



Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Update

January 26, 2004 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Chair Doug Varn, Marty Bracco, David Stannard, Mary Kay O'Grady, Laura Kaufman, Patience Nelson, Katie Kelly, Susan Kurtenbach, Jessica Bullock, John Mullins, Kathy Stohr, David Kindler, Mark Gartland, Gary Balling, Kent Newton, Diane Stanke

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 7pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion was made to approve minutes by Susan Kurtenbach. Second by Katie Kelly. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- III. **Benchmarking** – Benchmarking surveys are out. Gary is contacting all agencies to encourage them to complete it. Gary said it was interesting to view these organizations' websites. Surveys are due February 27.
- IV. **Community Survey** – We have received 450 surveys to date. Leisure Vision will begin to do follow-up calls at the end of the week.
- V. **Governance** – Doug, Gary, and Patience discussed that the governance subcommittee should narrow down the 4 proposed governance models. Leisure Vision will meet with this subcommittee during the day on February 23 and make a report to the entire committee that evening. Currently the subcommittee will look at the interests of each entity and analyze which model would secure the best interest of the citizens. Doug said we need to look at the governance issue from all angles and consider other alternatives. David emphasized that the issue of governance needs to be decided upon early in the process. Gary explained that he will not be involved in the process but rather leave it up to Leisure Vision and the subcommittee and ultimately the committee to make a recommendation. Patience stated that we need to look at the most efficient model. Mary Kay inquired about what model would require a vote by our citizens. David responded that the first 3 models would not require an election but it would be a requirement if the last model was selected. The committee discussed the funds transfer from the Village to Park District. It was explained that it is the responsibility of the PDCC is to make a recommendation, however, it is up to the PDOP and VOP to determine how the recommendation will be carried out.
- VI. **Finance Presentation** – Kent Newton presented an overview of Park District finances. Numerous questions were fielded from the group and the discussion provided PDCC members with a sound understanding of the past and current financial position of the District.
- VII. **Closing Remarks** – Ron Vine and Ron Secrist from Leisure Vision will be attending the next PDCC meeting to discuss survey results and governance. The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 23 at 7pm – Pleasant Home, 217 S. Home Street
(Pleasant Home is located at the corner of Pleasant and Home Streets, 3 blocks east of Harlem and 3 blocks north of Madison. Parking is on the street.)