



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2023

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Carl Johnson, Max Gibbs, Megan Catcho, Stacy Bare, Javier Cervantes

Others: David Marquardt (Grand Rapids Parks Department)

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Stacy Bare, supported by Carl Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Carl Johnson, supported by Stacy Bare, to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Comments from Public

None.

Agenda Item(s)

Budget/seasonal staffing

David presented the City Manager's proposed budget and provided the timeline for budget review and approval through the City Commission. No questions or comments from the board.

Explore Your Parks and Grand Loop

Stacy gave an overview of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks goals and fundraising plans for parks, trees and trails. Stacy also provided information about the Explore Your Parks series for 2023.

Rosa Parks Circle furniture

Discussion about furniture at the park took place. It was suggested that some staff from both the City and Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. explore options that would work well.

Future agenda items

None identified.

Comments from the board

Javier stated he is leaving employment at Grand Rapids Public Schools and that there will need to be a new representative appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.