

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Brooks called the work session to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. City Clerk Melissa McChesney called the roll as follows:

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| Ward 1 Alderman Kari Lamer | - present | Ward 3 Alderman Kendall Welch | - present |
| Ward 1 Alderman Diane Driver | - present | Ward 3 Alderman Chris Fisher | - present |
| Ward 2 Alderman Jim Werner | - present | Ward 4 Alderman Marc Sportsman | - present |
| Ward 2 Alderman Jackie Snyder | - present | Ward 4 Alderman Nan Johnston | - present |

A quorum of the Board of Aldermen was present.

The following persons were also present:

Lauren Palmer, City Administrator
Kirk Rome, Public Works Director
Bob Fluchel, Nature Sanctuary Director
Steve Chinn, City Attorney

2. GENERAL AGENDA

A. Proposal to Form a Non-profit Corporation and a Community Nature Center in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary

City Administrator Lauren Palmer provided an overview of the proposal, noting the non-profit corporation would help to raise funds to support the Nature Sanctuary, future development and assets, and how it could be programmed in the future. The staff memo outlined four key questions for the Board.

Robert Fluchel, Nature Sanctuary Director, discussed the vision for the future of the Nature Sanctuary and the support it would need from the Board. He noted that thousands of hours were donated by volunteers the past two decades and the Nature Sanctuary was the model of community cooperation and support, which he credited to the help of the volunteers. Fluchel added that the creation of a non-profit corporation would help with funding for improvements, give donors more involvement in the use of raised funds, and be eligible to receive contributions from foundations and programs that do not award to government entities. In addition, Fluchel stated there were three elements to create a community nature center that included having a land base, staff, and an interpretive center.

Fluchel provided a list of improvements that could be accomplished if a non-profit corporation were created. Those included a shelter with an all-season restroom; play area with logs, tree houses, boardwalk, etc.; and catching up with deferred maintenance.

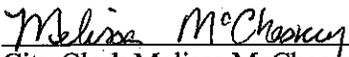
Palmer added that staff could bring to the Board at a future meeting a memorandum of understanding for approval to address the issues mentioned.

3. ADJOURN

The work session ended at 6:50 p.m.

The work session minutes for March 4, 2014, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the eighteenth day of March 2014.

Submitted by:


City Clerk Melissa McChesney - 3/7/2014

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