



PARK SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN REFINEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

AGENDA

Present: Kim Ferraro, Mike Heintz, Dan Gourde, Traci Wuchter, Maija Sedzielarz, Ken Schultz, Don Whalen, E.B. Graham, Malcolm Mitchell, Jordan Hurst, Liz Novotny

Absent: Jim Stangler, Jeremy Powers, Peter Borman

Others Present: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager for Streets, Parks and Facilities, Candace Amberg, WSB Landscape Architect, Mike Maher, Community Services Director, Melissa Moore, City Clerk

Mike Maher, Community Services Director, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021 Refinement Advisory Committee Meeting

There were no revisions to the minutes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2. Neighborhood Park Concept Plan Review and Discussion

Ms. Amberg reviewed the feedback and process the committee engaged in at the September 9 meeting. She worked to take the Committee's feedback to alter certain park plan proposals. There was no recalculation of prices based on the group's last meeting. Itemized cost lists will be provided after priorities are established. At this time the Committee is working to refine concept plans for the City - a vision of where the City will go. At a later date the City would check back in with residents through targeted outreach events on particular park plans.

Mr. Maher reminded the Committee they have been asked to come up with a plan that can be implemented over a 10-year period. As the years go on and the City is ready to work on certain parks, the City will check in with surrounding neighborhoods by doing targeted outreach. At that time specific plans for parks will occur, such as what kind of play equipment would be put in a park or changing a tennis court to a pickleball court.

Ms. Amberg led the group through altered proposed plans for each park. The changes included are:

- Altura Park: improved ADA accessibility, concrete surround of the playground;

- Briardale Park: picnic shelter is large enough for 4-6 tables, and could add a permanent bathroom at a later date, moved the pollinator garden;
- Creek View Park: expanded parking was removed;
- Creekridge Park: ballfield area was kept, modified the plan to expand the playground, removed parking space, bring existing trail out to Mississippi Street;
- Ed Wilmes Park: pollinator garden changed to an ornamental garden; readjusted border of the playground to accommodate half-court basketball space;
- Edgewater Gardens Park: two open lawns at ends of the park, expanded playground, picnic shelter with permanent restroom, added tennis court and moved community garden, fewer parallel parking spaces;
- Locke Lake Park: the committee recommended the removal of the kayak/canoe storage;
- Farr Lake Park: the committee recommended the removal of the dock due to continuous low water levels and playground was removed;
- Flannery Park: smaller parking lot, new playground to connect with existing shelter, added teen challenge area, moved the basketball court;
- Glencoe Park: improved full-size basketball court; added teen challenge area;
- Hackman Circle: put basketball court back into the plan, moved playground, removed trail loop and small picnic shelter;
- Harris Lake Park: downsize parking lot, added bike rack and kiosk;
- Innsbruck Nature Center: no changes;
- Jay Park: stretch out half-court basketball court;
- Jubilee Park: basketball court will have shortened-height hoop;
- Little League: added playground;
- Logan Park: ballfield improvements; expanded playground, reconstructed tennis court, optional trail loop with fitness challenge zones;
- Madsen Park: trail crossing changed, moved parking lot;
- Meadowlands Park: reduced parking, more wayfinding;
- Oak Hill Park: no changes;
- Plaza Park: removed parking stalls;
- Plymouth Square Park: no changes;
- River Edge Way Park: no changes;
- Riverview Heights: modifying one loop trail, widen configuration of parking lot, group picnic shelter with permanent restrooms, possible fishing area;
- Ruth Circle Park: no changes;
- Skyline Park: reconfigured layout;
- Springbrook Park: added improved existing playground and a small shelter;
- Summit Square Park: low maintenance lawn instead of pollinator garden;
- Sylvan Hills Park: remove tennis court and put in full size basketball court;
- Terrace Park: no changes; and
- West Moore Lake Park; no changes.

3. Community Park Concept Plan Review and Discussion

Ms. Amberg described the two concept plans for Community Park. Concept 1 includes three ball fields that were kept, but reoriented, championship field would be multi-purpose, parking lot was removed to accommodate multi-use attractions, improved concessions plaza. Concept 2 changes include expanded playground, multi-purpose athletic field, expanded parking lot.

Ms. Amberg described the two concept plans for Commons Park. Concept 1 expands parking, keeps primary shelter and splashpad, keeps baseball field, removes the softball field, moves the ice rink to the east, removes tennis courts. Concept 2 moves the softball field, ice rink stays where it is, expanded parking and volleyball court, removing tennis court. Concept 3 keeps the baseball field, removes the softball field, moves the ice rink, removes the tennis courts and changes to the volleyball court.

Ms. Amberg described the two concept plans for Moore Lake Park. Concept 1 removes the dog park and boardwalk, and adds a multi-use court space. Concept 2 moves the paddle sport rental space, enlarges beach space, and adds natural playground on the north end.

4. Review Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates

Mr. Maher reminded the Committee of the next meeting dates of November 10 and December 9, 2021.

ADJOURN 9:05 p.m.