Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those present:
- Sharon Omquist, Secretary
- Charlene Whitbred Hemmingson
- Cindy Domeier

Also present:
- Bruce Zenner—Council Liaison
- Rachel Ortmeier—Potential Commission Member

Those excused:
- Andy Cison, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Domeier, second by Whitbred Hemmingson to approve the December 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK UPDATE: Presented by Council Liaison Zenner

A. Veterans Memorial Park Improvement—The Public Works Department is slowly working on preliminary plans for Veterans Park; working with the Legion and a Consultant. Project is proposed to be completed in 2021 in celebration of the Legion’s 100th Anniversary.

The Commission questioned if the Consultant and Legion will be meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission with regards to the preliminary design. Being this is a City Park; the Commission wishes to be involved in the planning process as well as the opportunity to seek ideas from the residents.

B. Whitbred Park Improvement—The City Council has proposed that the street reconstruction project for Anderson Addition be moved to the year 2021. The Council has requested preliminary numbers from the City Engineer to determine if this project will be done in phases (over several years). As part of this project, the City will be looking to purchase property from the school district and improving Whitbred Park.

C. Warming House/Ice Rinks—The warming house is open. There is no pleasure rink this year due to the construction of the water treatment facility. The hockey rink has been flooded. Public Works Department has attempted to create a rink at Axelrod Park, unfortunately the weather has not been cooperative.
AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Commission Vacancy
   - The Commission welcomed Rachel Ortmeier who is interested in joining the Commission
   - The Commission suggested posting the need for commission members on facebook and city webpage.

B. Glow in the Dark Sledding Event—This event will be rescheduled whenever weather permits.

C. 5K Fun Run—A short discussion was had as to when the 5K Fun Run should be held.

   The Commission has tabled this item for February meeting to decide if the event should be held: 1) During Heritage Days on Saturday morning, 2) As part of the St. Paul Park Athletic Association Family Fun Day, or 3) The morning of the Art & Garden Event.

D. Winterfest—This event has been cancelled this year.

E. Art & Garden Event—This event will be held Saturday, May 30th. Need to reserve Community Room and reach out to vendors.

F. Bunco Nights—First Bunco Night is set for Friday, January 17th. Need to solicit prizes.

OPEN DISCUSSION:
   A. None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting—February 13, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted January 13, 2020 by Commission Secretary Ornquist

Important Dates:
   • January 17   Bunco Night
   • February 21  Bunco Night
   • March 20     Bunco Night
   • May 30       Art & Garden Event

Agenda Items:
   • February
     o Adopt a Park Kick Off Event
     o Finalize Bunco Night
     o Discuss 5K Fun Run
• March
  o Finalize Bunco Night
• May
  o Finalize Art & Garden Event
• June
  o Discuss Budget for 2021
• August
  o Discuss Holiday Lights Contest Bus Tour