

**CLOQUET PARKS COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**City Hall
Monday, June 5, 2017 4:30 p.m.**

ACTION TAKEN

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Approval of Minutes.**

 - a. May 1, 2017, Regular Commission Meeting.
(Additions, deletions, or corrections)
3. **Announcements, Agenda Adjustments, Correspondence, and Other Comments.**
4. **Information and Reports.**

 - a. Community Ed Report –Ruth
 - b. City Staff Report – Les/Caleb
 - 2017 Riverfront Improvements.
 - Skatepark Update.
 - Veterans Park.
 - July CIP Discussion.
 - Maintenance Activities.
 - c. Commissioners Update/Other.
 - United Way – Born Learning Trail.
 - Pinehurst Food Truck Request.
5. **Action Items.**

 - a. Potlatch Land Acquisition
6. **Future Items.**
 - Next Meeting (**Monday, July 3, 2017??** – City Hall)
7. **Adjourn.**

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission May 1, 2017 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: Fryc, Martinson, Krohn, Urbanski, Badger.
Absent: Wyman, Krick.
Staff: C. Peterson, L. Peterson.
Others: J. Rock, R. Reeves, N. Nemmers.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular meeting were presented and approved.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

- Pinhurst Clean-up with free hot dog lunch May 6th.
- Men's 3 on 3 Basketball to start at Sunnyside.
- A review of the recent Lumber Log publication was presented.

CITY STAFF REPORT

- A status update on 2017 Capital Projects was presented. Those covered include:
 - 2017 Riverfront Improvements.
 - Skatepark.
 - Veterans Park.
 - Pine Valley Bike Trail.
- A large group was addressed the Commission regarding adding a dog park to the Cloquet System. Benefits addressed included the following:
 - Duluth has two dog parks which are heavily used (170 patrons in one day).
 - Appeal for all ages and backgrounds.
 - Low costs/infrastructure needs with grant opportunities available.
 - Community gatherings places benefit people as much as the dogs.
 - Great place for socialization.
 - Commissioner Martinson stated that no plan was in place at this time but he felt dog parks add great value for minimal cost. He encouraged advocates to contact him outside of the meeting for more information.
 - Commissioner Krohn inquired about how to handle small vs large dogs and about any liability issues.
 - Advocates stated that many parks will separate small and large dogs but the off-leash neutral territory helps with any territory or aggression issues.
 - Duluth has noted very few issues but has a rule that the owner is responsible for any damage caused by their dog.
 - Commissioner Urbanski encouraged the group to report back to the Commission with planned estimate of space needs. He stated that finding a suitable location may be a challenge.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

- Neil Nemmers and group of local pickle ball players addressed the Commission regarding a proposal to create designated courts at Wentworth Park.
 - A sketch plan was submitted showing 6 courts within the existing paved area.
 - The group has grown to approximately 25 members in the past year and plays thru the winter at the Armory.
 - Unsure if the existing pavement would require replacement; staff to review and provide feedback.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held June 5, 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



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REQUEST FOR ACTION

To: Park Commission
From: Caleb Peterson, Director of Public Works
Date: June 5, 2017

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Potlatch Timberlands Property.

Proposed Action

Staff recommends the Park Commission **MOVE TO AUTHORIZE DISTRUBUTION OF A LETTER REQUESTING DONATION OF PROPERTY OWEND BY POTLATCH TIMBERLANDS LOCATED ALONG THE ST. LOUIS RIVER.**

Background/Overview

The Commission has talked at length in recent meetings about the opportunity to acquire a series of parcels owned by Potlach with are located directly adjacent to the existing city trail system below the Chamber of Commerce. Staff is requesting the Commission review and provide comments on the attached letter of request for signature and distribution.

Policy Objectives

N/A.

Financial/Budget/Grant Considerations

N/A.

Supporting Documentation Attached

Draft Letter.



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June 5, 2017

Mr. Shawn Sunnarborg
Potlatch Corporation
105 Arch Street
Cloquet, MN 55720

RE: City of Cloquet Land Acquisition

Dear Mr. Sunnarborg:

In June of 2015 the City of Cloquet completed a holistic planning and schematic design process for publicly owned lands along the St. Louis River. The resulting Waterfront Master Plan guides the City's implementation process of a series of project phases along the entire Waterfront. Investments began in 2016 with improvements to Veterans Park including a granite memorial wall and construction of key pedestrian and bike access routes from the downtown area thru the Park and into the Riverfront. 2017 Improvements include completion of the pedestrian and bicycle connection to Dunlap Island along Broadway Avenue, improvements to Voyagers Park on the east side of Dunlap Island, and trail improvements along the north riverfront.

One of the considerations the Waterfront Plan addressed was land use and the opportunity to acquire additional properties as they come available. The City of Cloquet has previously reached out to Potlatch staff inquiring about the availability of series of parcels along the north riverfront which are owned by Potlatch. Currently this property serves as an informal extension of the existing City owned trail system to the North. The corridor is highly traveled by our local residents already and would ultimately provide northern loop to another City owned trail system located in the Cloquet Business Park. Attached to this letter please find an exhibit illustrating the parcels in question.

It is our understanding from past correspondence that Potlatch would be willing to consider the donation or sale of this property to the City of Cloquet. We, the Cloquet Park Commission, would like to formally request Potlatch consider a donation of this property to the city for park purposes. It is only through your generous donations of past properties along the riverfront that our Waterfront Master Plan is possible today. As you can see, the City is committed to development of a waterfront complex that benefits both local residents and visitors from across the region.

We appreciate your willingness to consider this request and would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss this proposal in greater detail. Any questions or comments can be directed to Caleb Peterson, Director of Public Works at (218)879-6758. Again, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

The City of Cloquet Park Commission
Michael Krick, Chair

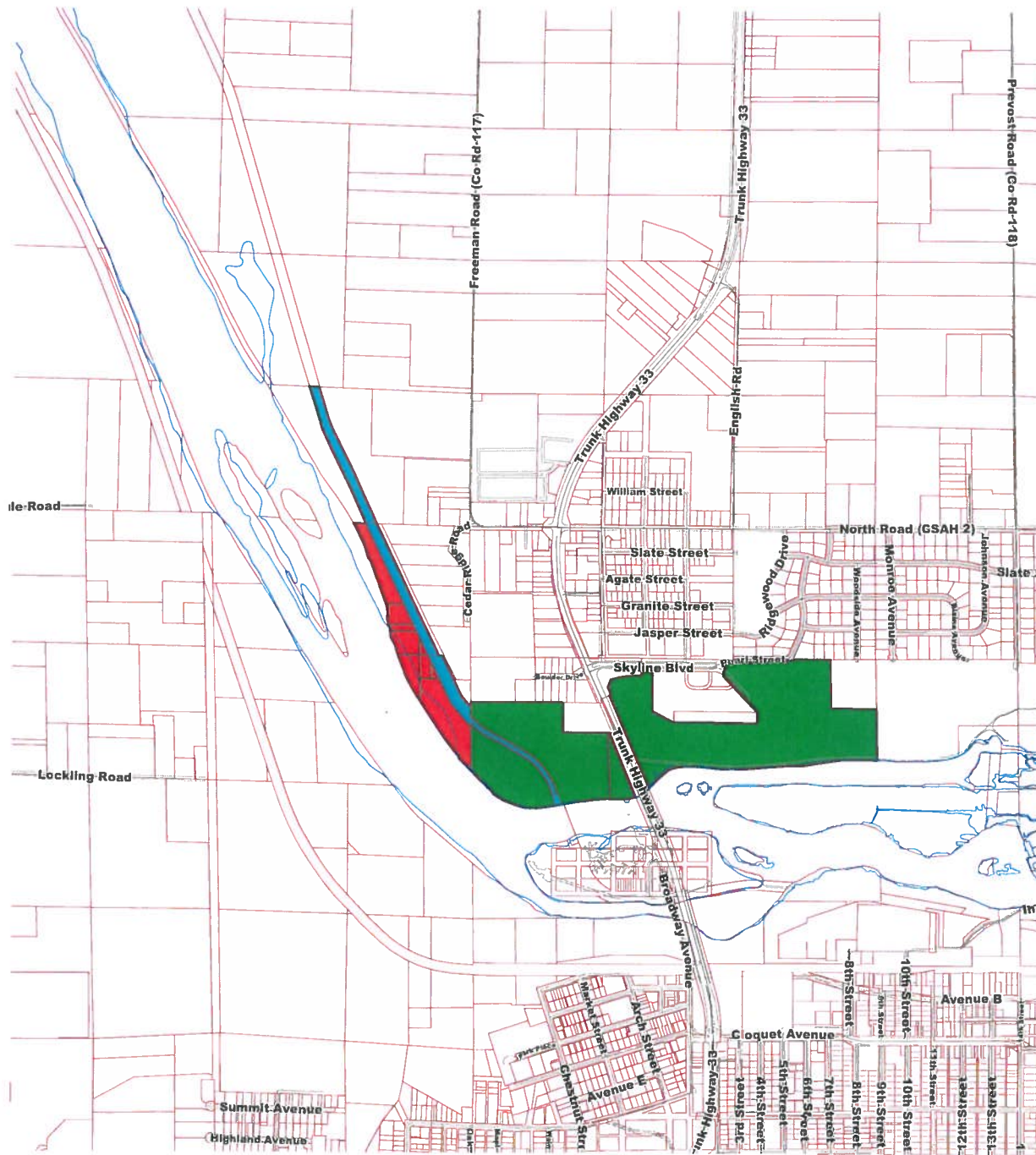
Enc. (1)

cc James Barclay
City Council

POTLATCH OWNED PARCELS



■ DNR TRAIL
 ■ CITY PARK
 ■ POTLATCH



Parcel ID	Township Range Section	Legal Description
06-315-0320	T49 R17 S15	THAT PART OF OUTLOT 1 IN GOVT LOT 2 LYING SW OF D & NE RR R/W
06-315-0330	T49 R17 S15	ALL OF OUTLOT 2 IN GOVT LOT 2 EX D & NE RR R/W
06-315-0340	T49 R17 S15	ALL OF OUTLOT 3 IN GOVT LOT 1
06-045-6720	City of Cloquet Original Plat	PART OF BLOCKS 115 116 131 133
06-315-0350	T49 R17 S15	THAT PART OF OUTLOT 4 IN GOVT LOT 1 LYING SW OF D & NE RR R/W
06-230-0620	T49 R17 S14	THAT PT OF GOVT LOT 3 LYING W OF HWY 33 EX BEG AT SE CORN OF LOT 12 ANDERSONS SUNNYSIDE ADDN SD PT BEING ON WLY R/W OF HWY 33 TH W ALG R/W 387.90 FT TO SW CORN OF LOT 10 ANDERSONS SUNNYSIDE ADDN TH SLY 300 FT TH E 495 FT M/L TO WLY R/W OF HWY 33 TH NWLY ALG R/W 320 FT M/L TO PT OF BEG
06-045-8430	City of Cloquet Original Plat	ALL THAT PT OF BLKS 131 & 133 WHICH LIE W OF R/W OF D & N RY