

Scandia Park and Recreation Committee Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2009

Members Present: Alex Bildeaux, Karen Schik, Dan Skupien, Joan Benner, Sally Swanson, Tom Vogen, Edward Ruf

Members Absent: Mike Goeken, Matt Rassmussen

Guests: Anne Hurlburt, Pete Crum

- 1. Friends of Scandia Parks-** The committee discussed the recent donation of four picnic tables to the City and debated the options for their placement. Consensus was reached to place two at the community center and two at the lit ball field until all committee members have completed viewing of the city-owned properties. Karen gave an update from the last Friends meeting:
 - Group is still looking for ideas for a Summer activity;
 - Friends will have a booth at Taco Daze;
 - Consideration is being given to doing invasive species work;
 - Next meeting June 22;
- 2. Summer Rec Programs-** Anne updated the group on attendance, indicating that it has been very low. The committee briefly brainstormed possible reasons, the most likely being economy, competition from other organizations, and/or timing of advertising.
- 3. Wind in the Pines-** Tom Wegner from Trail Source and author of "*Trail Solutions*" presented to the committee on his credentials and the services he could provide to assist with the WIP trail completion. In addition to the details included in his written proposal, Tom offered the following suggestions:
 - Current trail has an improper grade and should be re-routed;
 - Only debarked logs should be used, no ash or cottonwood;
 - Recommendation to use Scouts or "Friends" for labor;
 - DNR funding might be available.
- 4. City Council-** Anne briefly summarized the most recent Council meeting, speaking primarily about the acceptance of the picnic table donation.

5. **CIP-** Anne called for proposals for updating the CIP. The Committee discussed:
 - Moving the major Lilleskogen improvements back on the timeline as no likely funding sources could be identified;
 - The Conservation District offering of \$1000 for invasive species removal;
 - Increasing of cost estimates, but lowering of the priority level for the long-term skate park improvements;
 - Addition of a tennis court backboard apparatus for one-person practice.
6. **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from May 4, 2009 were unanimously approved with edits.
7. **Next meeting-** Monday, July 6, 2009
8. **Meeting adjourned-** Alex