

**Recreational Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Tuesday July 15th 2014**

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari (C), Larry Knutson, Lonnie Neuner, Katherine Warren, Hank Ludtke, Ben Grimsley, Del Bergseth, Dennis Hopman

Staff Present: Martin Wiley, Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Jeff Staley, Michael Neusser, Patrick Hollister

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:
 - April Meeting Minutes approved (Ludtke motion, Neuner 2nd, motion passed)
 - July Agenda approved (Bergseth motion, Hopman 2nd, motion passed)
2. Open Forum: No Speakers
3. National Park Service: Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Staff provided explanation of program for discussion. Were there projects that the program might provide help with? Tight deadline (August 1st). Michael Neusser (White Earth Nation) who had provided the program information to staff discussed his interest in Mt. View, trails planning. There was discussion about how the NPS might help with a County wide master trails plan or should the effort be more focused (Mulari)?

Discussion centered on the legacy funding request and planning efforts associated with developing trail connections between Mt. View, Detroit Mt., Dunton Locks, Detroit Lakes and the Heartland Trail. There was general consensus among RAC members that a master planning effort could help further develop trail connections between the recreation areas, Heartland Trail and the Detroit Lakes area. The RAC recommended to County Board that the NPS program be applied for with a focus on developing a master trails plan for creating connections between Detroit Mt., Mt. View, Dunton Locks, Detroit Lakes and the Heartland Trail.

4. Park and Trail Legacy Grant Application for discussion

Staff noted that in April this issue was on the RAC agenda in which a preliminary project scope was being discussed and refined by the master planning trails group (representatives from DMRA, Detroit Lakes and the County). There have been additional meetings, internal discussions amongst staff and conversations with DNR staff to continue to refine project scope for the two recreation areas and related trail connections. The attachment provided to RAC members entitled *Mt. View Recreation Area Park Improvement Options and Connecting Trail Options to Link with Detroit Mt. Recreation Area and the Heartland Trail (7-9-2014 Draft)* was discussed by staff. Staff detailed park improvement options and associated costs that would be requested as part of Legacy grant application:

- Paved parking lot and driveway;
- Restroom Facility
- Informational Kiosk, park map, park entrance signage, general park trail signage
- Mt. Bike/Single Track Trail (approx.. 3 miles of trail redevelopment and 1 mile of new trail development)

RAC members deliberated on these different options and per discussion added some additional options to the list

- Shelter/picnic area
- Paved trail loop option connection providing for ADA accessibility from parking area to shelter/picnic area.
- Water via hand pump
- Flood lights for parking lot

RAC recommended that Staff add these items to the list and determine costs associated with these items and add to park improvements cost estimate.

A phase 1 option seeking to construct a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile trail connection between Mt. View and Detroit Mt. was also discussed. The trail includes a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile braided trail (paved and natural surface for mt. bikes) connecting Detroit Mt. to Tower Rd. and a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile trail along Tower Rd. to Mt. View.

Per the park and trails options discussion, RAC recommended that the County move forward with requesting park improvements to Mt. View (plus recommended additions) and the trail connecting Detroit Mt. and Mt. View as part of the Legacy application.

5. Meeting Adjourned.