PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday January 18, 2010
Recreation Department

Present: Alderpersons Sonny Swangstu, Rollie Odland, Carl Chenoweth and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch
Absent: Paul Lawrence
Guests:

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Swangstu at 6:04 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2009
Motion by Swangstu, seconded by Odland, to approve the minutes from December 21, 2009. Motion passed 2-0 (without quorum).

3. Communications
None

4. Community Garden at United Methodist Church
Lynch presented contract suggestions from the UMC for the operation of a community garden at their facility. Chenoweth wanted to see evidence of community interest and more involvement of outside groups or the UMC in the operation plan.

Staff directed to bring back a list of possible users and details on how it would be managed.

5. Pedestrian Bridge Project Discussion
Lynch covered the details of a pedestrian bridge crossing the Yahara River from the school bus garage area to 8th Street. This bridge is part of a trail system along the southern portion of the city, extending from east to west. Funding for the bridge would have to come from a combination of local gifts and a successful application for Stewardship Grant funds.

Motion by Chenoweth, seconded by Odland, to direct staff to proceed with the grant application for the pedestrian bridge project as noted in the 2007 Parks and Open Space Plan. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Future Agenda Items
Community Garden at United Methodist Church
Sport Group Contracts

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 by Odland, seconded by Chenoweth. Motion passed 3-0.