

**WILLMAR COMMUNITY ED & REC
JOINT POWERS BOARD
DECEMBER 2, 2016**

Members Present: Dave Baumgart, Bill Borth, Matt Dawson, Scott Guptill, Allen Huselid, Tim Johnson, Audrey Nelsen, Pablo Obregon, Darin Strand

Staff Present: Steve Brisendine, Rob Baumgarn, Ryan Harper, Tom Moore, Pam Rudningen, Becky Sorenson, Pam Vruwink

Guest Present: Darlene Schroeder

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darin Strand. Darin asked for introductions and

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Steve Brisendine informed the Board that the City received a \$606,000 grant for Robbins Island upgrades and that the City needs to supply \$250,000 matching funds to access this grant. Where does this money come from? This question will need to be asked/answered if the legislature funds the legacy grants in the upcoming session.

Bill Borth stated he had heard that the Local Option Sales Tax would have passed if a community center had been included. Audrey Nelsen said she had heard that people felt too much stuff was included in the local option sales tax proposal that should have been done by the City and that not enough new stuff was included.

Matt Dawson asked that the City Council consider staff and public time that was put into the Rice Park project plans. Matt wants to make sure that the committee feels that their time and efforts

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The projects to be done at Robbins Island will be done during 2017-2019 and include a shelter/beach restroom/change area and meeting space, rental office (paddleboards, etc), and an interpretive walkway along Willmar Lake. Casey Hagert was instrumental in submitting the grant application; he did a good job.

Robbins Island Destination Playground: Rachel Skretvedt was not present to give an update so Darin Strand informed the Board that the City crews are working on some of the dirt work and drainage. The group is still out fundraising and selling pickets at \$75 each. May is the scheduled build date.

The group is meeting with members of the Bremer Foundation. Audrey Nelson stated that the group was at the Public Works meeting and presented a new drawing.

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Darin Strand thanked Tim Johnson for his years of service as a City Council member and a Joint Powers Board member.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be January 27, 2017.