



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28,
2024**

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - May 22, 2024, Minutes and July 24, 2024, Notes
3. Presentation - None
4. Director's Report
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
 - A. Great River Greening - Tree Grant
 - B. Viaduct Park Update
 - C. FFAC - Pool Break
7. New Business
 - A. River Bend Nature Center (RBNC) - Outdoor Interests and Barriers
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: October 23, 2024
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Troy Temple and Chuck Thiele.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Carissa Glarner and Sally Kramer. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky,
Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator. GUESTS: None.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Troy at 6:06 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Chuck to approve the minutes of February 28, 2024. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation: None
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Great River Greening: City staff will meet with Great River Greening in early June to determine how they will help the City with the removal and replacement of ash trees.
 - b) Tree Ordinance: Staff are updating the City tree ordinance to include some clarifications and to be inclusive of all tree diseases. Board discussed boulevard trees and Paul stated boulevard trees are the responsibility of the landowner.
 - c) Brenda Johnson Retirement: Brenda Johnson, Buckham West Program Coordinator, is retiring the end of May. Brenda has held this position for over 20 years. Her retirement party is Wednesday, May 29, from 2-5 p.m.
- 5) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Viaduct Park Update: Council approve moving forward with contracts one and two for the Viaduct Park development. These contracts include constructing the building, the splash pad and doing the turf work but excludes the skating area. Council discussed funding the park through franchise fees and internal financing. Chuck asked the Board to confirm the name of the park they prefer. Lola stated that some parks in the metro area near bridges are named the same as the bridge such as the Lowry Bridge and Lowry Park or the Stone Arch Bridge and Stone Arch Park. Board agreed their name preference for the new park is Viaduct Park.
 - b) Summer Tour – Northfield Skate Park – Northfield Park and Recreation Board: The Board will meet with the Northfield Park and Recreation Board to tour some of their city parks on June 26. Paul has scheduled a bus for transportation. Plans are to meet at the Community Center at 5:15 p.m. and be in Northfield at 6 p.m. In discussions regarding access to a skate park in Faribault, Lola suggested a program offering transportation to the Northfield skate park.
 - c) Bluebird Playground: The Bluebird Park playground installation is almost complete. Once installation is completed, the curbing will be installed and wood fiber will be put down. When that is completed, it will be open for use.

7) New Business:

- a) Budget Process Beginning Recommendations: Paul asked the Board for any suggestions to include in the capital plan for future years. Paul stated Department Directors will meet to determine which capital plan items are higher priorities for the community. Paul stated a new community center is in the plan but we are still waiting for a response from the legislature. Chuck suggested an awning or covered area with a charcoal grill and picnic table be put in any parks that have no amenities in them. Lola asked if it is possible to put pickleball courts in the mall. Chuck suggested pickleball courts where the horseshoe pits are located in South Alexander Park. Board asked about getting the disc golf course renovated as previously discussed. Paul will follow up with Joe Martins regarding plans and proceeding with the remodel. Chuck suggested putting more awnings up at the aquatic center as they are always full. Paul asked Board to forward any more ideas to him.

8) Other: None.

9) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the Northfield Tour on June 26, 2024.

10) Motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Chad to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
NOTES FOR JULY 24, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Mike Ross and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Kreager and Chuck Thiele. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator. GUESTS: None.

1) Presentation: None

2) Director's Report:

- a) River Bend Nature Center (RBNC): A bridge is being removed in RBNC and the State of Minnesota is moving a fence on their property adjacent to the area. The City is working with the State to get an easement and the fence is being moved approximately 10 feet to allow for a trail rather than using the bridge.
- b) Community Center Projects: The tile in the showers at the Community Center will be replaced starting the week of August 19. In addition, the gym floors at both the Community Center and Washington Recreation Center will be refinished the week of August 26.
- c) Pickleball Courts: The Parks Department determined that four pickleball courts would fit in the horseshoe pit area in South Alexander Park. Staff believes with the lights already there and no residences nearby, this would be a great place to develop into pickleball courts. Board agreed.
- d) Rice County Historical Society (RCHS): Paul reported that RCHS is hosting a Rendezvous in North Alexander Park in 2025.
- e) Faribault Family Aquatic Center: Due to the unexpected late opening of the aquatic center, the aquatic center season is being extended one week. It will remain open the week of August 19-25. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

3) Requests to be Heard: None.

4) Old Business:

- a) Viaduct Park Update: Groundbreaking for the Viaduct Park is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m.
- b) Bluebird Park Playground: The new playground installation is complete, and grass has been seeded around the playground area at Bluebird Park.
- c) Great River Greening – Tree Grant: Faribault was awarded approximately \$1.2 million over the next five years from the grant through Great River Greening to remove and replace ash trees.

7) New Business:

- a) Unfilled Board Position: Paul informed the Board that Carrissa resigned so her position will be open as is the student representative position.
- b) Tepee Tonka Park Flood Update: The Parks Department is working to clean up Teepee Tonka Park and have it ready for the Blue Collar BBQ Festival which is the first

weekend in August. City staff is working with the insurance company and FEMA regarding reimbursement of expenses due to the flooding.

8) Other:

a) Disc Golf Course: Board discussed the plans to update and change the disc golf course at Waupacuta Park. Plans are to have the project completed this fall.

9) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator

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