

NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION

Thomas Center, Bldg A, Basement/Kitchen
302 NE 6th Ave

April 14, 2016
Thursday – 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and roll call.

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

II. Agenda Approval

<u>Motion by:</u> Jon Reiskind	<u>Seconded by:</u> Taylor Stein
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve agenda	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2016

<u>Motion by:</u> Grace Crummer	<u>Seconded by:</u> Jon Reiskind	
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve minutes of March 10, 2016, meeting	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously	

IV. Chair Report

Jon Reiskind attended the Chairs' meeting on Charlie Pedersen's behalf. Topics of discussion included the tree ordinance and the upcoming sales tax campaign. He pointed out that this will be an important vote, and NCC must be prepared to be an active advocate.

V. Treasurer's Report: none

VI. PRCA Staff Report: Report was distributed.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Committee will meet at 6 pm on May 12.
- b. PR Committee: Leslie Straub reminded NCC that the committee would like to have a small display for every library, encouraging families to go to parks. Banner stands for such a display (2' x 5') could be purchased for \$52. In addition, the staff needs new table-top displays (perhaps two sizes), a support stand for the touch-screen computer at Morningside, and another digital photo-frame. She has also prepared a list of skeletons to complement the taxidermy display. More discussion of Geoff and Sally's list is also needed. The NCC will vote on priorities for these purchases at the next meeting.

VIII. Liaison Reports: none

IX. Friends of Nature Parks Report: none

X. Old Business

The Tree Ordinance was discussed during the retreat that preceded the meeting.

XI. New Business

a. Linda Demetropoulos described a proposed addition to the 29th Road Nature Park.

The park is now 6.5 acres; the proposed addition, which is a natural area currently part of a larger lot, is 4 acres, Geoff Parks feels that it merits acquisition; an adjacent 1.5 acres is already on the proposed acquisition list. The staff recommends addition. Tree mitigation funds could probably be used.

<u>Motion by:</u> Mary Held	<u>Seconded by:</u> Amy Carpus
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve acquisition of 4-acre Muncaster property as addition to 29 th Road Nature Park	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

b. Linda described the proposed addition of a county-owned parcel to Bivens Arm Nature Park. This ca. 2-acre parcel, which is being declared surplus, is adjacent to the park and would take the park's boundary to US 441, improving access. Moving the city boundary appropriately can be requested. Another small strip is already on the proposed acquisition list.

<u>Motion by:</u> Jon Reiskind	<u>Seconded by:</u> Andrew Kratter
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve acquisition of addition to Bivens Arm Nature Park	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

c. Draft work plan

<u>Motion by:</u> Taylor Stein	<u>Seconded by:</u> Amy Carpus
<u>Moved to:</u> Approve the draft work plan pending technical corrections after review	<u>Upon vote:</u> Passed unanimously

XII. Board Comments

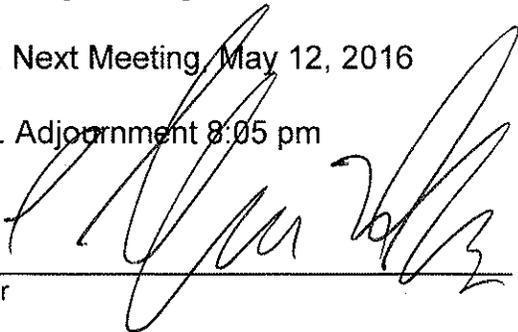
Three prospective projects for 2016-17 were mentioned but not incorporated into the work plan:

- a. Discuss bringing in outside groups to provide services on park lands.
- b. Review management plans for Palm Point Nature Park and Morningside Nature Park.
- c. Arrange filming of one of the wildflower walks in October.

XIII. Next Meeting, May 12, 2016

XIV. Adjournment 8:05 pm

Chair



Date

5-9-2016