WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2019
8:00 AM
Stoughton City Hall – Hall of Fame Room

Present Members: Regina Hirsch, Pete Manley, Alex DeSmidt, Bob Diebel. Vik Malling, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn
Guests: Eric Olsen

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 8:05 am.

2. Approval of the September 16, 2019 Minutes
Motion by Diebel and seconded by Malling to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Communications
None

New Business

4. Phase II Whitewater Park Engineering Update
Glynn shared the DNR permitting meeting and communication updates with the committee. The DNR notified the City that the project would not be eligible for the Municipal Dam program if the dam's foundation is left in place for the surfing wave. The City would also not be able to get anything permitted in the dam's location if it received grant dollars to remove the foundation. The DNR's other concerns about the design included putting any fill in the river channel for the island, and having structures create a head. Glynn shared that Gary Lacy informed him that the structures are not designed to hold a head and can be designed at grade. Glynn also shared that the Lacy told him that the City has an option to design the course so there is no southern channel, no surfing wave, and one 6-12'' feature upstream of Fourth Street. The water levels would also drop another foot with the new design making the impact 3.9 feet at Main St under 380 CFS of flow. Glynn shared that both of the designs would be approximately the same cost with the new alternative being eligible for the grant. The committee believed that the current concept was preferred due to it being better recreationally with the surfing wave and southern channel with less impact to upstream water levels.

Glynn shared the information gathered from the meeting with DNR officials about the sediment. The takeaways are that if nothing happens to the site, then the City would not have to remediate the area. If the sediment is exposed, then we would need to remediate the area which early indications are that it can be capped with clean soil. The contamination that was found was typical for an urban environment.

Motion by DeSmidt and seconded by Manley to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that the current dam out concept is the preferred design. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Mandt Park Master Plan Update
Glynn shared that he met with MSA and went over the additional feedback gathered from the online portal. Most people who responded wanted a combination of design concept B and C.

6. Public Forum
The committee discussed when to host the public forum and it was agreed that late January or early February was preferable to avoid the holidays. A hybrid format was preferred with a public presentation of the whitewater park and an open house with booths for questions and answers. The booths could include whitewater park design, sediment and river restoration, fiscal impacts, and county level perspective with flood control and regional trails.

7. Future Agenda Items
- Mandt Park Master Plan Updates
- Public Forum Updates
- Whitewater Park Design Updates with Phasing
- Restoration and remediation plans

Adjournment
Motion made by Manley and seconded by DeSmidt at 10:06 am. Motion carried unanimously.