

Park Board Workshop

July 24, 2014

Present: Tom Aguilar-Downing, Emily White, Marge Meconis, Laura Duffey, John Neska

Guests: Susan Lindoo, Mike Woleski

Workshop was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Veterans' Memorial Plantings

Designed by Susan Lindoo, Marge Meconis, Laura Duffey, and Anita Perkins, all of Newport on the Move  
Plants from Outback Nurseries

City funded

Nearby bench is a Memorial to Bill and Barb Knauff

Marge will make sure that the family is aware that it has been installed

We should discuss the plantings next month during the televised Board Meeting.

Laura will research getting plant tags

Pioneer Day

August 10, 2014 from Noon to 5:00 pm

John has some spare sample bricks for the Vet Memorial that we can use for soliciting more memorial donations.

Laura will bring a silk "bouquet" of invasive plants from the DNR. She will also bring brochure on invasive plants

Laura will bring a sample buckthorn. Tom will create a name tag reading "Hi My Name is: Buck Thorne; Alien Invader"

For display of Photo Contest winners for Winter and Spring – pin to screening. Marge has a spare screen that we may be able to use.

Laura can staff from Noon to 2:00 pm.

Emily can staff from Noon to 2:00 pm.

Tom can staff for the whole event.

Fun Walk

Emily reported that the walk is scheduled for September 27, 2014 from 9:00 – 10:30 am.

We will meet at Tinucci parking lot.

We will walk all for parks at the two pedestrian bridges.

We can do Passports or do a Scavenger hunt.

Laura can bring "Smokey Bear" prizes from the DNR.

Environmental Management Plan

Susan Lindoo is volunteering to interview City staff, Board Members, and Fund Granting organizations to develop a better definition or what is desired in an Environmental Management Plan for the Parks.

Some of those organizations to include:

Great River Greening (John has contact info)

US Forest Service

Tree City USA

Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

Friends of the Mississippi

Conservation Corps Minnesota

Workshop adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Aguilar-Downing