

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on November 14 at 6:32p.m. at LBC the following members present: Greg Papin, Bob Campagna, Graham Carl and P&R staff Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Siders in attendance. Also in attendance Mayor Tom Wieseler and Marie Devries, MVAAC. Emily Reddish in attendance at 6:45pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Carl to approve agenda with change. Seconded by Papin. Carried all.

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 10, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Carl to approve agenda. Seconded by Papin. Carried all.

3. Open Forum - none

4. Directors Report - Siders read his report.

5. Discussion regarding MVAAC and request for funding at Sculpture Trail.

– Marie Devries shared with the Board the MVAAC request for funding at Sculpture Trail. The P&R Board voted to support the request to Council from MVAAC. Voted 4-0

6. Discussion regarding pollinator zones in parks.

-Graham Carl shared with the Board conversations he has had with Monarch Research Project in Cedar Rapids about bringing pollinator plants to Mount Vernon. MV Park and Rec Board and MV City Council are supporting this endeavor.

7. Discussion Master Parks Plan update and prioritization of Park needs – All parks were reviewed and final touches were placed on park needs. Next step is for Siders to compile and hand off to Board Chair Campagna for final draft.

8. Discussion regarding new Park and Rec Board member search –Board members were asked to continue to search for candidates. The Board had one candidate application. Per the Mayor’s request the Board was asked to search for one more month.

10. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Trails) –

Capital – Siders shared with Board members the CIP that he and Carl were working on. Board members were able to provide some input for trails, but ran out of time for Parks and Additional Items.

11. Old Business - Marketing plan..Siders will be receiving a quote from Denovo. Currently no money is budgeted for this item.

-Window tint at the LBC was also discussed. Assistant Director Boots was working on a curtain-type method of reducing the glare. Solar was discussed and is still a possibility.

12. New Business – None

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm, November 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted - Matt Siders, Director MV Parks and Rec