Como Woods Outdoor Classroom Advisory committee

MINUTES

Monday, September 27, 2010

1. **Como Park Transportation planning-**Thanks to Sally who is active on this committee, there are the recommendations as presented in early October that impact the CWOC area. If you would like to see a printed copy of the report you can contact Sally at sallyworku@hotmail.com or go to the web link below.

To the south of woodlands from Horton to Jessamine and from Hamline to

Lexington

-Figure 4.1 shows NEW configurations for the areas of Como

Park..new ones from those in photo 28 of the 1984 Como Park Plan available on comopark.us no discussion in PAC or in report given to explain these revisions to 1984 plan)

 - All of the area north of the central maintenance facility is now

cast in grey to Horton indicating the whole area is central maintenance.

 -The currently wooded portion was in the 1984 plan wrapped

together with the wooded are of the current CWOC. An open space area east of the former pools is now wrapped into a pools area that extends further west to the edges of the woodlands and north to Horton.

-The parking configuration associated with the aquatics

facility plan is shown on the map of recommendations but not mentioned in the phased time line for the transportation implementation plan.

-A new trail connection to Horton following near the existing road to former pool lot is shown $ 100,000 yr 2-4 (This was not shown on the approved aquatics facility plan)

- a shuttle/circulator stop will be built at Como Aquatic facility $5,000(yr2-4)

-bike/pedestrian path from McMurray fields to Horton $200,000 yr 5-10

-Como Ave./Wynne Ave realignment, Como Pool to Beulah $800,000 yr 5-10

-Jessamine Ave. realignment, two way traffic , and angled parking $1.5

Million yr 10-20

-Como Ave/Wynne realignment Beulah to Hamline $500,000 yr 10-20

No roundabouts by Kilmer Fireplace on Como or Beulah are mentioned or shown on map. Como remains open and allows turn to Beulah

To the north of woodlands recommendations likely to impact the woodlands are:

-Roundabout at intersect of Midway and Horton which will require significant

re-landscaping due to hills and curves. - Just east of it will be a pedestrian

crossing-additional parking spaces in group picnic pavilion lot-turnaround and driveway closure at group picnic pavilion (These 4 lines together) $800,000 yr 2-4

-transit shelter located on north and south side of former Beulah Hortonintersection and elsewhere in park $25,000 yr 2-4

Here is the link to the District 10 website on upcoming meeting regarding the transportation plan:

<http://www.district10comopark.org/como_tip_october_2010_timelines_action_item_and_board_community_vote.html>

Here is the St. Paul website to see the current recommendations:

<http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=3556>

**2. School Forest update-**

Kelley drafted a flyer to be distributed to teachers and posted on website.

ACTION-Teri send to CWOC committee members for comment, Kelley will edit, Teri will distribute to teachers via email, and get it posted on website.

**3.Joyce Kilmer Memorial Fireplace and Poet-Tree workshops**

See attached report from Deb

**4. Recent and upcoming events in the woodland or related to the woodland?**

Deb will attend the 10/13 meeting with LCCMR education project grantees along with Bryan from SPPR. Kelley will to get any indication back from SPPR prior to that meeting as to any anticipated progress on fireplace.

10/19-District 10 will have their annual election meeting which CWOC has had a display at in the past. Decided to write up a brief summary of the year’s activities for Mike McDonald to report. ACTION-Teri

**5**. **Website additions-**Covell article.

**6**. **Grant opps/ fiscal agenda—**Forest Service-More Kids in the Woods is a potential. Discussion about who the fiscal agent will be--likely possibilities are MAEE or St. Paul Park and Rec if that is possible. Will not have details until RFP comes out-likely Oct. or Nov. Teri will track.

**7. Additions:**

Education kits donated to CWOC by the Forest Service.

ACTION-Teri draft a letter from CWOC committee indicated the education boxes are on long-term loan to SPPR.

**Next meeting Monday, October 25**

Future meeting dates-to be at Como Street Car Station unless otherwise notified

11/22

12/27

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