

INVEST IN WILLMAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Invest in Willmar Board met at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in Conference Room No. 1 at the Willmar City Office Building

Members present were: Mary Sawatzky, Audrey Nelsen, and Denis Anderson.

Also present were: Mayor Marv Calvin, City Administrator Ike Holland, Finance Director Steve Okins, Park and Recreation Director Rob Baumgarn, Administrative Assistant Janell Sommers and Rachel Skretvedt.

Vice Chair Sawatzky opened the meeting with a recap of subcommittee meetings. To date the Events Center has met and elected Matt Dawson as Chair and Gretchen Otness as Vice Chair/Secretary. Their next meeting date is April 17th at the Civic Center from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. They plan to meet the third Wednesday of the month. They will be researching communities that have added event center facilities to tour.

The Swansson Field committee met on March 21st. The Chair is Mary Sawatzky and Vice Chair/Secretary Rick Maursetter. Their next meeting is April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Building of MnWest Campus.

Rachel Skretvedt gave a brief report for the Robbins Island committee. They met on March 25th electing Rachel as Chair and James Miller as Vice Chair/Secretary. They reviewed the work that was completed last year on the Robbins Island Task Force and Concept A which was selected by the City Council. They plan to meet the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. with the location to be determined. The next meeting is April 15th at Rosita's. Public Works Director Christensen will be invited to the next meeting to give the committee direction on next steps on working out a bid for upcoming projects.

Vice Chair Sawatzky mentioned she thought the Stormwater committee met last week. No further information was available at this time and no information from the Athletic Fields committee to date. The Community Center is planning to have their first meeting on April 10th at 10 a.m.

It was the consensus of the members that a councilmember should not chair a subcommittee. The Board discussed the future process by which subcommittees report to them whether it be on a rotational basis or as needed. The need for this process to be structured was emphasized and the decision made as to how much detail needs to come to this group. Parameters need to be set so the group can decide what projects can move forward and which ones get funded first. Need a “who, what, where, when and why” process.

A brief discussion was held as to who was going to the capital tomorrow to appear before the Senate for the local option sales tax presentation. Those attending will be Mary Sawatzky, Matt Dawson, Audrey Nelsen and Steve Okins.

The next meeting date was set for April 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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