

**CITY OF HANOVER**  
**PARK BOARD**  
**April 26, 2011**  
**Approved**

MELISSA THOMPSON - CHAIR  
LISA MCGUNNGLE – VICE-CHAIR  
ABBY PETERSON

TOM GLEASON  
ANDREW STARNER  
LIAISON – WENDY PINOR

Chair Thompson called the regular Park Board meeting of April 26, 2011, to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were members Thompson, McGunnigle, Gleason, and Peterson. Also present was Liaison Pinor. Absent: Starner and Deputy Clerk Barker. Guests present included, but may not have been limited to: none.

**Call to Order**

Thompson introduced the agenda. Item that was requested to be removed from the agenda: Spring Parks Walk Through

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Thompson, seconded by Peterson, to approve the meeting agenda of April 26, 2011 as amended.

Voting aye: Thompson, Peterson, Gleason, and McGunnigle.  
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Thompson introduced the minutes. Gleason noted corrections to the minutes. He said he was assigned Dairy Queen and Tom Thumb for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thompson stated that she did not say the last line in the paragraph under Open Forum, "Thompson will check to see if and or when the City Hall and Settler's Park is available."

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Gleason, seconded by Peterson, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011, regular meeting as amended.

Voting aye: Gleason, Peterson, McGunnigle, and Thompson.  
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

**Open Forum**

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No citizens present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**Easter Egg Hunt (report)**

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Thompson introduced the agenda item. She reported the event was successful and that there were a lot of compliments. Peterson stated Thompson did a very good job organizing the event.

An idea for next year was not to have the time slots down on the flyers. Peterson said there was a little confusion when the children came into city hall to return the eggs. She said an idea for next year would be to have the Easter Bunny outside at the beginning, then inside City Hall to have pictures taken, and possibly hand out candy.

Thompson said overall the event went well. She expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers.

**Brainstorming Worksheet**

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Thompson introduced the agenda item. Thompson reviewed the following questions that were listed under each issue from the worksheet with the Park Board members:

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What needs to be done? What is the outcome you want to achieve?

How will you measure your degree of success towards accomplishing this goal?

Who are the groups or people with the primary responsibility for leading and managing this effort?

What is the overall timeframe for this effort?

What are the steps and benchmarks that should be developed to keep this project on track?

What, if any, significant barriers or challenges do you anticipate?

What types of resources and investments are required for this goal to be achieved?

What, if any, changes to policies/processes will need to be made to successfully accomplish the goal?

Thompson read the issues:

Issue 1: How does the City assist in the expansion of new and existing businesses?  
How do we incent "intelligent development?"

Some responses:

- tax breaks/incentives
- need a unique business that people will say "The only place where you can go is Hanover."
- need to find someone willing to open a business (not a franchise)

Issue 2: County Road 19 Corridor Appeal and Beautification – Addressing Blight

- greeting signs at each entrance into Hanover
- Maverick's proposed water tower would bring appeal
- planters along CR 19

Issue 3: How do we facilitate bringing new retail businesses to downtown Hanover?

- tax breaks
- create a committee to recruit businesses
- involve the existing businesses to help recruit other prospective businesses
- create a downtown aesthetics - examples: town square, clock tower, benches

Issue 4: Second River Crossing in Hanover

- Future Highway 610 connecting to State Highway 55 via CR 44
- CR 115

Issue 5: Park and Trail Planning – Connecting the Community

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Pinor recapped the three trail projects.

- Wright County 19 Trail (2011)
- Hennepin County Road 19 Trail (2013)
- Beebe Lake Regional Trail (Hanover portion 2014)

Thompson felt once the trails were connected; the connectivity would possibly attract more businesses.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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No New Business

**Reports & Announcements**

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**Park Board Reports**

**Thompson**

- Reported that the Park Board has been asked to attend two additional joint meetings with the Planning Commission meetings regarding the Park Dedication Study. Pinor noted it was about interconnectivity to the parks in the developments in the new areas.

**McGunnigle**

- Stated that Thompson did a really good job with the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Peterson**

- Thanked Thompson for her hard work on the Easter Egg Hunt. She said she was amazed by the attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and that overflow parking went into the Hanover Athletic Association's parking area.

**Gleason**

- Reported that his daughter would like to do a talent show/contest. Peterson inquired if she would like to do the activity for the Hanover Harvest Festival. Gleason said his daughter should attend the Hanover Harvest Festival meeting. Peterson said the meetings are the third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. and that she should attend with an adult.

**Starner**

- Not present.

**Liaison Report**

**Pinor**

- No report

**Staff Report**

**Barker**

- Not present.

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**MOTION** by McGunnigle, seconded by Gleason, to adjourn the April 26, 2011 Park Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

Voting aye: McGunnigle, Gleason, Peterson, and Thompson.

Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

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**Melissa Barker, Deputy Clerk**