

Avian Committee Minutes

Monday, November 26, 2018, 5:00 pm

City Hall Conference Room A

Members: Chairperson Selena Proska, Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Nancy Swanson, Jill Rodriguez

1. Call to Order

Chair Proska called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. Roll Call: Present: Selena Proska, Jill Rodriguez, Sarah McConnell, and Beverly Leonard
Nancy Swanson, excused

Guests: Dave Nord, City Administrator; Carol Zimmerman, volunteer

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve by Proska, Second by Rodriguez, No discussion

Motion Carried. Vote: Yes 3, No 0, abstain 0

4. Comments from the public – Carol Zimmermann, 61 Lakeview

Report from the working group on Avian Education (Report provided)

Notes: World Migratory Bird Day Celebration set for May 7, 9:00 am to noon – student projects from St. Francis de Sales 5th grade (see notes). Opportunity for engaging strategic partners as judges for the student projects.

5. Tourism Grant

Jill Rodriguez presented draft – has been working Tammy from the tourism committee. Overview: Planning event for Tuesday nights (2 or 3 times) and demonstrations Wednesday morning (perhaps more frequently).

Ask for money for marketing, must be matching funds. 50% match

Examples: Ad “At the Lake”, posters and brochures, cards for businesses and hotels. May be able to market Swift Night Out as well.

6. Discussion and action on Avian Education

Sarah McConnell presented update. Local Audubon contacted for speakers for Unit 1, Art teacher contacted for Unit 3 – elementary teacher. Explained mission of speakers: Unit 1 on bird identification; Unit 3 speaker on creative story-telling about birds. Note range of creative projects encouraged for World Migratory Bird Day.

7. Discussion on adding Purple Martin House on Wrigley Drive

Beverly Leonard is working on this. Will be delaying the request for donations for a few weeks.

Question on the status of the houses (not down yet). Beverly Leonard will contact Neil from the Street Department

8. Discussion of Bird City Application

Motion to suspend the rules to allow Zimmermann to provide due dates. Motion by Proska, Second by Leonard, Motion Carried. Vote: Yes 3, No 0, abstain 0

Due January 31. Swanson out ill today; place on the agenda for December.

9. Recommendation on future agenda items

Motion to move December meeting to **December 17 (Monday), at 5:00 pm**

Motion by McConnell, second by Leonard. Motion Carried. Vote: Yes 3, No 0, abstain 0

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Agenda Items for December 17

Bird City Application

Status report from Avian Education Pilot working group

Budget – review allocation and priorities from strategic plan

- Priorities - funds for signage (McConnell will have price), match for tourism grant, and gourd additions

10. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn 5:55 pm by Rodriguez, second by McConnell, Vote: Yes 3, No 0 , abstain 0

These minutes are not official until approved by the Avian Committee.