

Cloquet City Council Work Session

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

- Present:** D. Bjerkness, K. Kolodge, S. Langley, R. Maki, J. Rock, L. Wilkinson, Mayor Hallback
- Absent:** None
- Staff:** J. Barclay, N. Klassen, H. Butcher, C. Peterson
- Other:** Community Education Director Ruth Reeves; Parks Commission Members J. Badger, T. Krohn, A. Louhela, T. Urbanski, B. Wyman; SEH Representatives M. Kraemer, D. Hinzman, E. Freer; and Jamie Lund, Pine Journal

Community Education Update/Contract

- Community Education Director, Ruth Reeves, gave an overview of the programs offered to children, youth and adults. Youth is their core programming offering indoor and outdoor activities both on and offsite. Community Education's primary goals are partnerships which allow for more resources to be utilized.
- Mr. Fritsinger gave a quick history of the 30+ year relationship between the City and Cloquet ISD #94/Community Education. A major part of the agreement the Pinehurst Park Pool.
- The agreement is yearly with an increase of 1.5% in 2017 to meet inflationary needs. They also would like the City to share the cost of insurance for one Community Education full time employee.
- The Council had no questions or comments regarding the 2017 Agreement.

Joint Parks Commission / Dunlap Island Plan Development

- SEH has reached the 30% mark on plans for the project and would like feedback before they go further. They would like the Council to use this as an opportunity to ask questions or discuss concerns.
- Mr. Kraemer recapped the past few years of progress with a review of the master plan timeline. They are expecting the overall improvements to stay on schedule with bids in March, starting the work spring of 2017.
- This phase of the project focuses on Broadway Avenue and Dunlap Island with the main focus on the river. Discussion of the opportunities and constraints with this project and how to make it a destination area beyond festivals and events.
- SEH is working with MNDOT, the railroad, DNR and Army Corps of engineers on the different challenges. They are currently working with the railroad on pedestrian crossings.
- Overview of Dunlap Island Plan which includes a warming house/pavilion that could be used year round. Structure options discussed as well as heat sources. 3 playground options were also shared followed by discussion.
- The Council had no further direction for SEH and was asked to contact Caleb Peterson for any additional comments, suggestions or questions regarding the Broadway and Dunlap Island plans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Fritsinger
City Administrator