



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 03, 2022

7:00 PM

**Fridley Civic Center - 7071 University Avenue
N.E.**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) September 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

New Business

- [2.](#) Locke Park Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Fridley and Anoka County
- [3.](#) Moore Lake Park Update
- [4.](#) 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

Old Business

Staff Reports

- [5.](#) Springbrook Nature Center Report
- [6.](#) Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report
- [7.](#) Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Adjournment



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October, 3, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

September 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the September 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the September 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- September 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

September 6, 2022

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Peter Borman
Ryan Gerhard
Ken Schultz
Shanna Larson
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Schultz to APPROVE the September 6, 2022 meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Larson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

2. Approve Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of August 1, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Schultz to APPROVE the August 1, 2022 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Larson. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

3. Fridley Youth Sports Association Soccer Discussion

Nikki Karnopp, Fridley Heights Lightning Soccer, provided background information on the organization, its volunteer Board, and the youth served by the programs. She commented on the previously dwindling registration which has since increased. She noted that the other communities that participate in the league are run by that city whereas this organization is unique in that it is run by volunteers. She noted that they moved fields and have been happy with the change. She commented that the City has been good in cooperating and collaborating, but they do not have many asks of the City. She asked that they continue to work together to accommodate future growth.

The Commission asked the number of children participating. Ms. Karnopp replied that there were 145 children for the fall season and 160 for the spring/summer season.

The Commission thanked Ms. Karnopp for attending to provide an update and for the contributions of the volunteers that run the organization.

4. Moore Lake Site Design Update and Feedback

Mike Maher, Community Services Director, introduced the consultant that is present to provide a presentation of the slightly updated site design for Moore Lake Park.

Candace Amber, consultant, stated that the previous plan was meant to be schematic and therefore as the process moves forward, they get into the final design details. She provided a presentation highlighting how the plan has evolved. She confirmed that the parking lot to the north would remain as is and explained that the new parking lot would add additional stalls than are currently available. She explained that almost the entire park is within the floodplain and therefore mitigation is required and provided those details.

The Commission advocated for the nature play area to remain in the plan. Additional questions were asked about the ongoing maintenance. Mr. Maher explained that \$50,000 was budgeted for the small nature play area compared to the \$300,000 to \$350,000 cost of the Springbrook Nature Center natural play area. He noted the concerns with maintenance and safety of that area. A suggestion was made to make use of the trees in a more cost-effective option for that space. Ms. Amber commented that natural materials degrade more quickly.

The Commission asked about the possibility of pickleball and the timing of the County roundabout. Ms. Amber replied that it may not be feasible to have pickleball at this location, but they are doing soil borings. She stated that they are collaborating with the County on a timeline.

Mr. Maher reviewed the two recommendations from the project team.

The Commission asked the funds that would be needed to investigate the feasibility of a pickleball court, noting the known issues with soil, as that could take away from the ability to complete other elements. It was asked if there is an area that could support a pickleball court based on previous borings. Ms. Amber stated that they sited the building based on the best soil conditions and they identified areas where additional borings would be needed.

It was noted that removing the natural play area will allow those funds to be used in different areas of the park and also eliminates the concern with parents perhaps not wanting their children to go play in a corner of the park.

MOTION by Commissioner Schultz to recommend moving and combining the two play areas and reallocate funds. SECONDED by Commissioner Gerhard. The MOTION PASSED 3-1 (Larson opposed).

The Commission further discussed the potential of pickleball and whether it would be adequate in this location where the soils are not in great condition which may cause faster degradation, therefore perhaps a different park would be a better location. Ms. Amber provided additional details on excavation and the requirements specific to this site because of the floodplain.

MOTION by Commissioner Larson to recommend inclusion of a pickleball court as an alternate bid for the project. SECONDED by Commissioner Gerhard. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

5. Park System Common Elements Selection Process

Mr. Maher stated that staff is proposing a process to work with the Commission on the common elements that would be seen within the parks system. He noted that last month they looked at park entrance signs and would continue that work to create a catalog of styles that would provide a unified look and feel within the parks system.

STAFF REPORTS

6. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher provided an overview of the report including summer programming, upcoming events, and grants.

7. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the highlights of the report including summer programming.

8. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the report and highlighted the activities of staff. He asked of the upcoming event at Moore Lake on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. He stated that the Community Services Department will be changing its name back to the Parks and Recreation Department, therefore his title will be changing to Parks and Recreation Director.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Larson made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., SECONDED by Commissioner Schultz. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October, 3, 2023

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Locke Park Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of Fridley and Anoka County

Background

In July 1980, the City of Fridley and Anoka County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), allowing Anoka County to program within and maintain Locke Park, Plaza Park, and Locke Lake Park. In the JPA duties were split between the City and the County and spelled out in the document. The original JPA has been attached for your convenience. The Regional Trail itself is a separate item and there is a distinction between the trail and what we will talk about in this discussion about the Locke Park, Locke Lake Park, and Plaza Park and the JPA. The City has sought the County's support in allowing the City to terminate the JPA as allowed by the original agreement.

In the agreement the County was to provide routine maintenance on a scheduled basis of the grounds, buildings, and picnic shelter according to standards prescribed in the County's Master Plan. The agreement also required County maintenance of trails and parking lots. Maintenance was to include cutting grass, controlling noxious weeds, and grasses, litter removal, snow removal, wash-out repairs, again in accordance with the County's Master Plan.

Other duties included diseased tree treatment or removal, payment of utility costs, provide identification signs, and to provide landscaping improvements independently or in conjunction with the City.

Park programming and special activities would be provided by the County after review and approval by the City Council.

The parks described and included in the JPA are beautiful assets to the City and the County. The JPA over time, however, has lost much of its originally intended impact. Maintenance and park programming of events has become nearly non-existent and the City has begun discussion with the County on exercising an out clause that would leave the programming and maintenance to the City. It is not the City's intention to change Locke Park or either of the other parks into something besides a park. It would however better define roles and give maintenance and program responsibilities back to the City.

The JPA created in the 1980's involved both the Planning Commission and the Parks Commission. Our purpose with this discussion at this time is to keep both Commissions up to date on current discussions

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with the County and if the JPA arrangement is to end, to keep both Commissions involved as appropriate.

Financial Impact

To be determined as City Parks and Operations staff determine next steps.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission hear this item only as an update at this time. A request for a formal recommendation from the Commission will be forthcoming.

Attachments and Other Resources

- 1980 Joint Powers Agreement

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REGIONAL TRAIL
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 17th day of JULY, 1980, by and between the County of Anoka, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, Courthouse Building, Anoka, Minnesota, 55303, hereinafter known as "COUNTY"; and the City of Fridley, a municipal corporation of the State of Minnesota, 6431 University Avenue N.E., Fridley, Minnesota, 55432, hereinafter known as "CITY";

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has delegated to the County of Anoka the responsibility of implementing a regional trail facility within Anoka County to be known as Rice Creek-West Regional Trail; and

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka has developed through study and evaluation a park development plan, known as the Rice Creek-West Regional Trail Master Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby by reference made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns and maintains a recreational park known as Locke Park, more particularly described in Exhibit B attached hereto, the location of which is shown on a map attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns and maintains a recreational park known as Locke Lake Park, described in Exhibit B attached hereto, the location of which is shown on a map attached hereto as Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns and maintains a recreational park known as Plaza Park, more particularly described in Exhibit B attached hereto, the location of which is shown on Exhibit E attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, residents of the County and City use Locke Park, Locke Lake Park and Plaza Park, owned by the City, for picnicking and recreational outings; and

WHEREAS, these parks adjoin the proposed Rice Creek-West Regional Trail; and

WHEREAS, the greatest number of users of Locke Park, Locke Lake Park and Plaza Park come from outside the City and are residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Rice Creek-West Trail System would increase the number of park users; and

WHEREAS, certain substantial economic savings can be realized by the residents of the County and the City through a cooperative operating and maintenance agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and pursuant to Sec. 471.59 of the Minnesota Statutes, the County and the City do hereby agree as follows:

I. PURPOSE

Item 2.

The parties hereto agree that they have joined together, for the purpose of promoting the efficient development, operation and maintenance of Locke Park, Locke Lake Park and Plaza Park to serve the recreational needs and interests of park users.

II. INTENT

It is the intent of this agreement to outline the responsibilities of the City and the County in the areas of development, operations and maintenance of Locke Park, Locke Lake Park and Plaza Park.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

On the property identified in the attached exhibits as being subject to county management, the County shall have the following responsibilities:

A. County Responsibilities:

1. To provide routine maintenance on a scheduled basis by the County Parks Department of the grounds, buildings and picnic shelter, at a minimum according to the standards of the County Parks Department, as provided for in the Master Plan attached as Exhibit A.
2. To provide routine maintenance of trails and parking lots on a scheduled basis by the County Parks Department, at a minimum according to the standards of the County Parks Department, as provided for in the Master Plan attached as Exhibit A.
3. To provide other maintenance services including but not limited to cutting grass, controlling noxious weeds and grasses, picking up and removing litter, snow removal, wash-out repairs, at a minimum according to the standards of the County Parks Department as provided for in the Master Plan attached as Exhibit A.
4. To provide effective tree disease control program in cooperation with City of Fridley tree inspector.

5. To pay for utility costs.
6. To provide proper identification signs for the park. The City must concur with use of any proposed signs, and such concurrence shall be in writing addressed to the Anoka County Parks Director. The City hereby concurs in the erection of a sign similar to that shown in Exhibit F attached hereto.
7. To participate in certain improvements with the City such as the planting of additional trees and shrubs, landscaping, and such other improvements as the parties may, from time to time, agree shall be made.
8. To schedule special activities other than those described in paragraph B below. Any special activity scheduled in the park by the County which is not in keeping with the normal day to day use of the park should be concurred with by the City Council before such activity is held.
9. To establish and to collect user fees, if any, with veto power to be held by the City Council.

On the property identified in the attached exhibits as being subject to city management, the City shall have the following responsibilities:

B. City Responsibilities:

1. To provide maintenance and upkeep of existing athletic facilities listed below:
 - a. softball and soccer fields
 - b. horseshoe courts
 - c. community gardens
 - d. nursery and old shop
2. To schedule all use of the above facilities.
3. To provide storage for County Park equipment at the City Public Works Yard.

4. To provide City heavy equipment to assist County crews on special projects if City has equipment available.
5. To provide necessary rights to Anoka County for location and installation of Rice Creek West Trail System, as provided in Exhibit A attached hereto.
6. To provide upkeep and maintenance of all City streets that provide access to parkways and parking lots.
7. To participate in certain improvements with the County such as the planting of additional trees and shrubs, landscaping, and such other improvements as parties may, from time to time, agree shall be made.

IV. EMPLOYEES

All persons hired by the County, whether to provide maintenance or other services in connection with the exercise of the authority conferred upon the County by the City shall be under the exclusive control and supervision of the County. No such persons shall be deemed to be employees of the City.

The County shall have the exclusive right to determine the number of employees which shall be necessary to carry out the responsibilities assumed by the County, and to select those persons the County deems most qualified to perform the necessary services.

V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Any development plans made by the County to improve the park facilities other than the normal maintenance activities shall be approved in writing by the City Council. Any capital improvements provided for in the Master Plan on

file with the Metropolitan Council are hereby deemed approved and no further approval by the City is necessary. The City and County will meet periodically to discuss and review the work and development plan.

VI. APPROVALS

Wherever in this agreement concurrence or approval by one party is required before action is taken by the other party, the failure to respond to a written proposal within thirty (30) days shall be considered concurrence and approval.

VII. INSURANCE

Both parties shall maintain their own liability insurance for property damage and personal injury resulting from the use of the park facilities. The minimum limits of liability for such insurance shall be those limits of both parties for their general liability policy at the time this Agreement is executed.

VIII. POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

The City shall provide normal police and fire protection consistent with the level of normal service provided to the general public in the City.

The County agrees to furnish special park patrol personnel for the safety and well being of the park users and protection of the facilities in accordance with the standards of the County Parks Department.

IX. ORDINANCE

The property described herein, known as Locke Park, Locke Lake Park and Plaza Park, shall be governed by Anoka County Ordinance No. 70-2, as amended by Ordinance No. 80-6, an Ordinance Regulating County Parks, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit G and hereby made a part hereof by reference.

X. DEFAULT

If either party fails to perform any of its responsibilities as outlined herein, within 48 hours after written notification by the other party hereto, the other party may perform the task and charge the defaulting party the reasonable value of such services.

XI. TERMINATION

This agreement may be terminated by either party at any time, with or without cause, upon 365 days written notice, delivered in person, or by mail, to the other party. For purposes of delivering such notice, the addresses of the parties are set forth above in this Joint Powers Agreement.

Upon termination of this agreement by the City, the City shall maintain any part of the trail which has been constructed within Locke Park, Locke Lake Park or Plaza Park, for such period of time as the Rice Creek-West Regional Trail is in use by the general public. In the event the County shall receive funds from other agencies specifically for the operation and maintenance of the properties and trail described herein, such funds shall be forwarded to the City.

XII. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Agreement are severable.

If any paragraph, section, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Agreement is for any reason held to be contrary to law, or contrary to any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall become effective upon the signature of all duly authorized parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

COUNTY OF ANOKA

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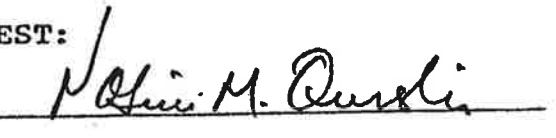
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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October, 3, 2023

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Moore Lake Park Update

Background

Moore Lake Park is the first of Fridley's larger community parks scheduled for renovation through the approved Park System Improvement Plan. Staff are working with WSB on the site plan and Oertel Architects on plans for a community building. The site plan and building are moving from concept and schematic design into the next step of design development. Community engagement is ongoing with a large community event planned for Saturday, September 10th. The event will provide opportunities for staff to connect with residents on the site plan, building concept and to gather preferences and opinions on six different playground designs developed as options for the park.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Commission consider making a motion to endorse the playground concept shown in the presentation as "Option B". Staff will continue to refine this option based on site conditions and public feedback gathered during the engagement period.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Moore Lake Park Update.pdf

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Moore Lake Park Update

September 12, 2022



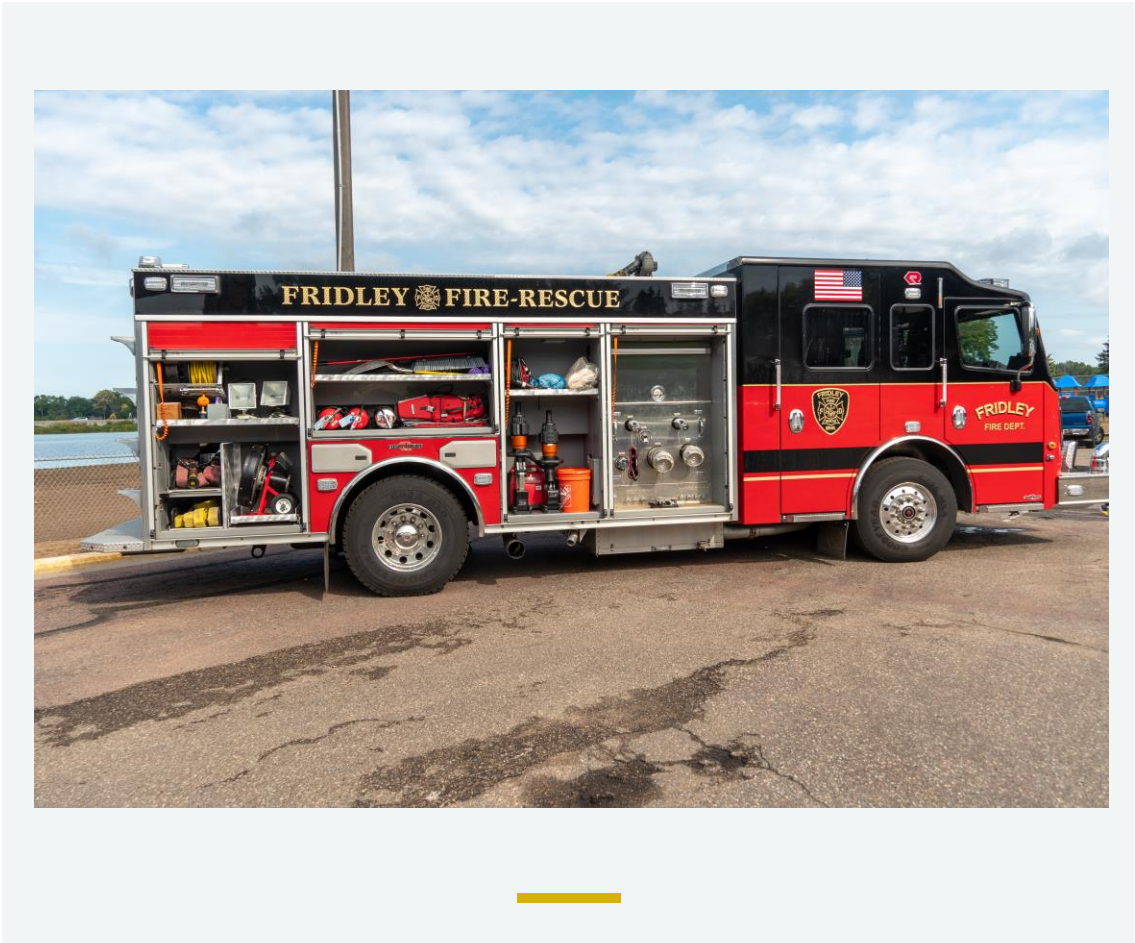
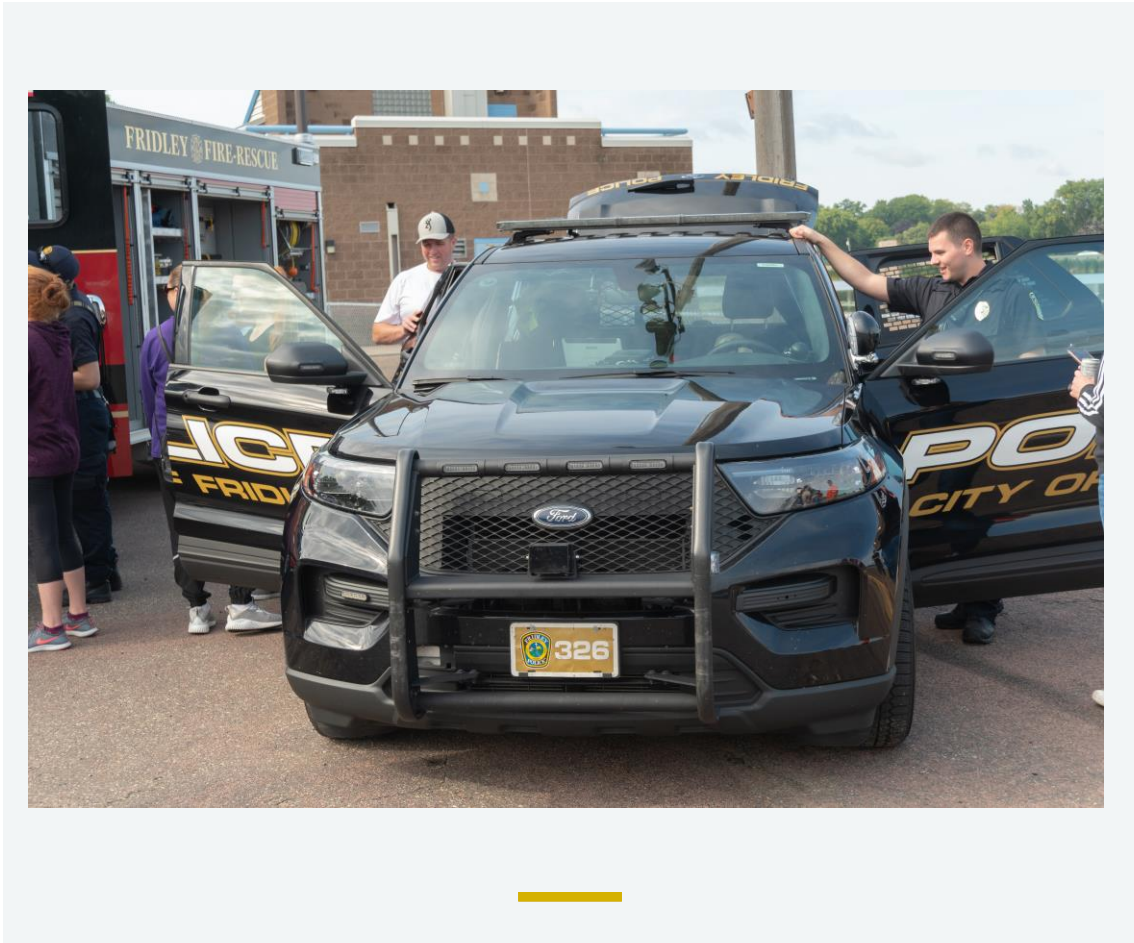
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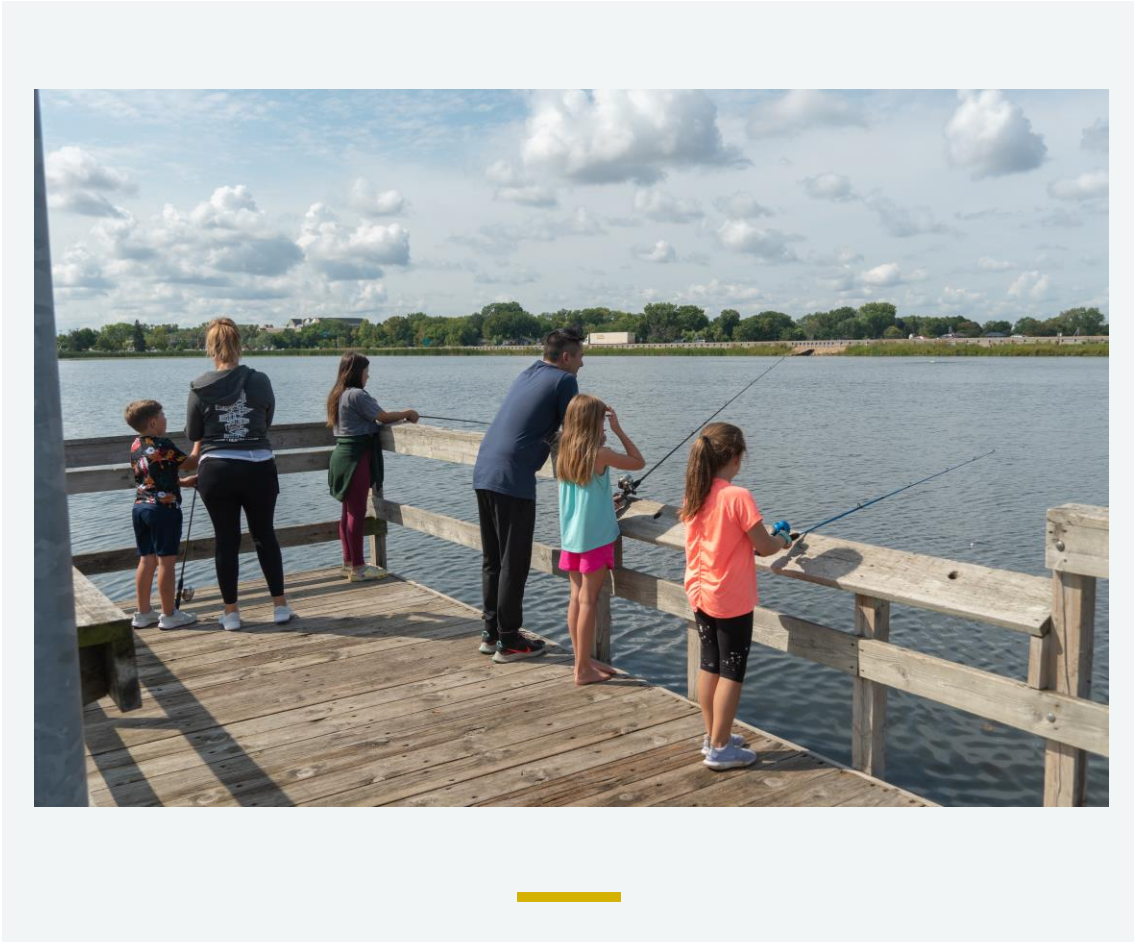
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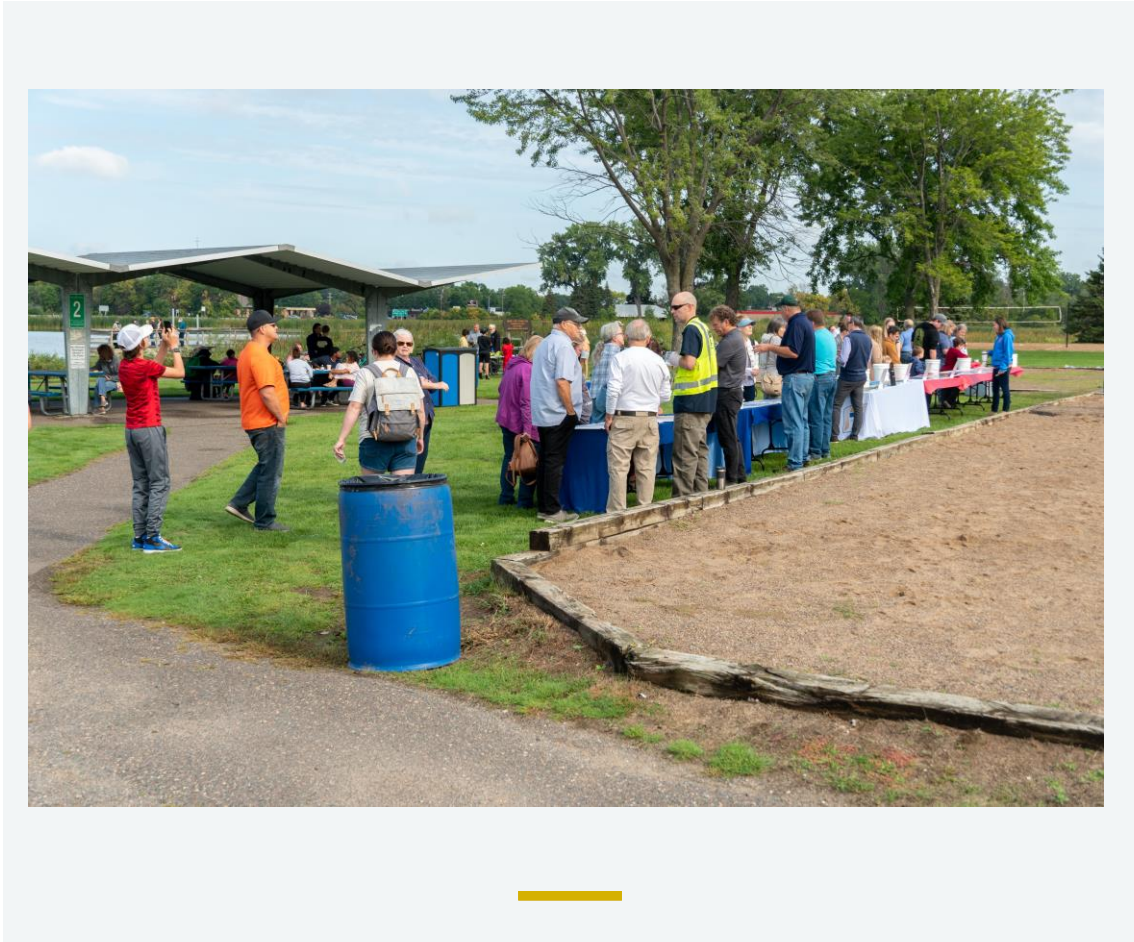
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Revised Site Plan



Updated Building Rendering



Updated Building Rendering



Updated Building Rendering

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Updated Building Rendering



Themes from Resident Conversations

Engagement Summary

- Estimated 250 residents attended
- 79 written comments/suggestions were collected
- 597 playground “votes” were cast – individuals were given three
- Nearly 20 staff members were on site
- 150 donuts were enjoyed!
- 75 online survey respondents as of 9-22

Site Comment Themes

- High desire for shade (14 comments)
- Would like pickleball courts (10 comments)
- Keep tennis courts (2 individuals)
- Fitness stations (3 comments)
- Public safety
- Individuals experiencing homelessness

Themes from Resident Conversations

Roundabout Project

- General support and positivity
- Good reaction to detour route

Sand/Iron Filter

- Increasing awareness of environmental issues and water quality
- Support and excitement to improve the lake
- Perception that lake water quality does not support swimming, but does support other outdoor recreation

Playground Options



Option B – 191 votes
Online score: 8



Option F – 154 votes
Online score: 6

Playground Options



Playground Options



Option C – 39 votes
Online Score: 6



Option A – 32 votes
Online Score: 7

Neighborhood Park Engagement



Creekview Park



2 events, online survey



Skyline Park



1 event, online survey



Ed Wilmes Park



1 event, online survey

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Questions?





AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October, 3, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

Background

Attached is a proposed meeting schedule for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the year 2023. Meetings would continue to be held the first Monday of each month in the City Council Chambers of Fridley City Hall at 7:00 pm. Several exceptions include dates when the first Monday of a month is a holiday. No meeting is scheduled for July and the June meeting would be a work session or park tour.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission pass a motion adopting the 2023 proposed meeting schedule.

Attachments and Other Resources

- 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule for the Fridley Parks and Recreation Commission

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Fridley Civic Campus

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Park and Recreation Commission 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

**Unless Indicated Otherwise, Meetings are the first Monday of each month
at 7 pm in City Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 (shifted one day due to Council Meeting conflict)

February 6, 2023

March 6, 2023

April 3, 2023

May 1, 2023

June 5, 2023 (Work Session at Park Location TBA)

July 2022 - NO MEETING

August 7, 2023

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 (Monday, September 4th is Labor Day)

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September, 3, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Tara Rogness, Springbrook Nature Center Manager

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

Attached is the update from Springbrook Nature Center for the October 3, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center Update for October 3, 2022 meeting

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Springbrook Nature Center *Park & Rec Commission Report*

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September Highlights

- Friday Night by Firelight programs were held in September funded by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation. Programs were delivered by Pollinate MN, Snake Discovery, and The Voyageurs Wolf Project.
- Springbrook Foundation and Fridley Liquor partnered on the Autumn Sampler again this year. The event was held on Saturday, September 17th from 5:30 – 8 pm. Nearly 150 people purchased tickets for the event. Many thanks go out to the volunteers, vendors, and participants for a successful event.
- On Friday, September 9th 31 people volunteered as a part of the Xcel Energy Day of Service. They helped remove invasive species, cleaned up the Nature Play Area, helped recycle the Willow Huts that were removed from the Nature Play Area (due to safety), and built a second gate into the Nature Play Area.
- Naturalist Cody has started teaching the first session of the Nature Preschool Club. Seven 4-5 year-olds are learning about nature in a hands-on, immersive way. Winter and Spring sessions are now open for registration.
- Naturalists are beginning to teach programs in the school. FMS 5th graders will see SNC in their classrooms to learn about adaptations, evolution, genetic variation within a species, and more.
- Naturalists are also visiting Adams Elementary this month. Students at Adams visit the nature trail on their school grounds twice in the fall and twice in the spring.
- SNC is hosting the Minnesota Nature Center Network meeting this month. Leadership staff from a variety of nature centers in Minnesota will gather to talk about a variety of topics.

Upcoming this Season

- Community Pumpkin Carving starts on Sunday, October 16th and runs through Thursday, October 20th. Join hundreds of other folks to carve thousands of pumpkins to be placed along the trails for Pumpkin Night in the Park. Interested? Sign up for your time slot today! (springbrooknaturecenter.org/PumpkinNight)
- Volunteers are needed for this year's Pumpkin Night in the Park. Help spread the word that we need help with a variety of things (parking lot attendants, pumpkin trail monitoring, volunteer hospitality, garbage hauling, entrance gate, set up, take down, clean up and MORE!) springbrooknaturecenter.org/PumpkinNight
- Pumpkin Night in the Park happens on Saturday, October 22nd from 5 – 9 pm. Tickets are on sale now in person at SNC or Civic Campus, or online (springbrooknaturecenter.org/PumpkinNight) Tickets are limited, and will not be available at the gate. Don't wait! Come and see more than 1200 pumpkins carved and lit along the trail, visit with costumed



characters, dance with the DJ, be entertained by the Embrace the Light Fire Dancers, and more! tickets \$12, Youth tickets (ages 3-12 years) \$10.

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Grants

- Xcel Energy Grant 2022 is being used to install an new exhibit: "The Power of Prairies". Dina Cyrus is getting started with graphic design, interactive element design, and is meeting with fabricators for some custom wood work for the exhibit. We look forward to a fun and educational experience.
- We have been awarded an International Paper Grant entitled "Building Aquatic and Ecological Literacy". We will put together new curriculum for onsite field trips, summer camps, scout groups, and others. We will include an additional canoe, PFDs, fishing rods and cases, miscellaneous fishing equipment and additional paddles.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October, 3, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Margo Numedahl, Recreation Division Manager

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Background

Attached are highlights from the Recreation Division for the October 3, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Recreation Division Highlights for October 3, 2022 meeting

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HIGHLIGHTS



Recreation Division: September 2022

Fall Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for the first Fall session, which runs from September through early November.

PRESCHOOL

Soccer (2 classes)	29
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ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL

Soccer League Gr. K-1	11
Soccer League Gr. 2-4	10
Musketeers Fencing	8
Outdoor Games & Halloween Fun	21

ADULT FITNESS & ATHLETICS

Zumba (2 classes)	15
Intro to Pickleball (7 - Fridley; 6 - SLP)	13
Pickleball for Beginners (7 - Fridley; 7 - SLP)	14
Pickleball Skills & Drills (2 - Fridley; 2 - SLP)	4
Pickleball Ladder League: Aug - Oct (15 - Fridley; 15 - SLP)	30
Indoor Co-Rec Volleyball: Sept - Dec (3 - Fridley; 2 - SLP; 4 - NB)	9

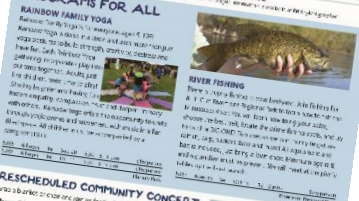
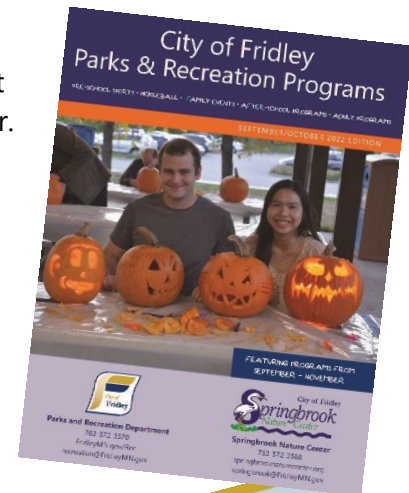
Parks and Recreation Brochure

The Sept/Oct brochure was mailed to residents beginning on August 29th. Program content for the November/December brochure is complete, the graphic designers is currently working on the brochure.

Summer Concert Series - Recap

The Rum River Brass Band performed for the last concert of the season on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. We are now collecting feedback on our Concert Series through a survey and invite you to participate so we can make next year's concerts even better! Our survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QDHK7H>



Senior Golf League Tournament

The Annual Senior Golf Tournament was held at the Brightwood Hills Golf Course to end the 2022 league season. Participants competed in this tournament and different challenges, such as closest in two and longest drive. Following the tournament, players met in the club house for a banquet and an award ceremony, prizes were given to the league and tournament winners.



Back-to-School Open Houses

Jessica and the Rec N Roll Mobile were out marketing our fall programs at the local school open houses. We attended Fridley Middle School and Hayes Elementary School Open Houses with flyers, giant Jenga, bag toss, hopscotch and more fun! It was great to speak with community members about our upcoming programs.

FHS Career Day

On September 9th, Jessica and Margo were presenters at Fridley High School for their Senior Class Career Day. Margo presented about careers in Recreation & Leisure Services, along with an overview of the staff structure of the City of Fridley and what it means to be a government worker. Jessica presented about seasonal jobs in Recreation and how working as a seasonal staff can help students prepare for many different career paths. The presentation was well-received, and we plan on presenting it again to students in February, right before we start hiring for summer jobs.

After-School Classes

The Elementary After-school Program is back!!! We are so happy to have this program available to our community members after a hiatus due to COVID. Classes are offered Monday - Thursday at Hayes Elementary School, and busing is provided from Stevenson to Hayes. Classes include both sports and arts & crafts to appeal to a wide number of students.

Volleyball Leagues

Fridley works as a part of the North Metro Partnership that shares registrations and resources with Spring Lake Park and New Brighton Parks and Recreation. Through this partnership we offer a coed and women's league, beginning in September.

Fall Pickleball League

Our Fall Pickleball League is the third and largest pickleball league Fridley has hosted! Partnering with Spring Lake Park Parks and Recreation there are a combined 30 participants in this league. Our ladder leagues is designed so players of a similar skill levels are playing each other from week to week. Pickleball courts are being used at both Flanery Park in Fridley and Terrace Park in Spring Lake Park to accommodate this league.

Pickleball Classes

Two different Pickleball classes began in September. A beginner pickleball class and a beginner to intermediate level class. Pickleball classes are designed to be a progression to build new players skills and understanding of the game. We hope to retain pickleball participants as we move indoors at the Hayes Gym over the winter season.

Moore Lake Open House

The Recreation Division along with Communications, Parks Maintenance and Engineering Departments hosted an extremely successful engagement event from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 at Moore Lake Park. An estimated 250 people were in attendance and shared their feedback on Park Design Concepts. In addition, we had a variety of fun activities to draw in a crowd and to help the community envision the future of the park. Activities included: fishing on the pier with the Boy Scouts, biking along the trail using the new Fridley Parks and Recreation Bike Fleet, climbing and exploring the fire engine, police squad car and two excavators, playing yard games and sand volleyball, and bouncing in the Bouncy Castle and Inflatable Combo with slide and obstacle course. The community energy was very positive, and all were extremely excited to use the improved park facilities.





AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October, 3, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager – Streets, Parks, and Facilities

Title

Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Background

Attached is the Park Maintenance and Construction report for the October 3, 2022 meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Park Maintenance Report for October 3, 2022 meeting

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



Memorandum

Item 7.

Date: 9/23/22
To: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
From: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager, Streets, Parks, Facilities
DEPT: Public Works
CC: Margo Numedahl, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Parks and Recreation Commission Report for October 3, 2022 Meeting

The park maintenance team has been mowing every day with the weather conditions creating plenty of growth for this time of year. We mowed the median on University Avenue for what we hope to be the last time this year. The beautification project extending from City Hall to the south along University Ave. is starting to look nice with the plantings.

We have a softball tournament scheduled the last weekend of September, so we have been busy removing all soccer fields to set up softball and then will prepare the fields for fall soccer.

We are working on a project at the SNC Pavilion to correct a water drainage issue along with tree trimming, stump grinding and asphalt patching to get ready for the Pumpkin Night in the Park event.

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