

## Adopted Minutes Special Council Meeting January 26, 2016

Mayor Slavik called a Special Meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on January 26, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Slavik, Councilmembers Willis, Carroll, Johnson, Prom, and Beard (arrived at 5:40 p.m.).

ABSENT: Councilmember Wosje.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Callister, Administrative Services Director Fischer, Park and Recreation Director Evans, Deputy Director of Park and Recreation Northway, Recreation Manager Michaud, Recreation Supervisor Hemp, Office Support Representative Gottschalk, Administrative Intern Hansen, and City Clerk Engdahl.

### **Benson Family Barn Donation**

Park and Recreation Director Evans and consultants from SRF Consulting, reported on the Benson Family barn donation. This barn was constructed in 1903 and had a number of renovations through the years. The barn hasn't been designated by the Historical Society as historical property. They discussed the options below for Council consideration:

- Proceed with the barn donation and relocate it to the Northwest Greenway property on a new foundation at a cost of \$260,000 (Phase 1). Phase 2 would provide for the repair/renovation of the barn and necessary construction improvements to transition it into a three-season picnic shelter. Estimated cost for Phase 2 is \$255,000-\$315,000.
- Don't accept the donation but complete a photographic documentation of the barn.
- Don't accept the barn.

If the Council were to accept the donation, the barn would need to be relocated to the Northwest Greenway trailhead property prior to June 1, 2016 to avoid construction conflicts on Vicksburg Lane. This barn would be located on the south trailhead, which would be a three-season shelter that wouldn't be heated or used during the winter. An outdoor patio would be constructed adjacent to the barn for large events that could be tented and to accommodate food trucks. The north trailhead would consist of a future full-season facility with restrooms.

Park and Recreation Director Evans stated the Comprehensive Plan always indicated facilities/structured shelters at the north and south trailheads of the Northwest Greenway. However, staff didn't contemplate any type of structures in the CIP until 2018. This was an unforeseen opportunity that presented itself, and the staff needs direction from the Council this evening concerning the donation.

After a considerable amount of discussion, the majority of the Council stated they didn't support the donation of the barn due to the following reasons:

- The barn would need to be cut in half in order to move it. This could diminish the historical elements and integrity of the barn.
- The proposed unanticipated costs of this project.
- The Council hasn't had the opportunity to discuss uses of the trailhead facilities (locations, purpose and events, and cost).
- Wait a year after the Northwest Greenway is constructed to see what residents desire for facilities along Northwest Greenway.

### **Revenue from Paid Events at the Hilde Performance Center**

Pat McLean, from Sue McLean and Associates (SMA), and Recreation Manager Michaud addressed the Council regarding Live at the Hilde events. The events in 2014 and 2015 resulted in significant financial losses for SMA. There are two proposed paid events at the Hilde Performance Center this year on June 9th and August 26th. The events on these dates will be utilizing the same format, per the three year contract, as the events in 2014 and 2015. The intention of both parties is for this series to become a self-run event by SMA in which they rent the Hilde Performance Center from the City. Staff will continue to encourage SMA to work with local companies, vendors, and non-profits for the events.

Even though the concerns below were voiced, the majority of the Council stated staff and SMA should proceed with the 2016 events:

- The temporary liquor license was issued to Minneapolis Jaycees. If these events are successful, the City should be sharing the profit.
- In-kind contributions totaling approximately \$15,000 from the City.
- Following the 2016 events, a report on the events, including profits/losses, should be reviewed by the Council.

### **Set Future Study Sessions**

No study sessions were scheduled.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Slavik adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Sandra R. Engdahl, City Clerk