Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Regular Meeting

Mary Merrill Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Headquarters - Board Room
Minneapolis, MN 55411
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~ Minutes ~
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - 5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Olsen called the meeting to order.
Present:
President Tom Olsen
Vice President Kedar Deshpande
Commissioner District 6 Cathy Abene
Commissioner District 1 Dan Engelhart
Commissioner At Large Meg Forney
Commissioner At Large Amber A. Frederick
Commissioner District 4 Jason Garcia
Commissioner District 2 Charles Rucker
Absent with notification:
Commissioner District 5 Kay Carvajal Moran

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II.1. Approval of Agenda

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Garcia, Jason

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay				X	
Abene, Cathy	X				

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III.2. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2026

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Forney, Meg

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay				X	
Abene, Cathy	X				

IV. CLOSED SESSION

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VI. REPORTS OF APPOINTEES TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES

VII. 5:30 p.m. OPEN TIME

VIII. Public Hearing

IX. CONSENT BUSINESS

IX.3. RESOLUTION APPROVING A MORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TEMPLATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2026 FLOATING HOLIDAY DEVELOPED THROUGH COALITION BARGAINNING WITH LABOR REPRESENTATIVES

Resolution 2026-125 was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under separate motion.

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Olsen, Tom

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay				X	
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.A. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

IX.B. Planning Committee

IX.B.4. RESOLUTION APPROVING A LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE ANIMAL HUMANE SOCIETY REGARDING PROPERTY AT THEODORE WIRTH REGIONAL PARK TO BETTER ALIGN PROPERTY FOR USABLE PARKLAND

Resolution 2026-117 approved on a roll call vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Garcia, Jason
Second by: Frederick, Amber A.

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay				X	
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.C. Administration and Finance Committee

IX.C.5. Motoin to Amend RESOLUTION APPROVING 2027-2030 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS AND ADOPTING PRIORITY STRATEGIES FROM PARKS FOR ALL, MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2021-2036 FOR THE SAME FOUR-YEAR TIME PERIOD

Motion to amend as included in the agenda background document and placed on file "Proposed Amendment to 7-1-26 Resolution 2026-113 Submitted by Commissioner Deshpande"

Amendment to Resolution 2026-113 approved on a voice vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Deshpande, Kedar
Second by: Abene, Cathy

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				

Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay				X	
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.C.5.1. RESOLUTION APPROVING 2027-2030 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS AND ADOPTING PRIORITY STRATEGIES FROM PARKS FOR ALL, MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2021-2036 FOR THE SAME FOUR-YEAR TIME PERIOD

Resolution 2026-113 approved as amended on a voice vote.

VOTING

Motion by: Forney, Meg
Second by: Olsen, Tom

COMMISSIONERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Olsen, Tom	X				
Deshpande, Kedar	X				
Forney, Meg	X				
Frederick, Amber A.	X				
Engelhart, Dan	X				
Rucker, Charles	X				
Garcia, Jason	X				
Carvajal Moran, Kay				X	
Abene, Cathy	X				

IX.D. Recreation Committee

IX.E. Operations and Environment Committee

IX.F. Legislative and Inter-Governmental Committee

X. Standards and Conduct Committee

XI. Employee Relations Committee

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XIV.6. 2026 MPRB REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES OVERVIEW

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,