

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
4:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Clubhouse, Snack Bar

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Rob McCoy, Rebecca Kuhle, Hobie Wood, Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware, Dan Kroger, Steve Fehsal and Kristen Dietz

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

Kennicker made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting. Garrett seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

TREE CITY USA – REQUEST SUBMITTING APPLICATION TO RE-CERTIFY DUBUQUE AS A TREE CITY:

Wood made a motion to approve the application for submission to City Council for recertification of Dubuque as a Tree City. Kennicker seconded. Unanimous.

COMISKEY PARK PROJECT DISCUSSION:

Recreation Division Manager Kroger gave the current update on the Comiskey Park Project. January 9, 2020 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Audubon Elementary School there will be the first community at large event. January 13, 2020 will be the individual stakeholders meeting in which the goal is to have 5 – 10 people per meeting. Two dates that need to be scheduled yet will be a Saturday in February for PARKitecture, a youth/teen event and a Monday in March for the second community at large event.

PRESENTATION BY ROBIN MACFARLANE REGARDING PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR PET-FRIENDLY DUBUQUE:

Robin MacFarlane, owner of That's My Dog, gave her presentation of her draft educational Be Aware campaign for pet and non-pet owners to increase education and awareness. Robin currently serves on the Pet-Friendly Work Group committee. Robin's primary focus includes educational fliers, messages, presentation to groups, signage and creating partnerships with a potential launch date of January 1, 2020.

PETS IN PARKS ORDINANCE/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION:

The Commission reviewed the draft ordinance. Parks Division Manager Fehsal reviewed the potential timeframes. The Commission agreed that the next step will be to hold a public input meeting to be scheduled for January 14, 2020 from

6 – 8 p.m. at the City Council Chambers if available. They determined public input will be limited to 3 minutes per person. In addition, a survey will be available to the public from January 10 – 21st. All forms of input including phone calls, emails, and letters will also be accepted. All input will be compiled and shared with the Commission at the February 11, 2020 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Unanimous.