

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
June 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the workshop meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 8:23 p.m. on June 17, 2013.

ROLL CALL

The following attended the meeting:

City Council: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart

Staff: Terry Schwerm, City Manager

REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT OF COMMUNITY SURVEY

City Manager Schwerm reported that the changes discussed at the last Council workshop meeting have been incorporated into the Community Survey. The Council discussed the following changes:

- Question No. 39 regarding a theater was taken out.
- Question No. 48 regarding use of which parks was left in to use for performance measures.
- Question Nos. 102 and 103 are new relating to foreclosed properties.
- The explanatory comment before Question No. 109 was changed to explain that the City of Shoreview contracts with the HRC, a free home improvement counseling service to residents located in the Larson/Lepak House, to administer the City's home improvement loan program.
- Question No. 116 and 117 are to include a question about anything else the City should know regarding outside storage on residential property.
- Question No. 122 includes auto theft.
- If question No. 156 is answered "yes," then question Nos. 157 and 158 are asked. If the answer is "no," the next question would be No. 159. This is an important question because it would be helpful to know the percentage of residents that actually use the lakes but do not live on a lake. Staff will discuss this question further with Decision Resources. Councilmember Withhart stated that if it is known how many residents use lakes, then when development plans are approved for those parks, the Council has better knowledge for an informed decision.

Mayor Martin stated that the assumption is that if one lives on a lake, there is interest in using it. Questions only related to usage by those living on lakes are inaccurate. The questions have to be community wide because costs will come out of community revenues.

- Question No. 159 was changed to indicate the City could contract with multiple haulers in an organized collection system. The haulers could be different for different sections.

- Question No. 160 will include the option of lower cost.
- Question No. 180 will include asking if the program watched can be named. Councilmember Wickstrom stated it is not worth splitting basic programming from public access. When residents receive public access, they also receive Basic. Comcast will offer this service but it will no longer be free.
- Question Nos. 189 through 194 are new to cover social media.

REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION

City Manager Schwerm stated that an expansion to the Community Center is scheduled in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in 2014, and replacement of the outdoor water play area is scheduled for 2016. The first step is to determine the scope of improvements to be made. Since the last expansion in 2002, membership at the Community Center has tripled. The fitness center is often overcrowded and needs more space. There are periodic complaints about the limited number of family changing areas since there are only two family locker areas. Six are needed. Staff will explore potential to add a deck outside the Shoreview Room. The Tropical Adventure Indoor Playground area does not feel open. It is a tight fit where it is placed. Possibly it could be combined with the third gym area. There is no toddler area in this playground. However, if the playground is expanded, the gym activity room needs to be replaced because it is used for many programs, especially the Summer Discovery program, which generates the most dollars of all park and recreation programs. The Summer Discovery program has expanded and looking for more space. More space is needed for eating. The outdoor wading pool is now closed and is used for pool groups. This is a temporary fix until the outdoor wading pool is put in. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been prepared to hire an architect firm to develop various concept scenarios for potential expansion and related cost estimates.

Mayor Martin noted that water play areas are much more common, and she expects prices have come down. Mr. Schwerm stated that during winter months, he would like to be able to cover the area.

Councilmember Withhart suggested enhanced security from theft from lockers. Mr. Schwerm noted that most thefts occur in unlocked lockers.

Councilmember Johnson suggested doing a needs assessment in a scalable way to reach all audiences rather than an RFP. Needs identified through an RFP are based on cost. Mr. Schwerm stated that a needs assessment is embedded in the first phase of developing a concept plan. It will be good to know how many elements can be done and at what cost. That information will not be known without designs and cost estimates. The last time the Community Center was expanded a staff design committee drove the process. That process could be used again, or the committee could be opened to Councilmembers and Parks and Recreation Commission members. The committee checks all key decisions with the Council and Parks and Recreation Commission.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to move forward and use a staff design committee. The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Council will be involved in all key design and decision points.

Mr. Schwerm noted that originally, BWBR worked with the City on the Community Center and expansion. The City has a good working relationship with the firm, but he would be happy to solicit proposals from other firms to get a broader look at what could be done.

Mayor Martin stated that the City needs to look at different proposals. The proposals should include types of services as well as a needs assessment as part of the RFP.

OTHER ISSUES

Library Expansion

Ramsey County Commissioner Huffman has asked the County Board of Commissioners to budget \$10 million for a library improvement. He has raised the idea of constructing a new library rather than an expansion of the old one because more value would be realized with a new building for the money, and the plan is to make the library into a regional facility. Plans for the old library are to use it for administration and/or lease the space. There are deed restrictions limiting the old library to a public use. Placing County employees in the building would be a legitimate use. The Lakeshore Players are looking for a new home and do have interest in potentially being part of this library redevelopment. Lakeshore Players would be responsible for their own fundraising.

Staff will report the Council's discussion to library board officials and continue to keep the Council informed on this issue.

Turtle Lake Homeowners Association

The Turtle Lake Homeowners Association is circulating another survey for an up or down vote on augmentation for Turtle Lake. There is also discussion about forming a Lake Improvement District. It was noted that the lake level has risen significantly this spring with the heavy snow melt and all the rain.

Kozlak's Proposal

United Properties has a purchase agreement for the Kozlak's property and will be presenting a PUD concept plan proposal to the Planning Commission for a senior cooperative (Applewood Pointe) at their next meeting. It has generated many emails to Councilmembers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.