

Memo

To: City Council
From: Park Advisory Board
through Amy E. Gilson, P.E., Director of Public Works
Date: September 6, 2017
Re: Proposed Policy re: Conduct in the Parks Revisions



At the Park Advisory Board meeting September 6, 2016 representatives from the Nordic Fire Festival presented their research and discussion was held regarding the proposed policy to allow the use of alcohol in the parks. Following is a summary of the discussion and recommendations of the Board.

It was determined that the only appropriate park for alcohol would be Lincoln Park south of Shepherd Street. Only beer, wine and meads should be allowed.

The other issues discussed included required fencing, security, and specific times of operation. These items were specifically called out as the Board was not entirely aware of the specific requirements for the State liquor license.

The DPW Director prepared a draft document showing the proposed changes to the Council Policy that regulates conduct in the park. That draft was approved by the Board in subsequent meetings and forwarded to other city departments for comment. You will see the final draft of the proposed policy in this council packet.

The Park Board appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed policy. They are also willing to meet again if necessary to discuss any changes Council feels needs reviewing.

cc: Park Advisory Board