

Minutes
of the
NORTH MANKATO PARK & GREEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
North Mankato, Minnesota
August 17, 2010

A meeting of the North Mankato Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 in the Large Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee members present: Chair Diane Norland, Nancy Gehrke, Tom Hagen, Chris Corley, Jim Santori and Joe Kluender.

Community Park Meetings

Chris Corley reported he and Tom Hagen met with members of Business on Belgrade on August 11, 2010 and reviewed the draft vision statement for Spring Lake Park and Wheeler Park and for connecting these parks to the downtown business district. Jim Whitlock, Brick House Graphics and member of Business on Belgrade, suggested that “volunteer” be included in the renaming of Wheeler Park since many volunteers had a profound impact during the 1965 flood. The original proposal was to rename Wheeler Park as Wheeler Veterans Park and the new proposed name would be Wheeler Veterans and Volunteer Park. Discussion was held at their meeting about Historic Preservation Committees and Shawn Ange, Spinners, told Chris and Tom that he wants to look into the history of the Spinners building and bring it back to its original construction. Chris discussed the use of all-weather markers and kiosks that would show historical points of interest in the parks and CBD.

Discussion was held on the community park meetings scheduled in Spring Lake Park at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 and in Wheeler Park at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2010. Chris will present the PowerPoint presentation at the community meetings that was presented to the City Council. Comment sheets will be given to those attending the community park meetings asking for their suggestions and comments.

It was requested that the community park meetings be listed on the City website and the preliminary plan be made available on the City’s website.

Member Gehrke will prepare a Public Service Announcement about the community park meetings and prepare a notice to be distributed to area residents. Members Hagen, Corley and Hurd will distribute the notices. The Committee requested a notice of the meetings be posted at the Municipal Building and the North Mankato Taylor Library.

Member Corley will email the PowerPoint to committee members.

Necessary equipment for the community park meetings includes a laptop computer, projector, screen, pencils and paper for citizen comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary