



**City of Newport
Park Board Meeting
June 28, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Mary Ann Newman; Marge Meconis; Emily White; Tom Aguilar-Downing Laura Duffey

Board Members absent – Anita Perkins;

Also present – Bruce Hanson, Public Works Superintendent; Tim Geraghty, Mayor; Brian Anderson, City Administrator

3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

A. Park Board Minutes of April 26, 2012

Motion by White, seconded by Aguilar-Downing, to approve the Park Board Minutes of April 26, 2011 as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.

Penny Duff, 45 12th Street – Mrs. Duff was present to discuss the 12th Street Overlook. Mrs. Duff believes that the overlook needs to be maintained better because the weeds have taken over and they are six to seven feet tall.

Mayor Geraghty – I spoke with Peter Young from the Watershed and we walked the site and he admitted that it hasn't been maintained as it should have been. The original intent was for it to be less maintenance to the City. Mr. Young is willing to work with us on some modifications to it. They mentioned putting some other grass in it that is less maintenance. I would like your permission to work with John and Mr. Young regarding this.

Chairperson Newman – Yes, please work with them to get it modified.

4. REVIEW 2012 GOALS

The Park Board reviewed and discussed the 2012 goals. Updates are as follows:

- **Volunteer Program:** The Park Board held a picnic in May 2012 for the volunteers. The Park Board went through the list of volunteers and will update the list as needed.
- **Buckthorn Eradication:** The event will take place on October 27, 2012.
- **Loveland, Pioneer, Lions Parks:** The parking lot and tennis courts will be resurfaced in July 2012.
- **Bailey Forest:** Task force members of the School Forest Joint Committee are Laura Duffey, Tom Aguilar-Downing, Marge Meconis, John Neska, and Brian Anderson. The building materials for the pavilion will arrive in July 2012. The pavilion will be dedicated on September 29, 2012.
- **History/Parks Fun Walk:** Emily White would like the Parks Board to host a fun walk in September and would like to coordinate it with the dedication of the Newport Bailey School Forest Learning Facility. The walk will be September 29, 2012.
- **Address Google Maps of Park System:** Tom has contacted TKDA and is looking at Google map, ship data, and sign posts as options.
- **Park Place Overlook:** This action is no longer taking place and it will be removed from the list of goals.
- **Summer Camp-Out:** This will be Saturday, June 30. Newport on the Move will continue the camp-out after this year.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Veteran's Memorial in Pioneer Park

Admin. Anderson presented on this item as outlined in the June 28, 2012 Park Board packet. The flag pole and time capsule are already in place at Pioneer Park.

B. Red Rock Gateway Update

Admin. Anderson provided an update on the Red Rock Gateway Area. A Joint Workshop was held prior to the June 28 Park Board meeting to discuss the Red Rock Gateway Area. The meeting was to discuss where the transit station will be located in the area. Part of the concept plan for the area is to expand Lions Park as well as connect the area to the Mississippi River through the levee that is located along Cedar Lane. A map of the levee is included in the minutes. The City owns two properties along the levee.

I'd also like to note that the City received Step 2 of the GreenStep Cities program. It's for sustainability and the efforts that the City has undertaken.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Newman – When should we have our next meeting? July 26th is the next scheduled meeting.

Laura Duffey – I would rather have a July meeting.

Chairperson Newman – Ok, our next meeting is July 26. We won't have a November or December meeting due to holidays.

Tom Aguilar-Downing – I think we should plan an August meeting to coordinate the fun walk.

Emily White – I think we can keep it right now and play it by ear.

7. BOARD REPORTS

Tom Aguilar-Downing – No report

Marge Meconis – The Woodbury Senior High did their cleanup day along Hastings Avenue. I went to the Watershed Partners Pool 2 Tour down the Mississippi River and we went to look at the pool and habitat. The main thing was restoring the habitat and River and it was very interesting. This part of the River is very low on oxygen and to help with that they will be restoring it by building islands in the River.

Emily White – No report

Laura Duffey – No report

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Superintendent Hanson – I already gave my update on Loveland Park.

Marge Meconis – When will that start?

Superintendent Hanson – Two weeks, weather permitting.

Marge Meconis – Will that still be closed off in the winter when it's done?

Superintendent Hanson – Yes, especially that top part. We've lost some trees in Red Rock Cemetery. I'm looking at fencing it in because it's pretty open and vulnerable. Would that be something that you want to look at?

Marge Meconis – I think the HPC would want to look at that.

Chairperson Newman – Is anyone else interested in that?

Emily White – I think that should be the HPC.

Tom Aguilar-Downing – My wife was saying that a lot of trees are dying off on the trail that goes through Bailey.

Superintendent Hanson – That would be Xcel Energy’s spraying for vegetation management. I’m working with them to reduce that.

9. ADJOURNMENT

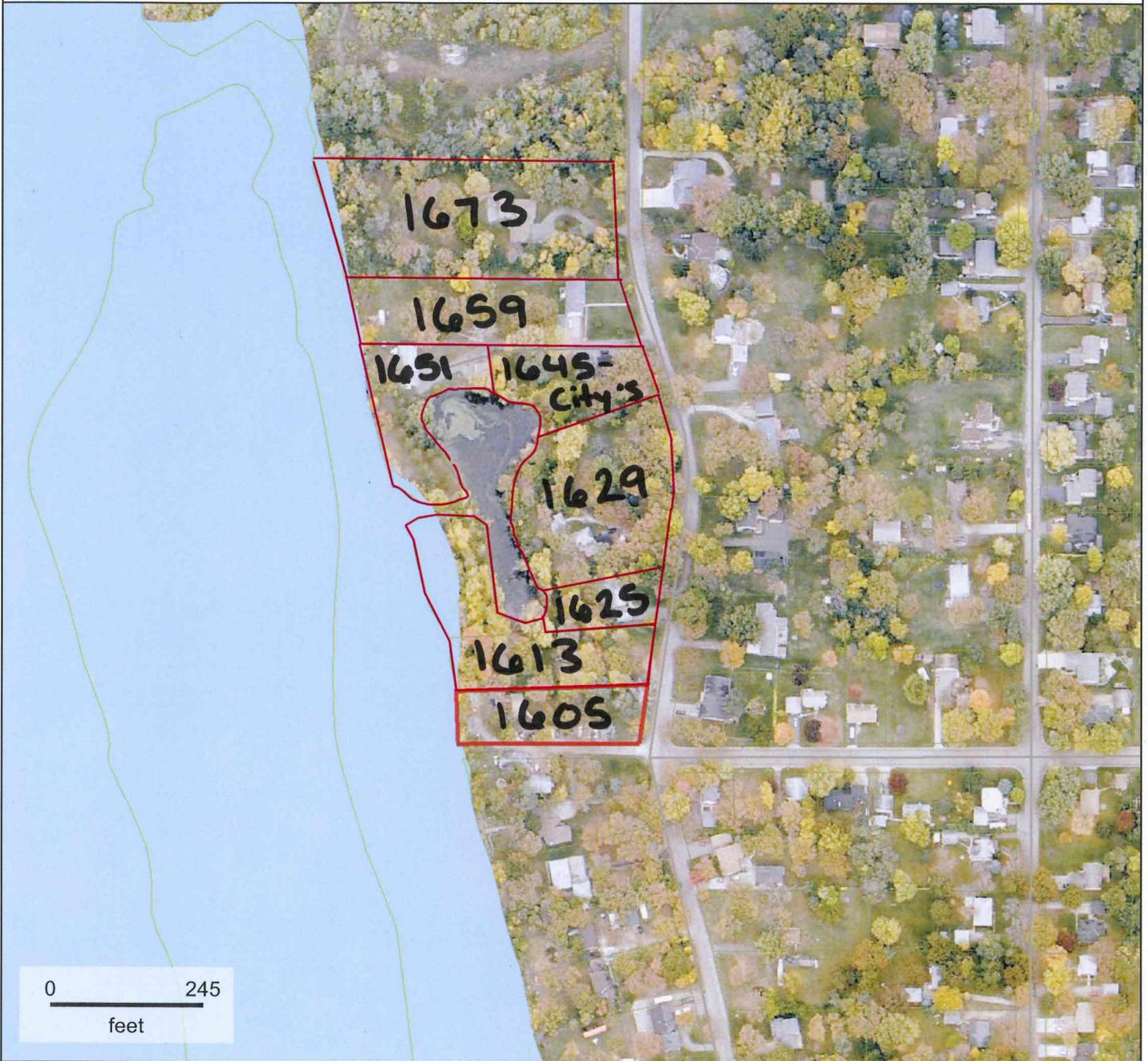
Motion by Duffey, seconded by Meconis, to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 7:49 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Mary Ann Newman, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Analyst

Washington County, MN



Property Information

Property ID 3502822120013
Location 1605 CEDAR LN



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