

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
MARCH 1, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Carlson, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag,
Lenhart, Ybarra
ABSENT: Brown
STAFF: Brokke, Christensen, Johnson

1) INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hoag introduced the meeting and noted that this month’s meeting was an in-person meeting with a virtual option. In compliance with the city requirement of masking at city facilities, all in-person meeting participants were wearing a face covering. The public was still encouraged to participate in the meeting using the Zoom platform.

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Carlson, Dahlstrom,
Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart, Ybarra.

Chair Hoag called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience were present.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MEETING

Commissioner Heikkila moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Arneson seconds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Boulton, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Baggenstoss.

4) REVIEW AND DISCUSS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION GOALS

Staff provided a brief overview of the Commission goals from 2020.

Commissioner Lenhart proposed potentially adding the following goals:

- Expand on 2020 Goal #2. Are equitable services available? Are we meeting the needs of all demographics?
- Focus on ways to get more children outdoors, particularly in lieu of the pandemic.
- How do we green our spaces? Specifically, focusing on native animal habitat and climate change.

The Commission discussed if the goals should be broad or more specific and ways to group similar goals.

Commissioner Heikkila noted that some of the 2020 goals could potentially become a Mission Statement for the Commission.

The Commission discussed historically how the goals were tracked and ways to potentially track them in the future.

Commissioner Arneson relayed that he is excited about the City Visioning Process and getting community impact on what opportunities can be explored to meet the changing needs of residents. In addition, he noted that it would be nice to complete the Pocahontas Park naming project, if possible.

Commissioner Boulton brought up the possibility of looking at alternative or non-traditional sports/activities (skate park, biking, etc.). In addition, he brought up the following ideas:

- Central location for amenities
- How to incorporate new recreational opportunities into the current park system
- “Modernizing current park amenities”
- Focus on non-organized activities
- Skate park at the OVAL is looking a bit aged and worn
- Listen to your neighbors/friends and bring feedback to the Commission

He relayed that 2020 goals #2 and #3 are very important to him as a newer Commission member.

Commissioner Lenhart shared that she would like to help find ways to ensure the underserved communities in Roseville are engaged during the City Visioning Project. In addition, she would like to follow and track the progress via equity analysis.

Staff relayed that equity will be a top priority during the City Visioning Project.

Chair Hoag recommended potentially condensing the active projects (Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer project, Guidant John Rose MN OVAL (OVAL), etc.) into one goal of “Continue to support staff as needed for already identified projects.” However, he did feel that the Pocahontas Park Naming, City Visioning Project and the Campus Master Plan should be separate goals.

Commissioner Arneson added that the potential park at Midland Hills project could be a goal. Staff updated the Commission that this project is anticipated to come before the City Council in the next few weeks with the recommendation of .79 acres of Park Dedication parkland.

Commissioner Lenhart shared that she could see equity as a broad overarching potential goal. In addition she sees three goal areas:

- Natural resources
- Equity and engagement/visioning/planning
- Getting people and kids outdoors

The following goals were updated and added by the Parks and Recreation Commission for review at the April Commission meeting:

| 2022 DRAFT Parks & Recreation Commission Goals | | | | | |
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| Goal | Timeframe | Action Steps | Assigned | Progress | |
| 1. On-going Parks and Recreation Goals | | | | | |
| #1.a | Find ways to be visible in the community utilizing an "equity lens" | Short Term Goal: Place special emphasis on equity to reach and understand the needs and barriers of underserved communities in Roseville. Long Term Goal: Track progress via equity analysis. | | | |
| #1.b | Understand resident's experiences with their local parks. Work to find the voice of underrepresented or unheard people or groups. Foster a sense of belonging. | Short Term Goal: Review data and demographics, create subcommittee, Check with the Human Rights Inclusion and Engagement Commission on potential collaboration Long Term Goal: | | | |
| #1.c | Continue to support and advise Parks & Recreation staff on already identified projects and potential opportunities. | Short Term Goal: Research non-traditional sports opportunities. Long Term Goal: Bring new ideas, projects or opportunities to the Commission for discussion and education. | | | |
| 2. Equity and Engagement | | | | | |
| #2.a | Pocahontas Park Naming Project | Short Term Goal: Long Term Goal: | | | |
| #2.b | Find and support ways to get residents outdoors | Short Term Goal: Long Term Goal: | | | |
| 3. Natural Resources | | | | | |
| #3.a | Focus on green spaces. Specifically, native animal habitat and climate change. | Short Term Goal: Long Term Goal: | | | |
| 4. Visioning and Planning | | | | | |
| #4.a | City Visioning Project | Short Term Goal: Help to find ways to ensure the underserved communities in Roseville are engaged with during the City Visioning Project. Long Term Goal: Track progress via equity analysis. | | | |
| #4.b | Campus Master Plan Project | Short Term Goal: Long Term Goal: | | | |

Vice-Chair Dahlstrom recommended potentially looking at uses for the space at the OVAL in the summer.

Commissioner Lenhart relayed that additional teen programs and activities could be a potential future opportunity.

Commissioner Boulton added that he liked the idea of looking at under-utilized spaces in new and different ways.

5) **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Chair Hoag nominated Vice-Chair Dahlstrom for the position of Chair of the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Lenhart seconds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Boulton, Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Dahlstrom.

The Commission discussed the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission and potential nominations for the roles.

Commissioner Ybarra nominated Chair Hoag for the position of Vice-Chair of the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Arneson seconds.

Vice-Chair Dahlstrom relayed that he has a small amount of concern that there may be a limited amount of people who have Chair or Vice-Chair experience on the Commission.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Boulton, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Lenhart, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Hoag.

6) **APPOINT ETHICS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**

Commissioner Arneson provided an update on the most recent Ethics Commission meeting.

Chair Hoag nominated Commissioner Arneson for the position of Ethics Representative from the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Vice-Chair Dahlstrom seconds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Boulton, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Arneson.

Chair Hoag acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Heikkila for his years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

7) STAFF REPORT

a) NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS

- Staff thanked Commissioner Heikkila for his efforts and guidance during his term on the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Applications are still being accepted for the open Commissioner spot on the Parks and Recreation Commission through March 7, 2022.
- The Spring/Summer 2022 brochure is now in homes. Registration for activities will open on March 8.
- The City Council requirement of face coverings at all city facilities will end at 11:59pm on March 1, 2022.
- The last day for skating at the OVAL will be Sunday, March 6. After the OVAL closes, contractors will be mobilizing to begin work on the update projects.
- The Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer program has been approved by the City Council. The city will be partnering with Tree Trust to complete the project. The project will include youth engagement, volunteerism, tree sales and discounts on private ash tree removals.
- Staff has reached out to contacts regarding the Pocahontas Park naming project. It is anticipated that additional information will be brought to the Commission in subsequent meetings.

8) OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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