

City of Whitewater
Indian Mounds Park Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2010 - 5:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Matt Amundson at 5:06 pm.

Present: Jen Kaina, Mariann Scott, Carol Christ, Shelia Kindwall
City Staff: Matt Amundson

The minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved with a motion from Christ, seconded by Kindwall.

Discussion centered around the discussion from the Parks and Recreation Board's discussion from last evening on whether the signage should so heavily recognize the Ho-Chunk. Amundson shared an email from Dr. Kira Kaufman of UW-Milwaukee. It was discussed that the Ho-Chunk is the designated caretaker of the mounds in Wisconsin and that other tribes recognize this.

It was suggested that the sign be revised to state "This area is an ancient burial and religious site of native Americans" and not specifically recognize the Ho-Chunk.

It was also determined to remove "to" and replace it with a "-" between Sunrise – Sunset.

The group also discussed removing the word "Please" from the second and third statements on the sign.

Amundson will follow up with Jay Toth from the Ho-Chunk to discuss the potential changes to the sign. Matt will email the group with changes prior to going to Council.

The shed will need to be reviewed, concerns regarding volunteer use of mowing equipment will delay

Discussed details of the Make a difference day event

The McFarland policy was reviewed, discussion focused on whether there are other priorities at this time for the group to focus on and come back to the policy in the future.

Scott shared a conversation she had with John Broihahn about getting the site surveyed. The state archeologist will mark the edge of the mounds, however, a professional surveyor will need to be present to complete the survey. This will identify those private properties eligible for a tax credit and assist in defining any property issues we have in regards to the mounds. The city would be responsible for the cost of the professional surveyor. Send to John

Future Agenda Items

- Education, involving local schools
- Restoration & Preservation – action plan for grant
 Jay Toth, Kira Kaufman, Einstein, property owners
- Signage at park – No Dogs

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.