

**CLEARWATER PARK COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2025**

1. Call to Order: 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

- Chair Petty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present included Petty, Stellmach, Senn, Dufour, and Schindele. Also present was City Administrator Smythe.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **MOTION** by Senn to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Schindele, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2024 Meeting

- **MOTION** by Schindele to approve minutes from December 9, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Dufour, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Public Forum

- Dan Franklin attended the meeting on behalf of Minnesota Rugby. He had two proposals for El Dorado Park that he would like the board to consider:
 - Pavilion
 - Mr. Franklin handed out a rendering of a proposal for a park pavilion for El Dorado Park. He stated that the rugby team would like to partner with the city to construct a facility.
 - Members noted that the board has also been considering a similar facility. There was some discussion about costs and fundraising.
 - Members asked if the facility could be rented out by the public. Mr. Franklin stated he viewed it as a partnership. There would need to be discussion about a governing agreement. The rugby team would want to use the facility when they needed it but would be agreeable to other uses when the rugby team does not need it. There was additional discussion about how scheduling could be managed.
 - Parking Lot
 - Mr. Franklin asked to have the parking lot at El Dorado Park striped so that there would be more parking spaces. The lack of striping results in haphazard parking, reducing available spaces.
 - Mr. Franklin also stated that the rugby team would like to make the gate accessible for emergency vehicles.
- These requests were taken under advisement by the board, pending further information.

5. Old Business

a. Splash Pad Project

- Smythe explained the two additional splash pad concepts provided by Flagship.
- There was a side discussion about the costs of the project and the future costs to maintain the splash pad. Members reiterated that these items had been considered and resolved previously.
- Member Petty stated he would like to hear thoughts from the splash pad design committee members before making any decisions. Smythe will send to them for feedback.

- Members wondered if there was a possibility of selecting elements from both designs. Smythe will check.
- Members asked staff to bring back the estimates for water usage and maintenance costs.

6. New Business

a. Other Business

- None.

7. Reports

a. Local Option Sales Tax Financial Report

- There were no questions on the financial reports.

b. Project Status Report

- Smythe asked about the proposed projects highlighted in orange on the project list, given that most remaining funds have been allocated for the splash pad and trails. Petty suggested that Members review the list and bring their project priorities for discussion at the next meeting.
- Smythe gave a brief update on the status of the trails project and showed the updated design from MnDOT for the T.H. 24 Corridor Project.
- Member Schindele stated that more funding donations would be coming for the Phase II plantings for Veterans Memorial Park.

8. Next Meeting Date

a. February 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

- Next meeting date confirmed for February 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Schindele, seconded by Senn, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST



Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator