

**Recreational Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 22, 2015**

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

**Staff Present:** Guy Fischer, Erik Evenson

**Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:** Willis Mattison, Neil Powers, Aliza Hagan, Matt Davis

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:
    - November Meeting Minutes approved; Ludtke motion, Hopman 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion carried
    - December Agenda approved; Ludtke motion, Hopman 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried
  2. Open Forum: - None
  3. RAC Viewing/Discussion of “Public Participation and Collaboration in Outdoor Recreation Webinar”:
    - Comments from viewing webinar:
      - i. RAC charge: engage public, bring public concerns into planning process, bring forward to public Board.
      - ii. Keep Bd. informed - process is important (Knutson)
        - Issues discussion regarding Dunton Locks (as a prep to beginning process discussions with Center for Rural Design) :
          - What are the issues at Dunton Locks? (Bergseth); Existing conditions?(Warren); Develop an Asset map to start conversation (Mattison); ID opportunities/issues – assessment
          - Use Survey, Tally, anecdotal, other users who may want to be able to use (We Fest) (Powers/Hagan)
          - Invasive species (Buckthorn) – biological soil and water (DNR)
        - Per discussion of survey/approach to survey - What do you like best/value about DL Park? Trails, walking trails, biking trails, picnicking, accessibility (ADA), quality of natural habitat, bird watching, ccx skiing, quiet spaces. What do you like least (good/bad)
        - Project Timeline: Project Time Frame: Start Date - 1/11/2016; End Date - 3/25/2016 (Center for Rural Design can only commit to this time frame per internal restructuring of department within the Univ. of MN.
    - iii. Some discussion about project time frame vs. outreach and availability of residents/other users as many folks leave in winter and don't come back until spring. Something to discuss with Center for Rural Design.
    - iv. Staff to work with CRD to develop contract to get project rolling. Will let RAC members/other stakeholders know about next planned meeting per coordinating with CRD and NPS.
4. Meeting Adjourned.