

Sochacki JPA Board Meeting

Monday September 22, 2019 4 PM
Golden Valley Firehouse
3700 Golden Valley Rd

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2019 JPA Board Meeting
3. Water Quality Update: Information and Discussion
4. JPA member and staff updates
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjournment

Immediately following the meeting, JPA members are invited to do a bike tour of Sochacki Park. Three Rivers will provide bikes as needed, but please bring your own helmet. Please RSVP to Danny McCullough (danny.mccullough@threeriversparks.org) so we can bring the appropriate number of bikes.

The tour should take no more than an hour.

REQUEST FOR SOCHACKI JPA BOARD ACTION

Meeting Date: 09/23/2019

Business Item: New

Item Number: 2019-09

Agenda Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2019 JPA Board Meeting

Operation Committee's Recommendation:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2019, SOCHACKI JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING.

Minutes Attached.

DRAFT Minutes
Sochacki Park JPA Governance Policy Board Meeting
April 22, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
Robbinsdale City Hall

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Pat Backen, City Council Member, Robbinsdale
Larry Fonnest, City Council Member, Golden Valley
Dan Freeman, District 3 Commissioner, Three Rivers
John Gunyou, Chair, Three Rivers Board
Shep Harris – Mayor, Golden Valley
Regan Murphy – Mayor, Robbinsdale

Operations Committee present:

Boe Carlson, Three Rivers
Timothy Cruikshank, Golden Valley
Marcia Glick, Robbinsdale

Others present:

Rick Birno, Golden Valley
Patty Maher, Three Rivers
Ryan Parks, Robbinsdale
Luke Skinner, Three Rivers
Jonathan Vlaming, Three Rivers
Wendi Weirich, Three Rivers

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2018**

Board members approved the minutes.

2. **Bottineau LRT Project: Status Update**

Staff provided an update on the LRT project schedule. The project is in a holding pattern as ongoing negotiations with the BNSF Railroad continue.

Mayor Harris updated the JPA on the joint lobbying effort by the Blue Line Now! Coalition to secure federal funds and to provide incentives for BNSF participation in the project.

Staff provided an update on draft items to be included in a Land Acquisition Cost to Sure Payment Agreement that will be negotiated with the Bottineau Project Office later in 2019.

3. **2018 & 2019 Capital Improvement Projects: Information and Discussion**

Staff provided information on the 2018 Dog Park addition to Sochacki, and the plans to install trail benches and do trail repair in 2019.

Council Member Fonnest encouraged staff to reach out to Courage Kenny to engage them in discussion about future park design and about programming potentials.

4. **5-Year Capital Improvement Plan: Motion to Approve**

Staff provided a handout and overview of the proposed 5-year (2019-2023) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Sochacki.

Mayor Murphy requested that vegetation management on the west side of the trail and road include plantings to be done as soon as feasible so that they are more established for screening prior to opening of the LRT.

For the next CIP, staff will include a graphical representation of the CIP in the form of a map that shows what is to be proposed to be done and when.

A motion to approve the 2019-2023 Sochacki Capital Improvement Program was made by Mayor Harris and seconded by Commissioner Freeman. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **BMX Area: Information and Discussion**

The City of Robbinsdale conducted an environmental assessment of the soils at the BMX area. No contaminants were found.

The Operations Committee recommended that the BMX area be treated as a local amenity developed by neighborhood kids, and that the area should continue to be monitored for safety. The BMX area will be removed from Sochacki reference maps since it is not an official park amenity. In the future it may be appropriate to formally upgrade the facility.

JPA members indicated support for the Operations Committee recommendations.

6. **Programming Update: Information and Discussion**

Staff provided an overview of the 2018 programming activities and a preview of the 2019 planned programs. JPA members requested that program materials be shared via appropriate staff with JPA Board members so that they could help with promotion. Additional suggestions including working with the local cable channel and development of a Twitter tag for Sochacki.

7. **Programming Update: Information and Discussion**

The following Primary Contacts at Three Rivers were established:

<u>Operations: Policy & JPA</u> Luke Skinner Associate Superintendent Luke.Skinner@threeriverparks.org 763-383-2536	<u>Capital Projects/BPO/JPA</u> Jonathan Vlaming Associate Superintendent Jonathan.Vlaming@threeriversparks.org 763-694-7632
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<u>Programming</u> Wendy Weirich Director of Outdoor Recreation and Education Wendy.Weirich@threeriversparks.org 763-694-1160	<u>Natural Resources</u> Angie Smith Director of Natural Resources Angie.Smith@threeriversparks.org 763-694-7841

8. Summer Tour: Information and Discussion

JPA members agreed to meet on Monday September 23rd at 4 PM at the Firehouse on Golden Valley Road for a brief meeting followed by a bike tour of Sochacki Park.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6 PM

SOCHACKI JPA BOARD INFORMATION ITEM

Meeting Date: 09/23/2019

Business Item: New

Item Number: **2019-10**
Revised

Agenda Item: Water Quality Action

Operation Committee's Recommendation:

MOTION TO DIRECT THE JPA OPERATIONS STAFF TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A WATER RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE SOUTH AND NORTH RICE POND WETLAND COMPLEX WITHIN SOCHACKI PARK.

Staff will provide a verbal update of discussions to date with local residents who have expressed concerns about the water quality in the wetland complex.

Three Rivers is willing to take the lead in developing and implementing a water quality plan for the park. Funding for the development of such a plan has been identified in Three River's CIP for 2020.

Development of the plan will be overseen by a steering committee whose members will include the Sochacki JPA Partners, Bassett Creek WMO, any other cities within the sub-watershed, and a citizen representative from the neighborhood adjacent to the south pond.

In addition, Three Rivers proposes to implement a first point of contact for water quality issues in Sochacki Park.

SOCHACKI JPA BOARD INFORMATION ITEM

Meeting Date: 09/23/2019

Business Item: New

Item Number: 2019-11

Agenda Item: JPA member and staff updates

Operation Committee's Recommendation:

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

This item serves as an opportunity to provide additional information or to discuss other topics not on the formal agenda.

SOCHACKI JPA BOARD INFORMATION ITEM

Meeting Date: 09/23/2019

Business Item: New

Item Number: 2019-12

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Operation Committee's Recommendation:

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Identification of a date for the next JPA meeting.