



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, March 9, 2015

1. Call to Order - 7:00 P.M. - Petoskey City Hall Parkside Room
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of Monday, February 9, 2015 Meeting
3. New Business -
 - a. Review potential locations for Young Hemingway Statue
 - b. Submission of grant application to the Michigan Waterways Commission
4. Miscellaneous
5. Adjournment



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

February 9, 2015

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, February 9, 2015. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairman
Amy McMullen, Vice Chairperson
Jim Daunter
William Hansen, Jr.
Frank Lamberti
Mike Morey

Absent: John Hoffman

Staff: Al Hansen, Parks and Recreation Director
Chris Flynn, Parks and Grounds Specialist

Minutes of the Monday, January 28, 2015 special meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Jim Daunter, seconded by Frank Lamberti, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Lamberti, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)

NAYS: (0)

Master Plan Amendment Submitted

The Director advised Commission members that, at its regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015, City Council reviewed the 2013-2017 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Amendment and the support resolution authorizing the insertion of the Bayfront Park Municipal Marina Facility plan amendment into the Master Plan document and further directed staff to submit the plan amendment to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Director then advised Commissioners that the plan had been submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval.

At this time Commissioner Lamberti asked if the City could now apply for grants for the 2015 grant cycle. The Director advised that he was correct and that there would be a proposed grant application submitted for the re-decking of the marina and the expansion of the office building located on that dock and that the grant request would be required to be submitted by April 1, 2015.

Winter Carnival Update

At this time the Director advised Commission members that the Annual Winter Carnival has been scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Petoskey Winter Sports Park with events beginning at 10:30 A.M. and extending through the evening with the concluding event being the cardboard sled race.

The Director further advised that activities will also be taking place in the downtown area, primarily at Pennsylvania Park, and would include building of a cardboard sleds, a foot race, a snowshoe race, and a snowman building contest. Flyers outlining the events in the Downtown area and at the Winter Sports Park were included in the packets and reviewed with Commission members.

The Director also provided an invitation to the Parks and Recreation Commission in hopes that they would attend one or more events at the Winter Carnival.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Pulaski asked who the cross country ski coach was for the high school and the Director advised that he believed the coach was Jim Harrington and that team was most likely practicing at the Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga course as the course at the high school had not had sufficient snow cover to be tracked.

At this time Chris Flynn, Parks and Grounds Specialist, advised Commission members that he, along with Al Hansen and Jon Hummel, would be attending the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Educational Conference on February 11th and 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Mike Morey, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Lamberti, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the City Hall Parkside Room.



Allen L. Hansen
Director of Parks and Recreation



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission
MEETING DATE: March 9, 2015 **DATE PREPARED:** March 4, 2015
AGENDA SUBJECT: Review Potential Locations for Placement of a Young Hemingway Statue

RECOMMENDATION: Consider and make recommendation on top three site locations

Information. City Council, at its March 2, 2015 meeting, heard a presentation by George Colburn on behalf of Robert Dau requesting that City Council consider acceptance of a future gift to the City of a statue of young Ernest Hemingway. Council accepted the proposed gift but a site location for the statue was not determined. Council then asked staff to explore locations where the statue could be placed. Mr. Dau has indicated that he will commission an artist/sculptor to carve and cast the statue but it is important that a place be approved so that the sculptor can orient and pose the statue correctly to fit its surroundings.

Site Location Criteria. In determining the location of the statue, the following criteria was established:

1. Historical Accuracy – the statue should be placed near locations the young Hemingway would have frequented;
2. A location that is visible and easily discovered by visitors to the community;
3. A location where the public could interact with the statue for photographs.

Location – See attached Location Map with comments.

Pennsylvania Park

1. Mid way between Bay Street and Lake Street, near cedar hedge and proposed sidewalk along the rail corridor near proposed parking lot access.
2. Near Park Avenue, in triangle form by Park Avenue and Bay Street sidewalk.
3. Along and adjacent to Park Avenue walk, between Bay and Lake Street. Would require special interactive positioning of statue by sculptor such as having statue sitting on bench or posed with foot on bench or suitcase or leaning on light pole as if waiting for train or friend.

Howard Street

4. Located at rail crossing by North Country Cycle Sports near large tree island in sidewalk.

Carnegie Library

5. Mitchell Street, left of stairway on lawn panel

Arlington Park

6. Directly across from Rose and Lewis Street intersection, adjacent to walk.

7. Downtown Greenway Corridor, near stairway

Bayfront Park – Museum Area

8. North side of museum at Wheelway corridor entrance to museum.



Site 1 – Pennsylvania Park

Pros

- Highly visible/historically accurate
- Connects to Downtown Corridor & CBD
- Entry point to park from Elks Lot
- Tour bus drop off area

Cons

- Stands alone in open area
- May appear to be isolated
- Positioning will be key

Site 2 – Near Park Avenue and Bay Street Sidewalk

Pros

- Highly visible/historically accurate
- Visible from multiple directions
- Great backdrop for photo
- Interactive

Cons

- Will require small amount of grade correction for access

Site 3 – Park Avenue - Bench Pose or Standing Pose

Pros

- Highly visible/historically accurate
- Most interactive location
- Least impact of green space

Cons

- May require more work from sculptor to create dynamic pose

Site 4 – Howard Street/Rail Crossing – Located near Tree Island by North Country Cycle Sport

Pros

- Highly visible from Mitchell/Howard intersection
- Interactive potential
- Located on main walk from parking area

Cons

- Tree island may require modification to improve back drop
- Less scenic for photo ops

Site 5 – Carnegie Library – Left Lawn Panel

Pros

- Located at historic library

Cons

- Only visible from Waukazoo and westbound Mitchell
- Not visible from CBD
- Interaction with downtown visitors would be limited
- Site discovery is limited

Site 6 – Arlington Park

Pros

- Located near Historic Depot and Perry Hotel
- Visible by motorists using Lewis Street

Cons

- Spatial issue - located too close to Chief Petosega statue
- Foot traffic from CBD is limited
- Chance for interaction or discovery by downtown is limited

Site 7 – Downtown Greenway near Stairway by Parking Area

Pros

- Located on old railway corridor
- Visible to users on downtown corridor
- Would be a feature of interest along corridor

Cons

- Limited visibility to non-corridor users
- Not visible to CBD
- Not a prominent location

Site 8 – Bayfront Park – Museum

Pros

- Highly visible to park visitors and wheelway users
- Great interpretive feature for Museum
- High interaction potential

Cons

- Does not increase interest in CBD – visitor retention
- Interaction with downtown visitors would be limited
- Hemingway's connection to downtown would be limited
- Hemingway's connection to Pennsylvania railroad depot is documented - ties to the water front depot would have to be researched



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2015 **DATE PREPARED:** March 4, 2015

AGENDA SUBJECT: Submission of Grant Application to the Michigan Waterways Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Consider approval of grant submission

Information. City staff is preparing a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Division for infrastructure improvements to the Petoskey Marina. These improvements call for the replacement of the deteriorating wood substructure (nailers) and the wood decking on Pier B and its associated finger piers and gas dock. The grant also calls for the replacement of the existing dock office with a slightly larger building that will better meet the needs of visitors and staff. The original dock office was designed for a 72 slip marina with one gas dispenser. The Marina now has 144 slips and both gas and diesel fuel dispensers and the existing office is not of sufficient size to handle multiple customers.

The firm Beckett and Raeder, Inc., of Petoskey and Ann Arbor, was retained by the City to prepare preliminary construction cost estimates for the project. Funds were earmarked in the 2015 budget to match up to \$150,000 toward the \$300,000 project. Final project estimates are due in mid-March from Beckett and Raeder, Inc., and will be utilized in the final grant request which will be submitted no later than April 1, 2015.

Action. The Parks and Recreation Commission is being asked to consider approval of this grant application which will have a project cap of \$300,000 of which \$150,000 will be provided by the Marina Restricted Fund to match \$150,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Commission.

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