

**CLOQUET PARKS COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**City Hall
Monday, April 3, 2017 4:30 p.m.**

ACTION TAKEN

1. Call to Order.

2. Approval of Minutes.

- a. February 6, 2016, Regular Commission Meeting.
(Additions, deletions, or corrections)

3. Announcements, Agenda Adjustments, Correspondence, and Other Comments.

- New Member Introductions.

4. Information and Reports.

a. Community Ed Report –Ruth

- b. City Staff Report – Les/Caleb
- 2017 Riverfront Improvements.
 - Skatepark Update.
 - Hilltop Update.
 - Pine Valley Trail Update.
 - Dog Park Requests.

- c. Commissioners Update/Other.
- Wyman – 4th of July Request
 - Ryan Bridge – Car Show

5. Action Items.

6. Future Items.

- Next Meeting (**Monday, May 1, 2016** – City Hall)

7. Adjourn.

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission February 6, 2017 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: Krick, Krohn, Wyman, Urbanski, Badger.
Absent: None.
Staff: C. Peterson, L. Peterson, J. Anderson.
Others: J. Rock, R. Reeves, A. Wojtysiak.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 20, 2016 regular meeting were presented and approved.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

- Review of 2017 Medallion Hunt with WKLK was presented.
- Fit & Fun Sundays at the Middle School is running from December thru March 12th.
- Water Polo is now offered on Tuesday Evenings at the Pool (4 teams participate each week).

CITY STAFF REPORT

- Staff has been working on bid documents for the Pine Valley Bike Trail.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

- A status update on the Pine Valley Bike Trail was presented.
- The Commission reviewed 60% plans submitted by SEH for 2017 Riverfront Improvements.
- Discussion was held regarding unleashed dogs on the ski trails. A complaint was received by staff regarding an earlier incident. The Commission direct Staff to prepare ski trail etiquette signage with including language about dogs and general use issues.
- Staff stated Potlatch had been contacted regarding the City's potential interest in acquiring additional property along the North Riverfront.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Urbanski, 2nd by Badger, to appoint commissioner Krick as chairperson and commissioner Krohn as vice-chair of the Park Commission in 2017. Motion Carried, 5-0.

CYBSA BUDGET REVIEW

Staff provided a review of the annual Cloquet Youth Softball/Baseball Association financial statements as required under the Braun Park Lease Agreement. The CYBSA is proposing a CIP expenditure of \$10,500 in 2017 to increase equipment storage space at the Park. Staff supports the addition in order to accommodate indoor storage of City Equipment used at the facility during the summer months. Art Wojtysiak of the CYBSA board was present to answer Commission questions regarding the proposal.

Motion by Krohn, 2nd by Urbanski, to accept and approve the 2016/2017 CYBSA financial statements including the proposed Budget and CIP. Motion Carried, 5-0.

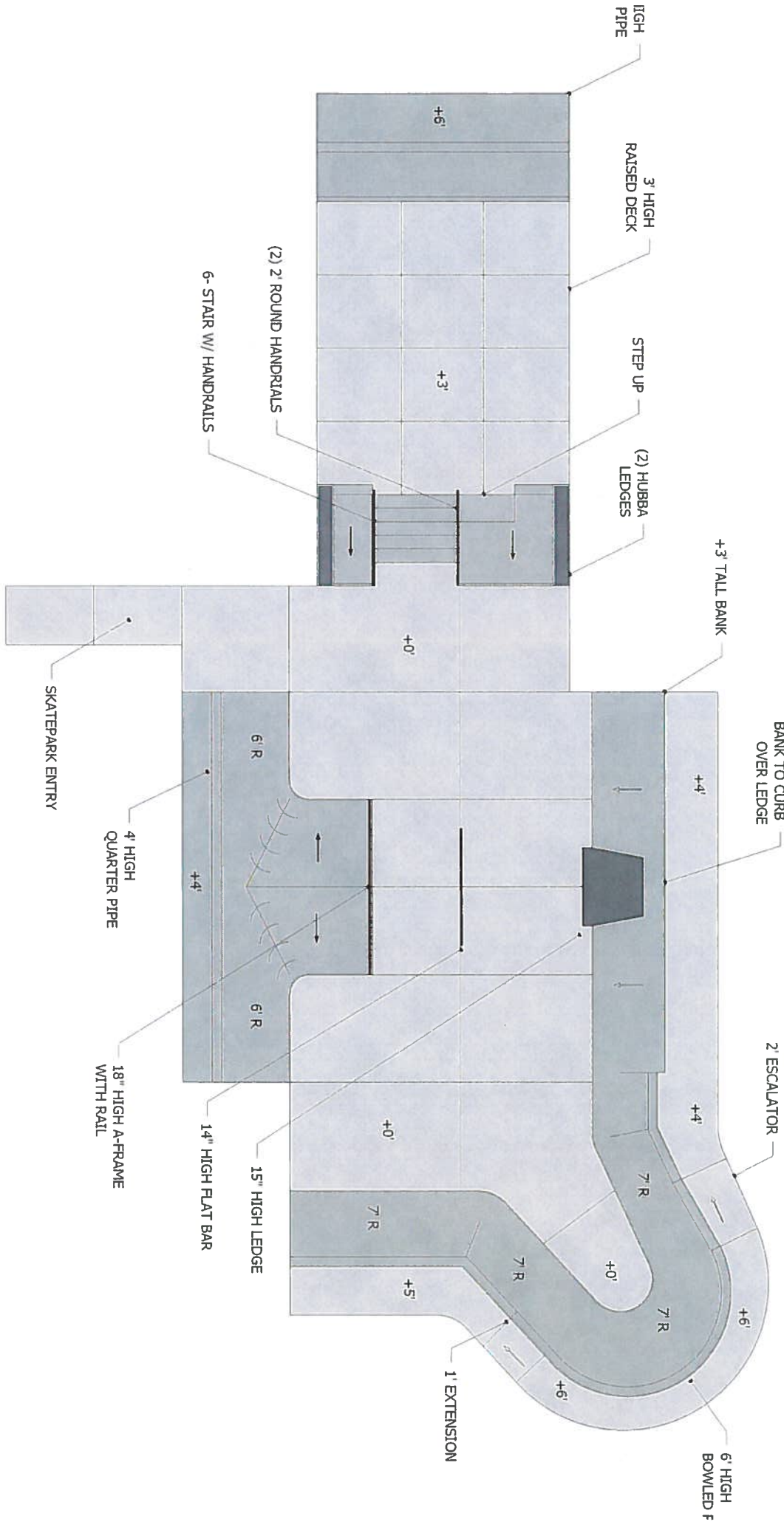
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held March 6, 2017, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.



Secretary



Cloquet Skate Park
 420 14th St, Cloquet, MN 55720
 Skatepark Concept B



02/21/2017

Dear Holly Butcher,

Hello my name is Rachel Poitra and as a citizen of Cloquet for the last 2 years, I have some suggestions. I am very active in the animal advocacy programs that exist in the Northland region, and I have noticed that most of the surrounding towns and cities have dog parks. Cloquet is one of the only areas in Northeastern Minnesota that does not have a dog park.

I find it to be unfair that I must bring my 2 dogs over 30 miles to go to a dog park in Duluth, when it is entirely plausible for our quaint community to have a dog park. I have spoken with many other dog owners in the area and they have expressed the same concern.

As an example: some of the dog parks in the Twin Cities repurpose their ice rinks in the off season. What they do is put fencing over the ice rink entrances for the spring, summer, and fall as a makeshift dog park. It is only seasonal but it's better than nothing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my suggestions, I hope I can make something happen here. If I need signatures or something of the like I would be glad to get some. I know enough people who would be excited about a dog park in Cloquet.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Poitra', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Poitra

Certified Dog Groomer & Trainer



Mr. Caleb Peterson
City of Cloquet
1307 Cloquet Ave.
Cloquet, MN 55720

Caleb,

For the past number of years, the Cloquet volunteer committee has been organizing the Cloquet 4th of July Celebration to honor the Nations Independence Day. This event is open to the residents of Cloquet and the surrounding communities, with an estimated attendance in the thousands. The goal of the committee is to produce a fun eventful day for families with free activities for children and adults. All expenses for producing this experience comes from donations by local businesses and residents.

With this in mind, we are requesting a waiver for the rental use of Veterans Park. This year July 4th falls on a Tuesday. Our preliminary schedule would have set-up on Monday afternoon/evening. A full agenda of programming will be on the 4th. Clean-up and tear down should be completed by mid-morning on Wednesday, July 5th.

There are 4th of July activities taking place at Pinehurst Park, the west side of Dunlap Island as well as the parade on Cloquet Avenue.

Community Education has been contacted with the park reservation request.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call. Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barb Wyman
John Badger