

Mandan Park District

Special Meeting,

Board Minutes

July 30, 2013

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at City Hall Dykshoorn Room. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Porter, Commissioner Knoll, Keller, Allan, Director Higlin, Stuart Krahn; Stantec Consulting, Brain Gray; Mandan News, and Leann Eckroth; Bismarck Tribune.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at 12:05pmpm, CDT. President Arenz reminded Commissioners that is a special meeting and to limit discussion to the draft goals and policies of the comprehensive plan for the Mandan Park District.

Stuart Krahn from Stantec Consulting presented information and facts that were brought to his attention over the last four public meetings. Mr. Krahn seeked input from the board as another layer of eyes to review the document. The Planning Advisory Committee met last night and this morning department managers met to review the goals and policies. He would like input on confirming "Peer" Cities for comparison, confirming the Park District Mission and Vision Statements, Confirming/Developing Park District Goals and Objectives, and update on funding sources initiatives (green space ordinance).

Discussion on peer cities was those that had a larger community adjacent to them. Examples of peer cities, West Fargo, Moorhead, MN, Dickinson, Aberdeen, and Spearfish, SD.

The five goals were:

1. Develop a master plan to meet current and Future Park, trail, and open space needs.
2. Provide a variety of recreational programs for a wide range of age groups.
3. Develop a comprehensive trail system master plan.
4. Acquire sufficient park and open space to meet current and future needs.
5. Establish a sound fiscal policy and sustainable funding sources for park, trail, and open space development, operation, and maintenance.

President Porter discussed a joint facilities committee with the Mandan Park District and the Mandan Public Schools. This committee would assist with discussion of needs and build the connection of needs of additional athletic needs on school property. It was directed to have Mr. Krahn research how school district and park districts cooperate in field development.

Commissioner Keller motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Knoll at 1:05pm CDT. Motion passes.