

**CER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2013**

**Members Present:** Matt Dawson, Patti Johnson, Tim Johnson, Mike Miller, Pablo Obregon, Bonnie Pehrson, Lynn Peterson, Darin Strand, Liz VanDerBill

**Guests Present:** Dave Baker, Bill Borth, Damon Jongbloed and James Miller, and Matt Johnson and Don Winckler from Mid Minnesota Development

**Staff Present:** Steve Brisendine, Rob Baumgarn, Brad Bonk, Tammy Rudningen, Becky Sorenson, Jena Tollefson

In the absence of Chairman Eric Banks, Steve Brisendine called the meeting to order, asking everyone to introduce themselves. Steve then asked Dave Baker to address the Board. Mr. Baker presented information to the Board of proposed activities at Robbins Island during Willmar Fest. Last year was the first year that there was sale of alcoholic beverages at the Island. Mr. Baker would like to serve alcoholic beverages again during this year's Willmar Fest activities and is requesting the Board's approval. After some discussion, Patti Johnson made a motion supporting the liquor license request for Robbins Island Willmar Fest activities. Lynn Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve asked new members to introduce themselves to the Board. Pablo Obregon said he has recently started working with PACT For Families with troubled Latino youths. He is happy to be serving on the Board. Matt Dawson spoke a bit about himself. Bill Borth has not yet been appointed to the Board that should take place at the April School Board meeting.

Matt Johnson and Don Winckler from Mid Minnesota Development Commission have been asked to develop a park plan. They presented their proposed plan outline/timeline. Mr. Johnson expects the process of creating a park plan to take five or six months. The first phase of the plan will be to introduce the project to the community/staff and to create the purpose, content, overview and vision statement for the project. Phase 2 will be to create a community profile of the parks, the park features and map of parks and then to examine existing park policies. Phase 3 of the plan involves holding a public open house, asking for input from the community regarding park needs, what infrastructure needs are and finalize new policy recommendations. Phase 4 will create a 5-year capital improvement plan, medium & long term plans and potential funding sources for the projects. The amount of \$9,000 has been budgeted to create this plan.

Steve asked Mike Miller to speak about the National Mixed Curling Tournament happening at the Civic Center. Mr. Miller reported that things are going really well. All the curling teams have expressed approval and pleasure at the quality of the facility, especially the ice condition. The community has rallied behind this activity and the whole experience has been a very positive event.

Steve asked Tammy Rudningen to talk about the new logo the marketing committee has been working on. Tammy showed pictures of the new logo, both in color and in black and white. The Board expressed their approval of the new logo.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be April 26.