



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of October 14th, 2025
City Hall**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Mr. Dippel at 6:07 p.m. at South St. Paul City Hall.

Members Present: Rich Dippel, Josh Regan, Sadie Patet, Kendra Sommerfeld

Members Absent: Cretia Radman, Lori Miller, Nicole Hall

Others Present: Shannon Young, Heather Flock, Colin Trudgeon

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Regan and seconded by Ms. Patet to approve Minutes from September 9th, 2025.
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3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Aquatic Pool and Feasibility Study & Design Update

Ms. Young reported that the City has approved the pool concept and will now proceed with hiring design and construction professionals. The City is collaborating with MN House Rep. Rick Hansen to secure funding for the project. The goal is to have the new pool project shovel-ready by May.

3B. Recreation Program Updates

Ms. Flock provided an overview of upcoming programs and events, including the Forensics Camp on October 17, the Halloween Skate on October 26, and The Great Halloween Get Together on October 31. She also noted that registration for fall and winter fitness classes is now available online.

3C. Doug Woog Arena Updates

Ms. Young reported that the arena's front doors have been replaced and will reopen to the public shortly. The installation of new air conditioning units is still pending. Additional improvements include refinishing the entrance flooring and repainting the walls.

3D. CIP Updates

Ms. Young shared that the new playground at Grandview Park has been installed and will be completed soon. Installation at Summit Park was completed earlier today, and the basketball court at Summit is scheduled for replacement for spring 2026

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3E. Wakota Trailhead/DNR Boat Landing Update

Ms. Young reported staff has contacted the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the project timeline will likely be extended to 2026 unless there is an update soon.

3F. Commissioners Park Assignment Updates

Mr. Regan reported that several tarps have gone missing from Kaposia Landing. Ms. Sommerfeld noted the completion of the new playground at Grandview Park. Mr. Dippel inquired about the scoreboard at McGuire Park. Ms. Young confirmed that staff are exploring repairs for both the Harmon and McGuire Park scoreboards.

3G. Hardman Triangle Public Realm Concept Update

Ms. Young provided an update on the Hardman Triangle project, noting that the ideas discussed at the previous meeting remain conceptual and continue to evolve. Ms. Sommerfeld expressed concern that the latest designs appear to feature less emphasis on stormwater management. Ms. Young reassured the Commission that the project is still in the early design stages and that no final plans have been determined.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: November 12th, 2025, @ City Hall Training Room.
Motion to adjourn by Mr. Dippel, first by Mr. Regan and second by Ms. Patet at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Trudgeon