

Member **Kay Lasman** introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-164

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2003-2004 DEER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Center is an urban community with very little appropriate habitat for deer; and

WHEREAS, high deer populations continue to pose a risk to human safety due to auto-deer accidents, cause destruction of landscaping and yard plantings, and further disrupt the already altered ecosystem of the City; and

WHEREAS, the density of deer in Brooklyn Center far exceeds the recommended norm of twenty deer per square mile of habitat area; and

WHEREAS, natural habitat for deer in Brooklyn Center and in surrounding areas is being continuously reduced; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils goal is to create an acceptable environmental balance that will facilitate the peaceful co-existence of citizens and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has solicited and received recommendations from a citizens task force established to assess current conditions and provided recommendations to the City regarding a Long-Term Deer Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center does hereby adopt the proposed 2003-2004 Deer Management Implementation Plan.

DATED: October 27, 2003

MAYOR MYRNA KRAGNESS

ATTEST CITY CLERK SHARON KNUTSON

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member **Kathleen Carmody** and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: **Myrna Kragness, Kathleen Carmody, Kay Lasman, Diane Niesen, and Bob Peppe;**

and the following voted against the same: **none;**

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

## **2003-2004 DEER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

It is the recommendation of the 2003 Brooklyn Center Deer Task Force that the City Council of Brooklyn Center resolve that the City Manager is authorized and directed to implement the Long-Term Deer Population Management Plan including the following elements in 2003-2004:

1. The City will continue to assemble resources that provide residents with information on deer and offer guidelines for limiting localized deer damage through the use of repellents, screening, alternative plantings, and other techniques. Educational materials will be available at City Hall, the Public Library, on Channel 12, on the City Web Site ([www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org](http://www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org)), and City Newsletter.
2. The City will actively work with the DNR to fully understand and support their efforts to control the deer population for which the DNR is responsible and which affects the health, safety, and welfare of Brooklyn Center residents.
3. In accordance with the guidelines of this report, the City Manager will organize and implement a deer population reduction program in the Palmer Lake Park using bow hunters during the winter of 2003-2004. The Task Force concludes that both Urban Deer Management and Metro Bowhunter Resource Base are voluntary bow hunters, and represent the type of quality bow hunting organizations available for use by the City in this endeavor. Each of these organizations should be given consideration by the City for this purpose.
4. The City will make a concerted effort to encourage our neighboring municipalities of Brooklyn Park, Crystal, and Fridley to support the Brooklyn Center efforts to control the deer population. The Task Force recognizes the Brooklyn Center deer herd migrates through out the region and population control success will be limited without support from surrounding jurisdictions.
5. The City will continue to compile data for deer management, including but not limited to information about vehicle-deer accidents, citizen comments, browse surveys, and an aerial deer count.
6. The City Manager will evaluate the effectiveness of this Deer Management Plan during the summer of 2004. A report with the findings of this evaluation will be filed with the City Council following this review.

Approved by the Deer Task Force on October 16, 2003.

Approved by the Brooklyn Center City Council on October 27, 2003.

Member **Kay Lasman** introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-220

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2003-2004 DEER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, the City Council's goal is to create an acceptable environmental balance that will facilitate the peaceful co-existence of citizens and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal the City Council on October 27, 2003 adopted the 2003-2004 Deer Management Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that plan amendments are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center does hereby amend the proposed 2003-2004 Deer Management Implementation Plan as follows:

All deer harvesting will be carried out on weekdays only.

Deer harvesting over bait with special DNR permit in January and February is allowed in Palmer Lake Park.

Deer harvesting in January and February may occur during the hours of noon and 7:00 p.m.

DATED: December 8, 2003

MAYOR MYRNA KRAGNESS

ATTEST CITY CLERK SHARON KNUTSON

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member **Bob Peppe** and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: **Myrna Kragness, Kay Lasman, Diane Niesen, and Bob Peppe;**

and the following voted against the same: **none;**

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