

# WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2018

8:00 AM

Stoughton City Hall – Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Bob Diebel, Regina Hirsch, Brandon Holstein, Carl Chenoweth, Matt Dregne, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn

Guests: Eric Olsen, Brett Hebert, Gary Schutte, Mayor Tim Swadley

## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am.

## 2. Approval of the October 15, 2018 Minutes

*Motion by DeSmidt and second by Chenoweth to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

## 3. Communications

Glynn shared that he took a trip to South Dakota in October and stopped at the whitewater parks in Iowa on the way. Glynn shared pictures of the different parks which showed the shoreline restoration, rapids, trails, fishing access, and ADA canoe/kayak launches. The committee discussed what could be improved in those parks which included wayfinding signage.

## **Old Business**

### 4. New Members (Discussion & Possible Action)

Committee members introduced themselves and their backgrounds. Gary Schutte is a member of the Yahara Fishing Club. He stated that he believes the removal of the dam should improve fishing due to fish passage. Glynn stated that a design consideration is fish passage.

### 5. Trail Connectivity & Greenways (Discussion)

Glynn shared the trail system from Boise, ID park and compared it to the project. Glynn stated that there is an issue with Cooper's Causeway. Hebert stated that they had a discussion with the railroad. The railroad told him that the bridge was in good condition and they had no intentions to remove it.

## New Business

### 6. Project Timeline

Glynn shared an updated timeline for the project and the phases. Phase I would be everything downstream of 4th Street bridge and Phase II would be everything upstream of the 4th St bridge. Phase I would be the riverwalk, bank restoration, and pedestrian bridge. Phase II would be the whitewater park features, dam removal, and trails connecting 4th St to Water St.

### 7. Future Agenda Items

- RFP for Mandt Park Master Plan

## **Adjournment**

*Motion made by Dregne and seconded by Diebel at 10:02 am. Motion carried unanimously.*