moines, WA 98198

Council Members

Melissa Musser – Chair
Luisa Bangs – Council Member
Jeremy Nutting – Council Member

City Staff

Dan Brewer, Chief Operations Officer
Tim George, City Attorney
Patrice Thorell, PRSS Director
Janet Best, Administrative Assistant

Minutes of the 1/18/2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda

1. Urban Agriculture Project with Highline College
2. Park Code Updates

Urban Agriculture Project with Highline College

Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell provided the Committee with a memorandum regarding the potential expanded use of Sonju Park for a Community-Centered Urban Agriculture program that is being developed by Highline College. The College would write grants for project funding and collaborate with partnering agencies to move the program forward. Through discussion with the College President, to former and current City Managers, the Sonju Park location is suggested as a potential satellite site for the project. There are issues with the existing zoning codes as it relates to the project that would need to be addressed such as, sale of produce and Bee Keeping which are currently not allowed in Parks. Discussion with the College is ongoing.

Park Code Updates

Park Code Updates continued to be reviewed. City Attorney Tim George presented two draft ordinances amending Chapter 19.08 (City Park Use Regulations) and Chapter 19.12 (Designation of City Parks)/Chapter 19.12 (Access Routes and Public Facilities on Rights-of-Way). Both of the draft ordinances were approved by the Committee to be taken to the full Council. A date of March 23 was tentatively set. The Committee was briefed on additional code changes that will be coming forward shortly including the final chapter of Title 19, as well as Title 4 (Council and Appointive Committees) and then references to the Parks Department in Title 18. Staff will continue to work on amendments and present them to the Committee as they become ready.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm. Minutes submitted by: Janet Best, Administrative Assistant