



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of April 8th, 2025
City Hall**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 6:02 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

Members Present: Rich Dippel, Kendra Sommerfeld, Cretia Radman, Sadie Patet, Lori Miller, Nicole Hall

Members Absent: Pam Bakken, Josh Regan

Others Present: Shannon Young, Heather Flock,

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Joe Atkins, Michael Honer and Jake Halsne – Dakota County project called completing the Mississippi River Greenway

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Radman and seconded by Mr. Regan to approve Minutes of March 11th, 2025.

6 Yays 0 Nays

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Dakota County Presentation – Received grant to preserve Great River Corridor – Action Items for today is to receive input from park board. 3 sites (2 at Kaposia Landing and 1 south of the Wakota trailhead). The project is based of a story about the North Star ferry that took locals to and from work via ferry with his best dog pal. Looking to provide shade and natural resources and seating at this location. The second location at south end of Kaposia is SSP Monorail sign, interpreting that monorail and incorporating some benches and pergola. The last sight is the water access at Kaposia landing and recognizes a kayak launch for that spot and highlighting the natural environment and exposures to the river. The city of south St Paul master plan has ideas of launch pad and fishing piers. Connection to the greenway from the river. Would not need approvals as it is out of jurisdiction.

3B. Aquatic Open House Update

Ms. Young noted that the open house went very well and thanked everyone for their participation. Shannon concurred, emphasizing the positive feedback. A survey is now available on the website and included in the brochure, with over 300 comments received in the first week. Many expressed appreciation for the outdoor concept. Key feedback points were received from 127 Northview, 58 Lorraine, and 98 Jefferson. The survey will remain open, but it is too early to speculate on outcomes. Moving forward, the focus is on keeping the conversation open. The FAQs have been updated, and the timeline is now posted on the website. The next meeting will include a session with JLG. The Council is expected to provide direction on the preferred option, likely in May.

3C. Recreation Program Updates – Easter Egg Hunt, Color Run, T-ball

3D. Doug Woog Arena Updates- Ms. Young noted all the upcoming tournaments with the next one being the Snipers Kick Off Cup Tournament.

3E. Commissioners Park Assignment Updates – Maintenance on Vets – Landing still wet-Ahead of the game. McGuire and Harmon are open and have games today. Chalked and lined, new lights at McGuire, nets. New bucket truck.

Davies/S&S – Tree company to look at western portion of ravine trail the blowdown of the trail and ability to retore itself. What is County's and City's responsibility? What are cost? Utilities Lead Dan Miller updated pipe at the bottom of the trail head – washout and pipe exposed. Now being sleeved and repaired. River Cleanup- Parks and Public works working on cleaning up.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: May 13th 2025, @ City Hall Training Room.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dippel, first by Ms. Miller and second Mr. Radman by at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flock