



City of Ontario Park Committee Meeting Minutes **March 18th, 2021**

1) Call to order 5:43

Roll Call: Lynn Johnson (x) Micheal Miller (x) David Goldthorpe (x)

Blu Fortner () Samuel Castonguay (x) Andrew Maeda (x) Freddy

Rodriguez ()

Ex-Officio City Manager- Adam Brown (x)

Ex-Officio Economic Development Director- Dan Cummings (x)

Guest: Al Cablony - Public Works Director (entered during agenda item 5A)

2) Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Goldthorpe

"Thanks for being here."

3) Motion to Adopt Agenda for March. 18th, 2021 meeting

i) Maeda motioned, Johnson second; All voted in favor and none were opposed, thus minutes were adopted.

4) Approval of Minutes -

i) 02-18-2021 Minutes were presented, with two questions and amendments

a) Chair Goldthorpe made the second to approve the motion by Castonguay to write a "letter of support" for the Ontario Recreation District (this was correct in minutes but secretary Castonguay asked for correlation with other commissioners notes)

b) Agenda item 3) listed a motion to adopt minutes of the January 21st meeting, but is amended as "3) Motion to Adopt Agenda for February 18th meeting". The motion, second, and voting are all correct.

ii) Chair Goldthorpe motioned to adopt minutes with those amendments reflected in the minutes of this meeting and reflected in minutes given to committee at next meeting. Maeda second, all were in favor and the motion carries with minutes adopted as amended.

5) Public Comment:

i) Chair Goldthorpe asked for public comment, and noted there were no members of the public present.

6a) Old Business:

a) Staff Report - City Manager Brown gave the following updates on projects:

- 1) ~\$800k in city budget for Parks in 2021, with ~\$150K to restore and open bathrooms in Beck-Kiwanis park. The bathrooms were closed due to vegetation roots in the plumbing system. City Council had prioritized this effort to revitalize Beck-Kiwanis.

6b) New Business:

a) Rotary Club - Chair Goldthorpe -



- i) Bid out for rock sign for NW corner of Laxson Park, a Serve Day project is planned to install and paint new concrete cylinder garbage receptacles and plant trees while replacing dead ones.
- ii) Plans for bathrooms? Brown replied not now, but hears this as a request for later.
 - 1) Chair Goldthrope made a motion to add the renovation and opening of the bathroom facilities at Laxson Park be placed on a 5 year plan, recommending at least \$10k. Johnson seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carries.
- b) Kiwanis Club - Castonguay -
 - i) Serve Day project to paint arch bridge at Beck-Kiwanis Park
 - ii) Request for matching funds has been nearly determined after some reprioritization of the Clubs Lanterman-Kiwanis Project due to cost of earlier listed priority item (futsal court). Committee should expect to review the proposal at the next meeting.
- c) Lions Club - none present / no updates

7) HANDOUT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Miller - 4RCC Japanese Garden and it's Status and Relationship with the City of Ontario
 - a) Commissioner Miller brought to the committees attention that the Japanese Garden is a tremendous asset to the park system of the City of Ontario even it not a public, city owned asset. He recommends the committee and city think inclusively about this asset and in the future entertain proposal to this committee for matching funds improvements.
- B) Maeda - Homeless Population in the Parks During the Summer Months
 - a) Just bringing to committees attention with no immediate or particular action to be taken. As we plan and build these improvements, we should always consider this type of public use of the parks, to stay in accordance with the law but also not open avenues for abuse of our beautiful parks and open spaces by activities that oppress other users. For example, smoking or dogs off leash. These are rules, difficult to directly enforce, but can the parks do better to voluntarily enforce these codes?
- C) Fortner - Beck-Kiwanis Park Project -
 - a) Commissioner Fortner was not present for the meeting so we will table this for next meeting.

8) Comments from Committee members -

- 1) Maeda - Beck-Kiwanis Field - communication on recent field renovations
- 2) Brown -
 - a) Budget committee met last week and approved \$250k for pool project, which will head to City Council by April 16th so there is still time for Public Comment.
 - b) Request of land acquisition update - begging negotiation, last offered \$225k, maybe a land swap. There is \$200k in budget.



- c) The Park match program funding is continued in the budget proposal to the council
- d) \$300k for River Trail
- e) There is grant available for application that is a total of \$32 million available across 10 projects per state, Community Funding Projects and Brown suggest the City may put in for Trailhead
- f) Trash cans were installed in Lions park; nice black coated metal
- g) For Ontario Serve Day there is FREE garbage drop-off at Ontario Sanitation

8) Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Johnson, Second made by Commissioner Maeda at 7:10

Next meeting is May 20th, 5:30 pm

David Goldthorpe, Chairman

Date