

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 16, 2014  
5:37 P.M.**

Member Sprague made a motion seconded by Member Brindle to reconvene the work session as an open meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Elect Stewart was also in attendance. Member Elect Staunton entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Staff attending the meeting included: Lindy Crawford, City Management Fellow; Susan Faus, Assistant Park Director; Ann Kattreh, Park Director; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangan, City Clerk; and Scott Neal, City Manager. Also in attendance were the City's consultants on the Park Master Plan: Terry Miniarik of Confluence and Jeff Branch and Nick Deardorf of Pros Consulting.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION WORK PLANS FOR 2015**

Assistant Manager Kurt presented the 2015 Board and Commission Work Plans. The Council and staff reviewed the updated 2015 Work Plans. The Council offered suggestions and direction on some of the plans. Staff will incorporate the Council's direction and transmit the plans to the Boards and Commissions. It was noted that approved work plan items are able to be added to the Council's agenda for action. However, item not on the work plan and/or not directed by the Council will not be placed on an agenda, but may be communicated using an advisory communication to determine in the Council would be interested in pursuing the item on a future agenda.

**PARK STRATEGIC PLAN INPUT**

Terry Miniarik, Jeff Branch and Nick Deardorf reviewed the citizen engagement process followed to date with the Park Strategic Plan. They noted they toured the City's Park facilities and held focus groups. The gentlemen related the questions asked along with discussion items during the focus groups held to date and outlined what was planned for the future. Discussion items included: believed strengths and challenges of Edina's park system, operational efficiencies, diversity of park types, role of community parks vs. neighborhood parks, multi modal elements of the system, connectivity and trails, age groups engaged, programing that was desired, active and passive parks, status of existing park buildings, accessibility of buildings, trails and equipment and maintenance of existing facilities. The Council indicated its desire that the strategic plan would reflect a framework for future decision making that would guide the city for 20-30 years.

There being no further business, Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Mangan, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, December 16, 2014

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James B. Hovland, Mayor