

Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee Meeting December 7, 2023

MINUTES PROVIDE A RECORD OF MINNESOTA'S PARKS AND TRAILS LEGACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THESE MINUTES WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024.



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Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In person at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory Visitor Center

And virtual via WebEx

Updates and Announcements:

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Meeting Host:

Meeting Location: TBH

Action Items:

- DNR Staff will post the approved meeting minutes on the LCC Website.

Meeting Minutes:

Members: Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, Steve Dubbs, Janice Erickson, Gina Hugo, Matthew Lindaman, Dolf Moon, Jon Oyanagi, Jim Shoberg, Heather Stirratt (Absent), Dan Trudeau.

Liaisons: Emmett Mullin (Met Council), Renee Mattson (GMRPTC), Ann Pierce (DNR), Laura Preus (DNR)

Staff: Lars Erdahl (DNR), Kaci Warneke (DNR)

Guests: Andy Rodriguez, St. Paul Parks; Mulki Haile, Met Council, Darcie Vandergrift, Met Council, Carrie Christensen, MPRB

- **Approved meeting agenda**, reviewed the conflict of interest statement, and member expectations/roles.
- **Approved October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
- Jon Oyanagi opened the meeting and led ice breaker.

PTLAC Business Items

Nominated and approved Janice Erickson as 2024 Chair, and Heather Stirratt as 2024 Alternate Chair.

2024 PTLAC Meeting Topics/Plan Discussion:

- Alternative designations for sacred and/or sensitive outdoor spaces... “Cultural Landscape”
 - Explore this topic in the future
- Do not pack meeting agenda, leave space for discussion
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility are big topics and should be incorporated in each meeting

- Committee members should be educated on Tribal Consultation/Consent and treaty rights
 - Members could qualify for the tribal-state relations training?
- Testify this Legislative session
 - Keep policy makers informed
 - Volunteer citizen voices matter

Research Findings from the Young Leaders Collaboration

Darcie Vandegrift, Met Council Principal Researcher and Mulki Haile, Met Council Intern

Presentation Link: [Parks Recommendations 2023 Met Council Young Leaders Collaboration](#)

How might PTLAC support Young Leaders? (Discussion)

- Youth testify in the Legislative session to share their value and perspective on parks and trails.
- Much Legacy work has focused on creating spaces and outdoor recreation for youth.
- Young people need to feel welcomed in a space. Noise pollution can be barrier to peaceful/wellness experience and impacts decision to visit certain parks or natural areas. Light pollution can also be a barrier.
- More parks need to accommodate large family gatherings.
- Ask youth what they think about parks, and what they would like to have.
- Quality and cleanliness of park can affect if youth go there or not.
- Accessible, open public bathrooms

Lunch

Parks For All, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

Carrie Christensen, Senior Planner

Presentation Link: [Parks for All: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Comprehensive Plan 2021-2036](#)

MPRD Goals: Shared Goals – noticed that these goals are well-aligned with Legacy Pillars

- Foster Belonging
- Steward and continuum of nature and recreation
- Provide core services with care
- Work from our strengths and determine our role in partnerships
- Expand focus on health equity
- Strengthen ecological connections
- Connect through communications and technology
- Cultivate a thriving workforce
- Operate a financially sustainable enterprise

Planning process included youth hired to share their perspective and talents (shared youth-produced video)

Planning Workgroups:

- Climate Resilience
- Water Resources

- Public Safety
 - Public Health
 - Multigenerational
 - Gentrification and Displacement
 - Arts, Culture, and History
- **Developed 9 goals and 148 strategies to achieve goals**, maximizing what is already going well and also exploring and advancing fresh new ideas and opportunities.
 - **Commissioners selected 37 priorities to work on over a 4-year period** to establish strategic direction and shared ground. Staff put together implementation plan, track with dashboards and implementation trackers. Staff narrow focus on priorities.

Site Tour: Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

Kelsey Raffel, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory Public Engagement Coordinator (position funded by Arts and Culture Legacy funds) guided the PTLAC on a site tour of Como Zoo facilities, highlighting Legacy-funded exhibits and interpretive graphics, penguins and giraffes (baby giraffe born 11/6/2023 was on exhibit)

Adjourn
