

**City of Grand Rapids**  
**IRA Civic Center / Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – **5:30 pm**  
IRA Civic Center

- I. Call to order
- II. Financial reports (only if end of quarter)
- III. Approve September Minutes
- IV. Setting of regular agenda
- V. Visitors
- VI. Old business
  - a. Multi-Use Pavilion update
  - b. Electronic community message board update
- VII. New business
  - a. Civic Center Expansion / State Bonding
  - b. Discuss Pop-Up Park
- VIII. Staff Reports
  - a. Programs and events update
- IX. Correspondence
- X. Adjournment

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through our facilities, programming and civic partnerships.**

**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**

**KIDS CAMPUS-IRA CIVIC CENTER EXPANSION/RENOVATION**

**Wednesday, November 8**

**6:30 p.m., IRA Civic Center**

**All Participants (30 Minutes)**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Brief History of Project**

**Community Needs Addressed**

**Table Groups by Interest Areas (45 Minutes)**

**Review of Plan and Costs**

**Comments/Suggestions/Input**

**(Need Facilitators and Note Takers)**

**Reports from Each Table (30 Minutes)**

**Full Group Discussion**

**Contact List Established for Follow-up Reports**

**CIVIC CENTER AND PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**September 14, 2017**

The IRA Civic Center and Park and Recreation Advisory Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the IRA Civic Center.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Board Members Present:** Tasha Connelly, Lilah Crowe, Adrienne Huson, Brad Hyduke, and Steve Oleheiser

**Board Members Absent:** Luke Francisco and Tina Glorvigen

**Staff Present:** Dale Anderson, Sara Holum

**Visitors:** Myrna Peterson

**II. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

None reported. Dale will email 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials.

**III. MINUTES**

The minutes from the last regular meeting held on May 10, 2017 were presented to the board.

**A motion was made by Oleheiser and second by Connelly, to accept the May 10, 2017 minutes as presented.**

**Upon roll call vote, the following voted in favor thereof: Connelly, Crowe, Huson, Hyduke, and Oleheiser. Those opposed: none. Motion carried.**

**IV. SETTING THE AGENDA**

**V. VISITORS**

- a. Dale was contacted by a representative of the Grand Rapids Lion's Club to discuss the possibility of the Lion's Club placing a lion statute water fountain within the City of Grand Rapids. At the time of the meeting there was not a representative from the Lion's Club to give details. Dale mentioned that he did not know if it is a possibility at the Central School but would be open to Blandin Beach.
- b. Mobility Mania. Myrna Peterson from Mobility Mania spoke about the possibility of planning a handicapped accessible swing at the playground at Blandin Beach. She described an accessible playground in Willmar that she toured with Sandy Lehman and was able to swing freely and it was very liberating.

Myrna also explained that a group of Eagle Scouts, headed by Alex Morse, was going to be constructing handicapped accessible picnic tables for some of the parks. She mentioned that Home Depot was to donate some of the supplies, the City of Grand Rapids (Public Works) were going to assist in cutting of the wood and the tables were going to be built at the fairgrounds by the Eagle Scouts and other volunteers.

Myrna also had a conversation about the Kiwanis presenting the idea of adopting Blandin Beach, the same as the Rotary had done with Crystal Lake Park. Dale confirmed that the City has been approached but no action has been taken yet. Right now the plan is for

tearing down the beach house so there could be some planning as to where a possible pavilion could go in the future.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Multi-Use Pavilion update. Painters are still working in Pavilion. Dale explained that the boards and glass are in and there will be a ribbon cutting sometime in December.
- b. Dehumidification replacement update. Although we had some very high humidity days, the west rink has been completely dry and the civic center staff is quite satisfied with the new dehumidification system.
- c. Electronic community message board update. Messages to be displayed will be split between the Blandin Foundation, The Reif Center, ISD #318 and the City of Grand Rapids. There is a policy in place regarding political or religious beliefs. Message requests will be done on the City of Grand Rapids website and will be sent to Lauren Van Den Heuvel.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Civic Center Expansion / State Bonding. Dale explained that the City has met with user groups three separate times. The groups include the School District, Invest Early, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Grand Itasca, Mobility Mania and GRAHA. Dale gave details of the meetings with the individual groups, the tour to the Heritage Building in Duluth and naming rights, and also possibilities of commercial space.

While showing a plan of the IRA Civic Center Dale provided information and details of what the expansion will look like with its potential renovations. Dale advised that the entire development of the IRA Civic Center Expansion is projected to cost \$16 million. Of that amount \$8 million will be requested as bonding from the State. These renovations would also include ripping the floor out on the west side and connecting the system to the east side. There is a House Bonding Committee tour that is traveling to northern Minnesota on September 27 and 28 and they are scheduled to attend a presentation by members of the City of Grand Rapids and potential users.

## **VIII. STAFF REPORT**

- a. Summer Sports Camp went well again this year although there were fewer attendees than last year.
- b. Curling Bonspiel is scheduled for this weekend. There are 16 teams signed up to participate.

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Holum