

NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

Thomas Center, Bldg A, Room 204
302 NE 6th Ave

June 9, 2016
Thursday – 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and roll call.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Grace Crummer	Rupa Lloyd, Treasurer	Linda Demetropoulos
Kathy Ewel, Secretary	Amy Carpus	
Mary Held	Penny Weber	
Andrew Kratter	<i>Kathy Ewel, Secretary WP</i>	
Krissy Olson		
Charlie Pedersen, Chair		
Jon Reiskind, Vice-chair		
Taylor Stein		
Leslie Straub		

II. Agenda Approval

<u>Motion by:</u> Grace Crummer	<u>Seconded by:</u> Taylor Stein
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve amended agenda to add Item c. under X. PRCA Policies	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2016

<u>Motion by:</u> No name recorded	<u>Seconded by:</u> No name recorded
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve minutes of April 13, 2016, meeting	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

IV. Chair Report

Chair Pedersen discussed the recent board chairs meeting with PRCA Director Steve Phillips that Kathy Ewel attended. The issue of the sales tax referendum was discussed. Kathy Ewel brought up Taylor Stein's concerns regarding lighting on Depot bike path at the board chairs meeting. Chair Pedersen summarized the report by Corporal Diehl from the May NCC meeting. Mr. Pedersen also provided an update on the parks trespassing policy.

V. Treasurer's Report: Linda Demetropoulos reported that \$4,306 is left to spend.

VI. PRCA Staff Report: Report was distributed.

Linda Demetropoulos reported that the Tree Mitigation Funds have been "unfrozen" and are available again for tree-related projects.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Committee: Charlie Pedersen summarized the June Policy Committee and recommendations to approve PRCA policies.
- b. PR Committee: No report.

VIII. Liaison Reports: none

IX. Friends of Nature Parks Report: none

X. Old Business

a. Approve Annual Work Plan

<u>Motion by:</u> Grace Crummer	<u>Seconded by:</u> Andy Kratter
<u>Moved to:</u> a. Approve Annual Work Plan as submitted	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

b. Review/approve funding priorities

<u>Motion by:</u> No name recorded	<u>Seconded by:</u> No name recorded
<u>Moved to:</u> fund the following list of priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sweetwater Wetlands Park – 2 benches• Sweetwater Wetlands Park – Design/printing of bird list• Morningside Nature Center – Reprint MNC flower and bird brochures full color• Morningside Nature Center - Kiosk panel replacement, front and back of parking lot and farm interpretive kiosks <p>Contingency projects: In case one of the above cannot be undertaken prior to the end of fiscal year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pond Rug for Frogs and Friends Friday• Reprint New Era Newspaper	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

PRCA staff were directed to work on above listed projects with NCC funding.

c. PRCA Policies

<u>Motion by:</u> No name recorded	<u>Seconded by:</u> No name recorded
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve PRCA revised policies as submitted	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

XI. New Business

a. Support Letter – Special Category Matching Grant

<u>Motion by:</u> No name recorded	<u>Seconded by:</u> No name recorded
<u>Moved to:</u> Authorize board Chair Pedersen to sign a support letter on behalf of the NCC for Special Category Matching Grant, renovation of the Historic Hartman House at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park for use as a Nature Center.	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

XII. Board Comments

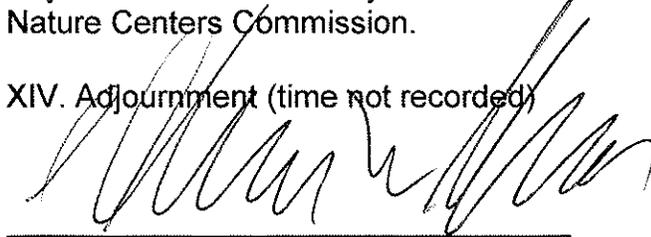
Leslie Straub discussed the “Kids in the Woods” project.

Leslie Straub requested Sally Wazny to come to July NCC meeting to provide an update on Environmental Education programming.

XIII. Next Meeting, July 14, 2016

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Month Proclamation July 7, 2016, at 5:30 pm
City Hall auditorium. Mary Held volunteered to accept the proclamation on behalf of the
Nature Centers Commission.

XIV. Adjournment (time not recorded)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mary Held", written over a horizontal line.

Chair

7-14-2016

Date

