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MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12 July 2016

Attachment 3

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Commissioners in Attendance

Donna Schmitt, Columbia Heights; Jim Saefke, Fridley; Mary Gaasch, Lauderdale; Kevin Reich, Minneapolis; Jerry Faust, St. Anthony; Matt Hass, St. Paul; and Scott Vreeland, Minneapolis Park & Recreation.

Staff and Guests: Doug Snyder, Marcy Bean, Nick Busse, Max Dalton, Stephanie Johnson, Tammy Schmitz, and Michele Ross, MWWMO; Cailin Rogers, St. Anthony Park Community Council; and Beverly Love, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Commissioner Reich.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Vreeland, second by Saefke to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vreeland, second by Gaasch to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Vreeland, second by Faust to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

[Hass arrived 3:04 p.m.]

Reports from Staff

The **Columbia Heights Library** grand opening and ribbon cutting event on Saturday, June 25, was well attended with an estimated 1800 visitors that day. Conversations continue with library staff regarding ongoing curriculum and possible MWMO staff attendance for future events, as well as interpretive signage for the library site similar to that at MWMO.

Staff will attend the **Hawthorne EcoVillage Apartments** groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for July 13, 2016, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The **St. Anthony Regional Treatment Facility** ribbon cutting and community outreach event is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. To avoid damage to the grass, it will be held in the parking lot just north of the site. There will be signage for directions.

The **Prospect North District Stormwater** groundbreaking event will be held Monday, July 28, time TBD.

The **Updated 2016-2021 CIP List** was included in the meeting packet. Projects added have been discussed with member cities and the list extended through 2021. A Minor Plan Amendment to update the list will be filed mid-August. BWSR then has 45 days to review.

The **Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District** feasibility study for installation of stormwater management components during the 5th Street South Pilot Greening Project is complete. The Greening Project focused on the possibility of adding components such as planters and street trees in a three-block area of the public ownership corridor similar to the green line in St. Paul. Unfortunately, major utility issues were discovered. There is still discussion regarding what planters would look like, how much phosphorus could be removed, costs, etc., if the utilities were able to be relocated. Each stretch of downtown will present issues. MWMO staff is excited to be working with Minneapolis Public Works regarding stormwater management and installation of street trees. There is immense value in this relationship for possible future downtown projects. Putting trees on streets drives economic growth and spurs development.

Regarding **DNR Critical Area Rule Making**, Dan Kalmon has submitted comments to the DNR. Staff are requesting a more defined way to provide comments in line with the critical area rules.

MWMO will host **BWSR Senior Management Team** at the end of the month and is looking forward to the event.

General Business

Staff is working with the National Park Service (NPS) regarding a **PaddleShare Lease Agreement** regarding installation and operation of two PaddleShare stations on MWMO property. MWMO's attorney recommends a license agreement rather than a lease agreement. This would put all liability on NPS PaddleShare stations. NPS would also be responsible for any staffing. Installation is changed from concrete pads to concrete footings with landscape damaged during installation to be restored. The attorney is still working on the license agreement so a copy was not available for review. Motion by Faust, second by Saefke to approve the license agreement with the National Park Service for their PaddleShare program for one year contingent upon attorney's review and changes. Motion carried unanimously.

The MPRB submitted a **Minneapolis Sculpture Garden Project Request for Additional Funding** in mid-June. In September 2015 the board approved a grant not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the design and reconstruction of the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. No additional funding needs were identified at that time. MPRB has now identified several areas where additional funds are needed. Staff recommends supporting the funding of enhanced turf east of the Spoonbridge and Cherry in the amount of \$27,150 to match the west side enhanced turf in the base bid. Staff also recommends funding for underdrains for the enhanced turf areas in the amount of \$37,731. These underdrains were not included in the original quote. The enhanced turf and underdrains are designed to capture and reuse stormwater and water from the Spoonbridge and Cherry to supply water in the garden and ballfield and are necessary for improved stormwater management. Additional funding for these two areas total \$64,881. Motion by Vreeland, second by Gaasch to provide an additional \$64,881 grant to the MPRB – from the Special Projects, Water Conservation, and Greening Fund – to complete the enhanced turf and underdrains for the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden Project. Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that more follow-up meetings and input with the MPRB is needed with future projects. Going forward, make clear that grants are approved for a set dollar amount and MWMO is not responsible for additional costs discovered after the fact. There must be consistency in the grant process.

The **Preliminary Budget FY 2017** was presented. Based on the updated 2016-2021 CIP List discussed earlier, there will not be an increase in this area. The split remains the same between CIPs/Grants at 70% and administration 30% of the budget. Motion by Saefke, second by Vreeland to accept the Preliminary Budget FY 2017. Motion carried unanimously

Open Public Input

There were no public comments.

Board Updates and Announcements

Cailin Rogers, St Anthony Park Community Council and applicant for MWMO St. Paul Commissioner, was introduced. She shared a brief summary of her background and qualifications.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Love

Recording Secretary