



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

March 06, 2023

7:00 PM

7071 University Avenue NE Fridley, MN 55432

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

New Business

- [1.](#) Discussion with Fridley Youth Sports Association Baseball Leadership
- [2.](#) Rice Creek West Regional Trail Corridor Master Plan Update
- [3.](#) Park System Common Elements Discussion

Old Business

Staff Reports

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

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Discussion with Fridley Youth Sports Association Baseball Leadership

Background

Jake Karnopp and/or Jim Stangler with the Fridley Youth Sports Association – Baseball, will join the Commission for a discussion on youth baseball in Fridley. Discussion areas to include facilities, program growth, support from City staff and other questions from the Commission.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

Vision Statement

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Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Rice Creek West Regional Trail Corridor Master Plan Update

Background

Anoka County Parks Planner Karen Blaska will present an updated development concept for the Rice Creek West Regional Trail. Four miles of the Rice Creek West Regional Trail run through the City of Fridley connecting Manomin Park, Locke Lake Park, Plaza Park, Community Park, and Locke Park. The Regional Trail and several parks were operated under a Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County and The City of Fridley. This agreement was terminated by the City of Fridley in November of 2022, with one year's notice as was specified in the agreement.

Anoka County is nearing completion of a community engagement process to gather feedback on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail Corridor and wishes to share the findings with the City and to gather additional feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

The City of Fridley will assume operational oversight of Locke Lake Park, Plaza Park, and Locke Park as well as the sections of regional trail running through these parks.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- RCW LRP Development Concept for public_rev.pdf

Vision Statement

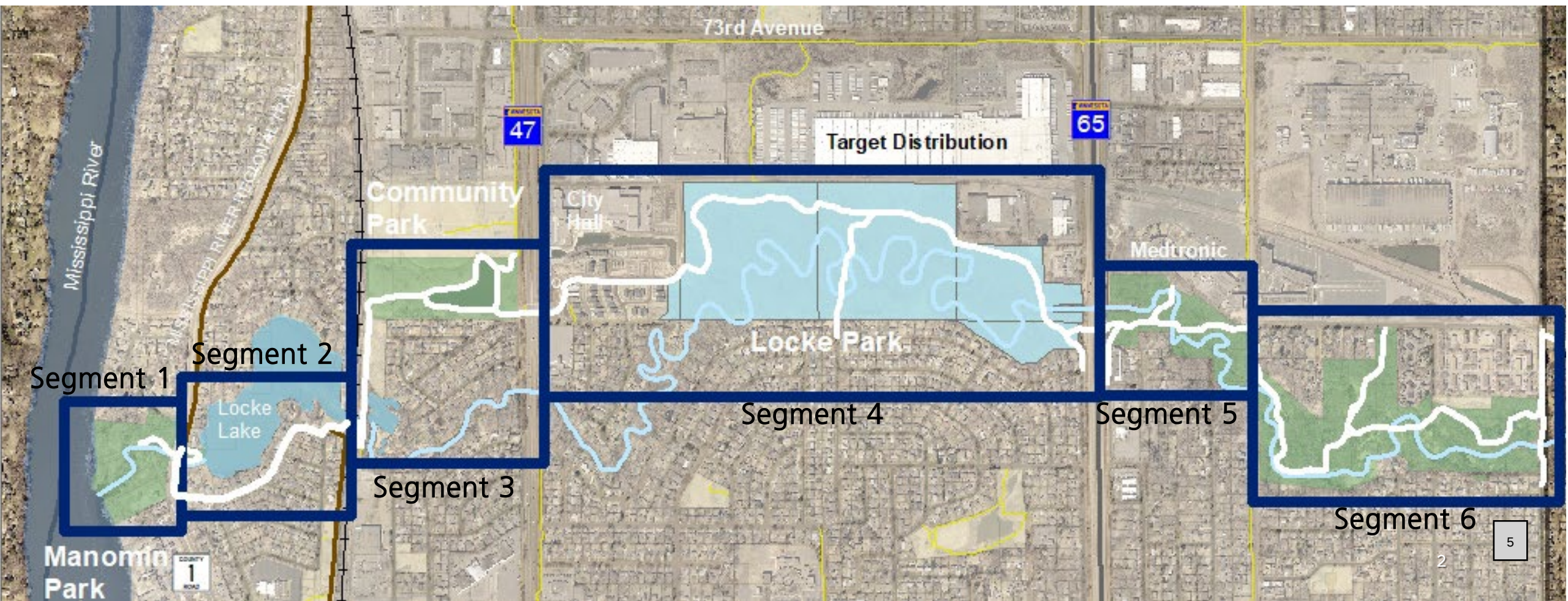
We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

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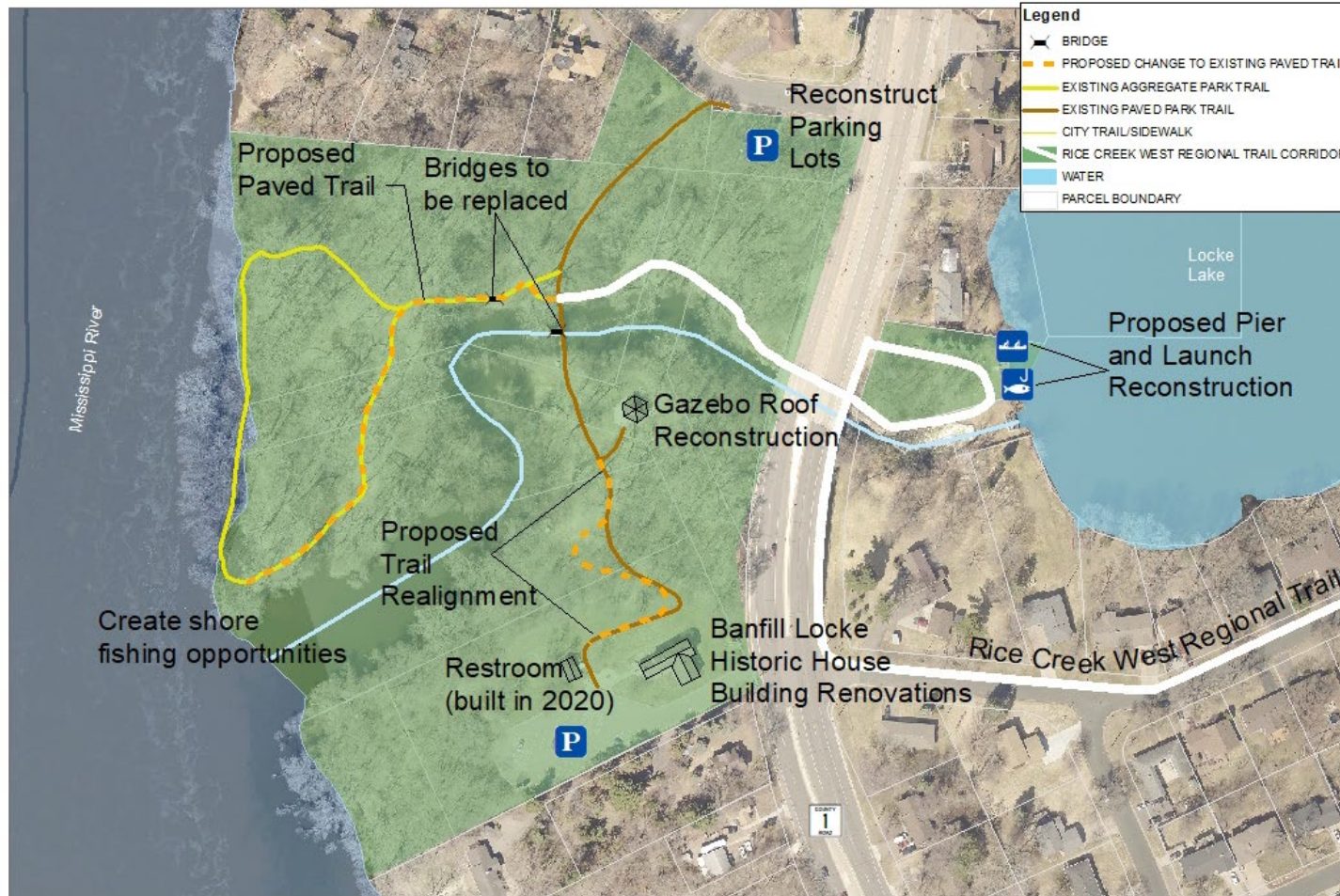
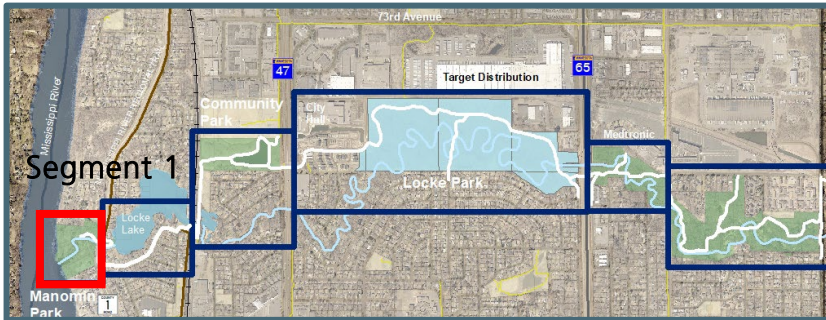
RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

Development Concept is divided into 6 segments.



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT SEGMENT 1- MANOMIN PARK



0 125 250 Feet

RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL
DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT
SEGMENT 1

Date: 12/12/2022



Banfill Locke Historic House – as new Trailhead Visitor Center for Rice Creek West Regional Trail (1-5 years)

Exterior renovation:

- Foundation
- Siding
- Roof
- Windows

Interior Renovations:

Equipment rental

Parking/Trails:

- Reconfigure and reconstruct trail from Banfill to bridge for ADA
- Pave ADA access to "island"
- Reconstruct north parking lot
- Reconstruct Banfill lot
- Two Bridge Replacements

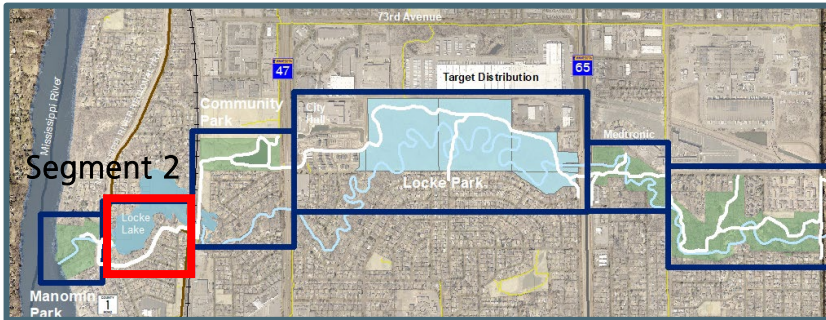
Amenities:

- Gazebo Roof Replacement
- Lighting Improvements
- Shorefishing opp's. - boulder steps
- Reconstruct the fishing deck on Locke Lake
- Reconstruction the Kayak/Canoe take out

Signage:

- Update park signage
- Wayfinding
- Interpretive - historical/cultural, natural resource
- Trailhead signage

RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT SEGMENT 2



Trail Segment 2 (EER, Rice Creek Way, Locke Lake Park)

With Termination of JPA, Anoka County understands the City of Fridley will be responsible for operating and maintaining the regional trail within their parks.

Trail Improvements:

Regrade and reconstruct for access

Signage

Directional signage improvements along EER and Rice Creek Way or street striping - share the road

Safety signs for sharp curves/steep grades

Intersection sign/directional wayfinding

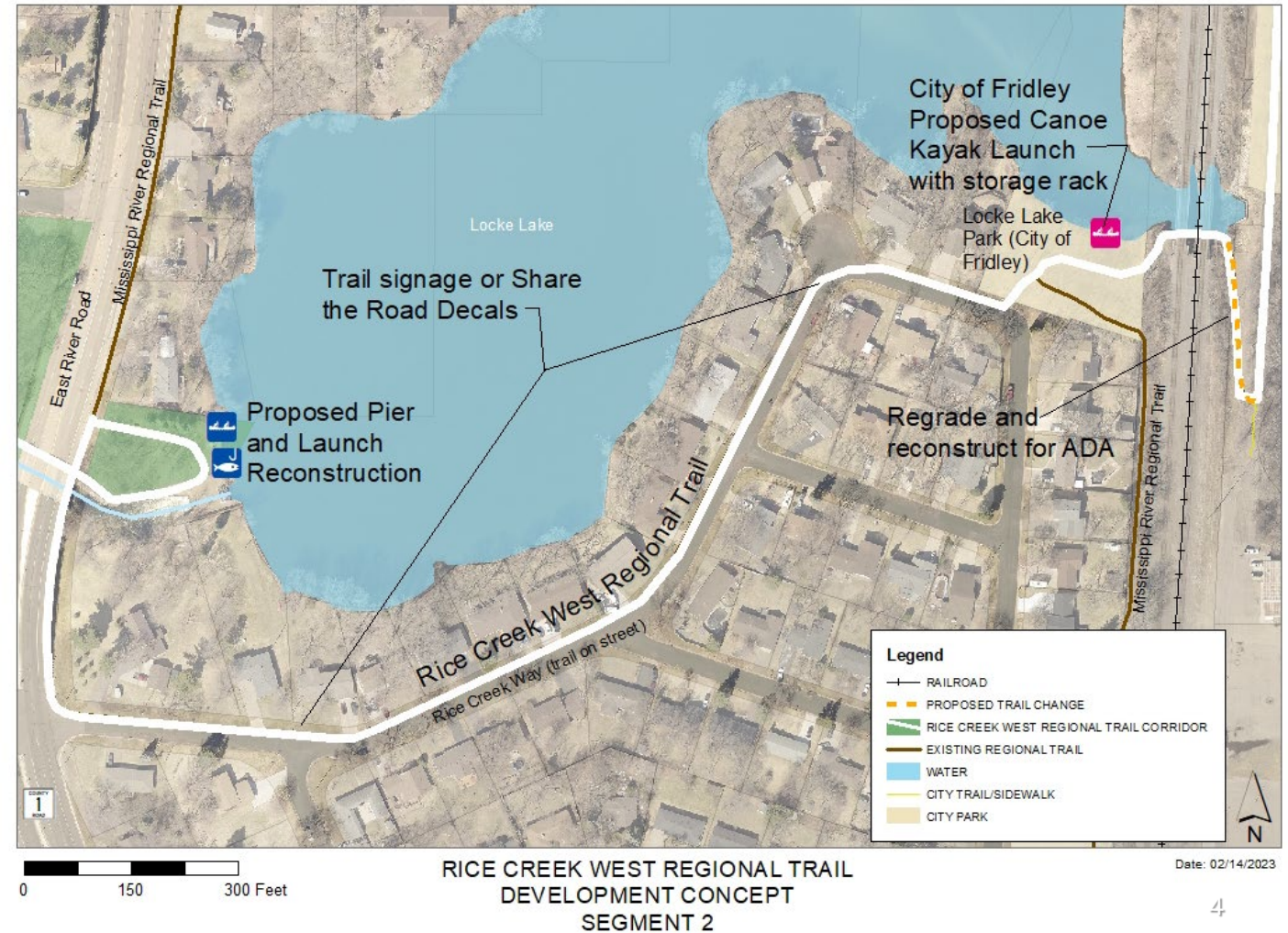
Lake/creek interpretative info

City of Fridley's plans for Locke Lake Park:

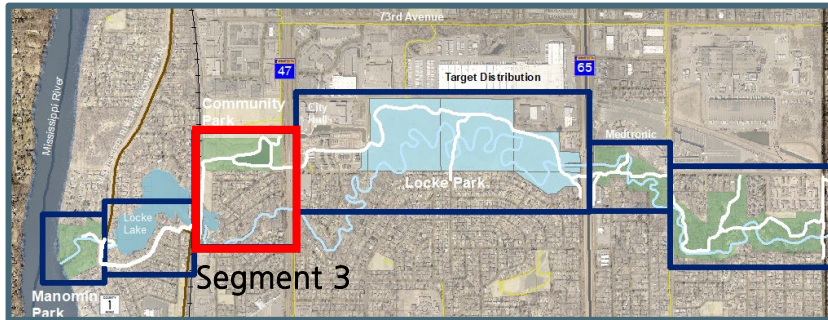
Canoe/kayak launch

Kiosk signage

Add storage rack for canoes/kayaks



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT SEGMENT 3



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL
DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT
SEGMENT 3

Date: 02/14/2023

Trail Segment 3 (Plaza Park, Community Park to across 47):

Trail Improvements

Construct pedestrian tunnel under SH47 for safe crossing.

Build new trail to/from proposed tunnel.

Reconstruct trail

Soften curves, re-align sections

Increase turning radii of trail around pond

Reconfigure/regrade approach to service rd/69th (both sides of 47)

Reconstruct, regrade trail intersection at 69th and 47

Vegetation management around pond for visual access

Signage:

Update park signage

Wayfinding

Interpretive - historical/cultural, natural resource

City of Fridley Plaza Park plans:

Reestablish the trail connection to the regional trail

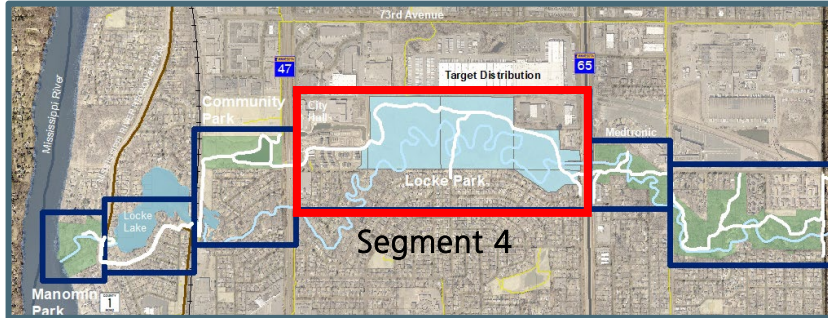
Info/signage

Fence Improvements

Playground improvements

Half court improvement

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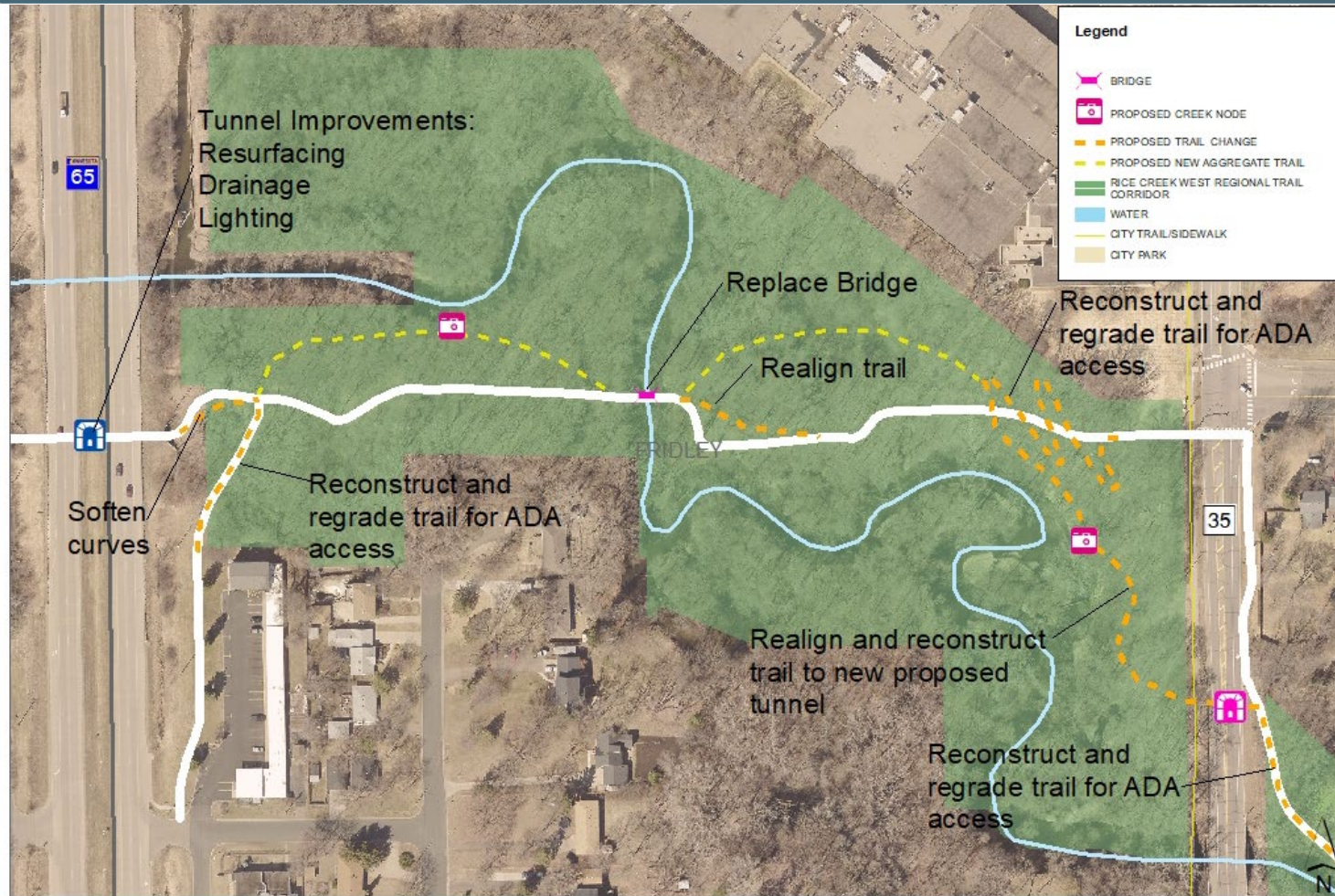
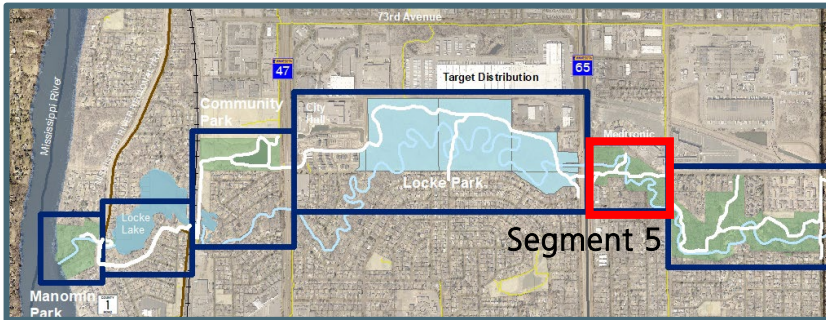


Trail Segment 4 (47 to 65 includes Locke Park):

Upon the termination of the Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County and the City of Fridley, the City of Fridley will own and operate Locke Park and be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the regional trail.



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT SEGMENT 5



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL
DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT
SEGMENT 5

Date: 01/31/2023

Existing Tunnel Improvements

Resurfacing

Drainage Improvements

Lighting improvements

Trail Improvements

Reconstruct and regrade trail for ADA access

Soften curves/improve sight lines

Visual/Physical access sites to creek

Replace bridge

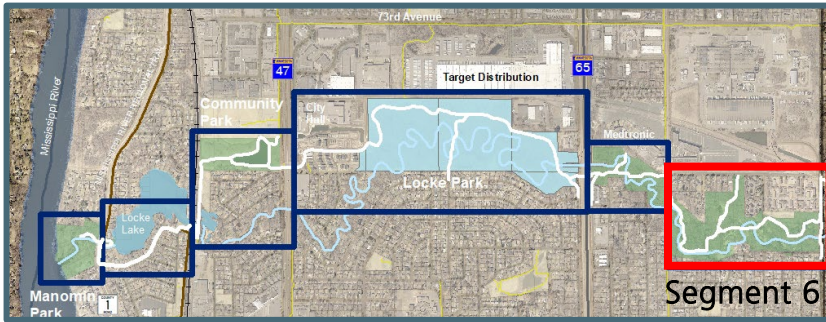
Natural surface trail addition (900 LF +)

Construct new Tunnel under Old Central

Signage

Intersection/directional signage

Interpretive signage



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT SEGMENT 6

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Trail Improvements

Safety improvements along Old Central and trail?

Convex mirror?

Anything for driveway visibility?

Remove old parking lot/road. Reconstruct 50 stall parking lot closer to 69th Ave.

Make old road a trail connection.

Remove benches/concrete walls

Replace three pedestrian bridges

Reconstruct & realign trail to remove unsafe curves and grades.

Regrade to allow accessibility.

Natural Surface Trail addition (1700+ LF)

Visual/Physical access sites to creek

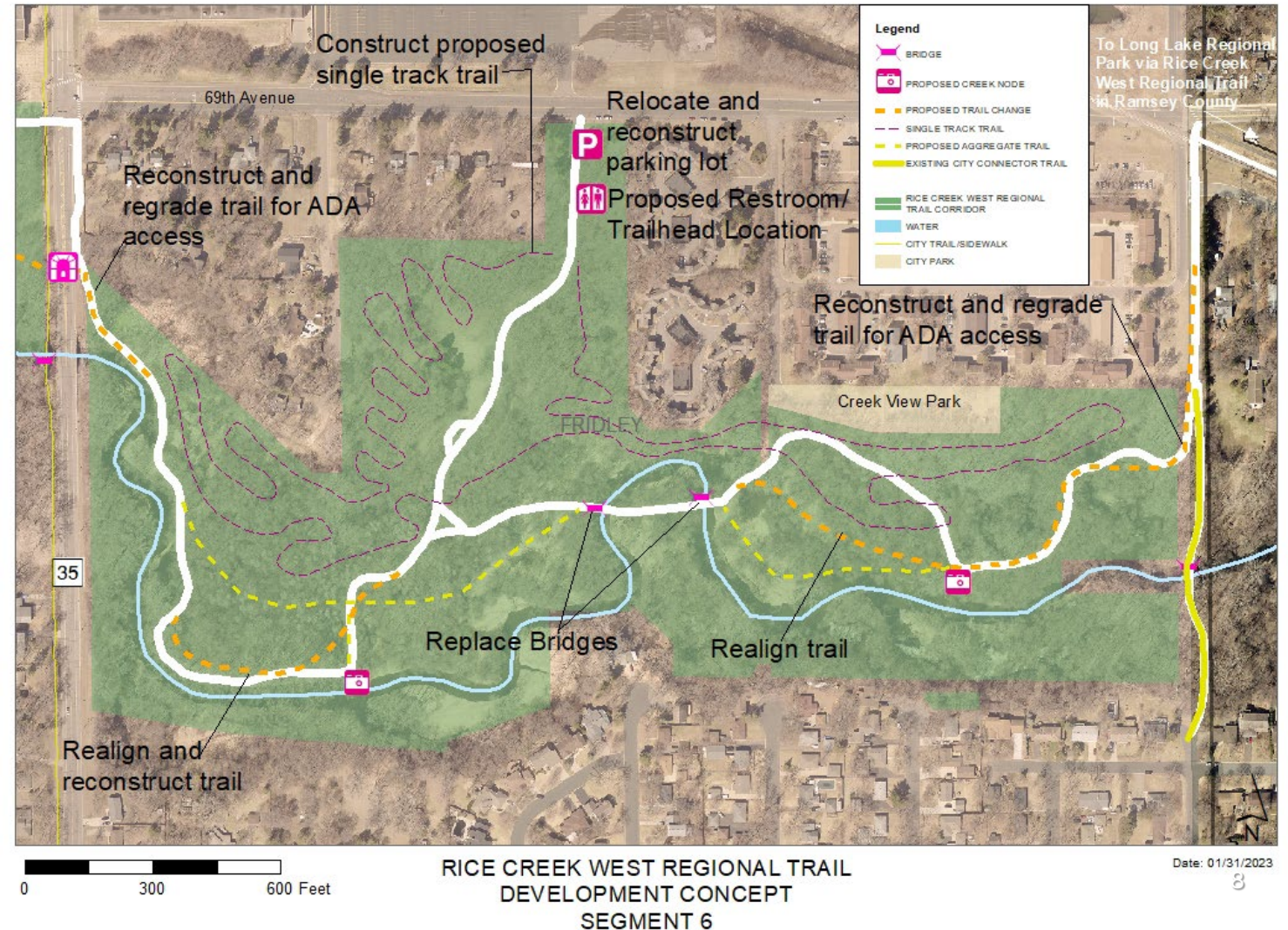
Construct Restroom Building/Trailhead location

Construct 4 mile single track trail

Signage

Intersection/directional signage

Interpretive signage





ANOKA COUNTY PARKS

Item 2.

Questions?

PLAN YOUR PARKS
Rice Creek West Long Range Plan —
Anoka County Parks

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Park System Common Elements Discussion

Background

As the City of Fridley implements the Park System Improvement Plan, most of our parks will be substantially redeveloped with new play equipment and site amenities. In an effort to provide a high-quality and consistent look and feel to the park system, a listing of common elements has been developed to guide the selection of items such as benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and park shelters. Noted in the document are selections for community parks (Moore Lake, Commons, Community) and neighborhood parks (Ed Wilmes, Creekview, Skyline, etc.)

Financial Impact

Pricing of some elements is included in the document. Staff is responsible to ensure that each park project is within budget.

Recommendation

Staff presents this document to the Commission as an opportunity to provide feedback. The Commission may present recommendations on specific amenities if there is consensus. Staff would like the Commission to recognize that specific selections may need to be "or similar" as product availability and supply-chain issues could impact delivery dates. Staff does request recommendations on color selection for neighborhood park shelters and the two options for design of the Moore Lake Park monument sign.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Park System Common Elements

Vision Statement

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2023 Park System Common Elements

Guide to Standard Park Amenities for
Fridley Park System Improvement
Plan





Purpose of Common Elements

In 2022, the City of Fridley completed a comprehensive plan to improve the city park system and a \$30 million plan was funded through the sale of general obligation, tax-abatement bonds. This presents a unique opportunity to revitalize and redevelop the system in a manner that provides an updated and consistent look and feel that will elevate the brand of Fridley Parks and Recreation.

While each park will have unique elements such as playgrounds, trails, and topography, unifying the system with a set of common amenities such as benches, bike racks, shelters, and signage will give the park user a sense of place as well as streamline maintenance and replacement of park elements.

Two sets of standards will be presented: community park standards and neighborhood park standards.

Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Park Bench

Park Bench (sponsorship program)

Option 1: Pilot Rock Park Avenue Bench with Backrest and Armrest (\$1,660 ea.) or similar MAX-R Ensign Series





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Park Bench (sponsorship program)

Option 2: Kay Park Courtyard Bench (\$2,223 ea.)



Park Bench (Sponsorship Program)

Option 3: HMF Wayside Bench with optional plaque mount back (\$999)



Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Swinging Bench – Kay Park (\$2,219 ea.)



Park Bench Cast Plaque

Option 1: Cast Aluminum



Option 2: Cast Bronze



Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Trash and Recycling Receptacles

Option 1 – Max-R Infinity Series with dome top and post mount options (Price unknown)





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Option 2 – Pilot Rock RA Series with dome top and post mount option (\$951 for double configuration)



Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Picnic Tables

Option 1 – Moveable Tables - Kay Park 6 ft Aluminum J2 Series (\$919 ea.)





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Option 1a – Accessible Table – Kay Park J2WC – 8 ft \$998 ea.



Option 2 – Mounted Picnic Table – Pilot Rock T300 Round Pedestal Picnic Table (\$1,324 ea.) - Find similar product with accessible design – one opening for wheelchair.



Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Bike Racks

Option 1 – Pilot Rock Saddleback Continuous Loop Bike Rack Galvanized 7 Bike (\$623 ea.)



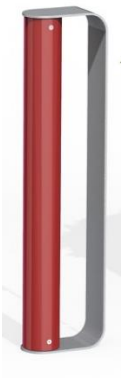
Option 2 – HMF Powder Coated Five Loop Rack Available in Many Colors (\$599 ea.)



Option 3 – Whimsical Racks from Dero (cost unknown)



Option 4 – Maglin Mug Bike Rack



Option 5 – Maglin Iconic Bike Rack





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Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Monument Sign

Option 1 – Vacker Sign (\$1,384 ea. Does not include mounting posts and hardware)



Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – 16'x16' Park Shelter

Option 1 – Coverworx 16'x16' Hip all-steel shelter (\$13,415 + pad and installation)

Suggested color scheme is Clay frame and either Regal Blue or Charcoal roof





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Color Options – powder coated frame



Clay



Slate Gray



Tudor Brown

Color Options – steel roof



Regal Blue



Evergreen



Ash Gray



Charcoal



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COLOR OPTIONS






COVERWORX COLOR OPTIONS

All Coverworx Steel Frame, Metal Roof and Trim work panels are available in the colors below. Mix and match to create a look that suits your needs and expresses your style. Choose a frame finish as well as a metal roof color from the following options. Contact our Coverworx sales staff for custom color information and further details.

ROOF COLORS

McDonalds Yellow	Casco Orange	Champagne Metallic
Texas Silver Metallic	Prewheathered Galvalume	Leadcoat
Terra Cotta	Buckskin	Silver Metallic
Almond	Bone White	Sandstone
Slate Gray	Dark Bronze	Mansard Brown
Patina Green	Colonial Red	Medium Bronze
Brite Red	Copper Penny	Regal Blue
Hartford Green	Brandywine	Evergreen
Roman Blue	Matte Black	Ash Gray
Surrey Beige	Regal White	Charcoal
Patrician Bronze	Galvalume Plus	

POWDER COATING (FRAME) COLORS Standard RAL Powder colors are also available for only frame color choices

Hartford Green	Charcoal	Patina Green
Brandywine	Patrician Bronze	Colonial Red
Evergreen	Bone White	Medium Bronze
Roman Blue	Sandstone	Brite Red
Matte Black	Slate Gray	Regal Blue
Ash Gray	Dark Bronze	Autumn Red
Surrey Beige	Mansard Brown	Tudor Brown
Regal White	Light Stone	Timber Tan
Clay		

Powder coating with zinc rich primer and TGIC polyester

Shot blasted steel with factory applied zinc rich primer and TGIC Polyester (5-6 mil min. thickness on exterior and 3 mil min. thickness on interior).



General Color Palette Option 1 – Grey, blue, orange – lake sunset inspiration

BLUE GREY + PEACH + ORANGE

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General Color Palette Option 2 – Brown, gold, green – Fall Forest Inspiration



General Color Palette Option 3 – Landscape Structures AK

Palette **AK**





Color Palate Option 4



Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – outdoor drinking fountain – most neighborhood parks will not have running water – MDF 10140 Series or similar. Chrome color or color complimentary to other amenities.





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Neighborhood Park Standard Element – Ornamental Fencing – Black Wrought Iron Type



Neighborhood Park Standard Element – Chain link fencing for courts, etc.





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Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Basketball Hoop

Bison Ultimate Fixed Height



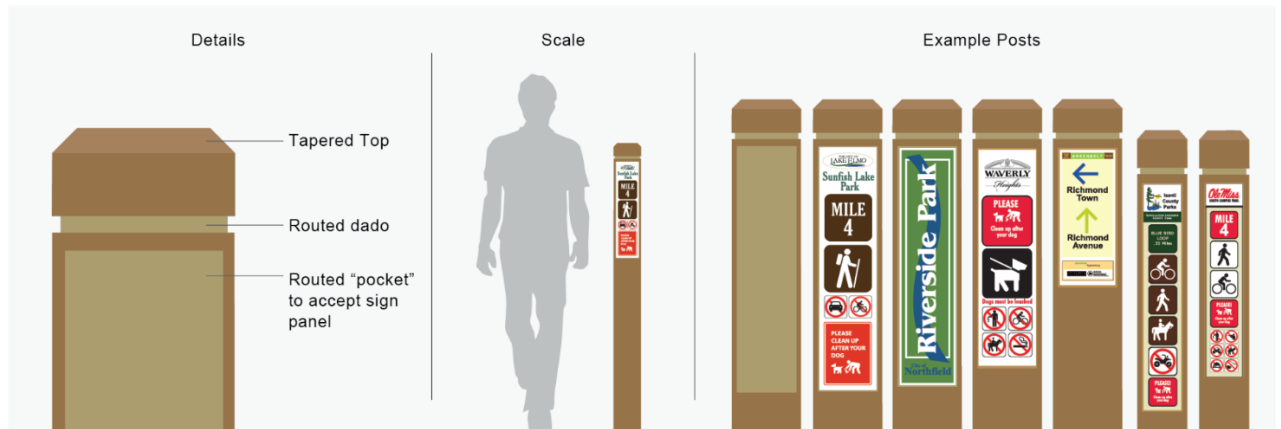
Neighborhood Park Standard Elements – Dog Waste Station

Max R Infinity Series



Natural Area Standard Elements – Trail Wayfinding

Option 1 – RPL Posts with Tuff Panel Insets – Vacker Sign



Option 2 – Routed wooden directional arrow signage





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Community Park Standard Elements – Park Benches

Option 1 - Dumor 270-60TX 6' Recycled Plastic with Wood Grain Finish



Option 2 – Dumor 58-60 6' Steel Bench





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Option 3 – Dumor 447-60PL



Option 4 – Dumor 185-60PL



Option 5 – Victor Stanley F50/F53 – Recycled Plastic (CM-53)



Option 6 – Victor Stanley FMS-324



Option 7 – Victor Stanley Eva and Eva Backless



Community Park Common Element – Café Table

Option 1 – DuMor Table 295 – Available in accessible and multiple seating options



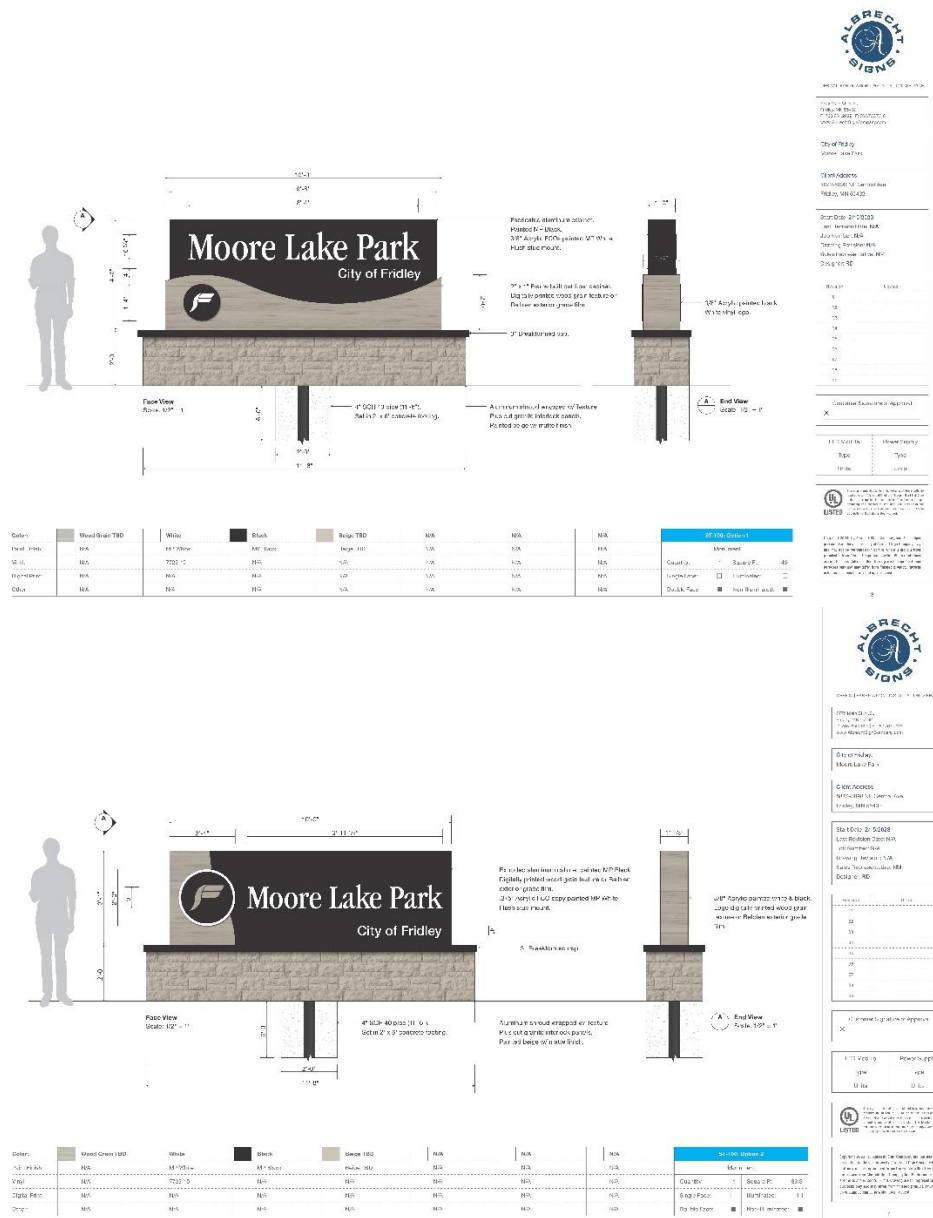
Option 2 – Victor Stanley A-365



Option 3 – DuMor Table 298



Community Park Standard Elements – Monument Sign Style (See Supplemental Information for Additional Detail)





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Community Park Common Elements – Bike Rack

Option 1 – HMF Industries Powder Coated Five Loop Rack Available in Many Colors (\$599 ea.)



Option 1 – Shade Systems 10' Square Single-post Umbrella black powder coated post with eggshell white or desert sand sail

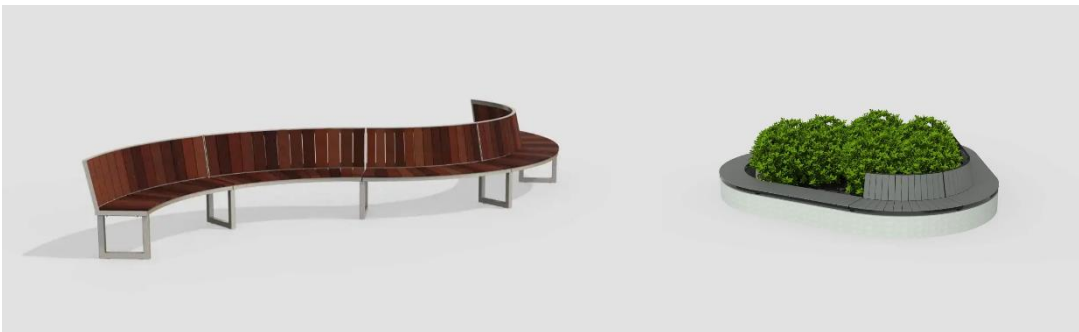


Moore Lake Park Building Open Air Plaza Seating and Gathering

Maglin Site Furniture Pixel Series or Similar



Maglin Site Furniture Ogden Collection or Similar



Supplemental Information

Park Amenities

Submitted by Jeff Jensen 10/13/22

Updated by Mike Maher 11/9/22,1-31-2023

1. Trail benches/observing benches – options selected
2. Swinging benches option selected
3. Picnic tables/handicapped options selected
4. Picnic table shade – typically shelter will serve this function – option selected
5. Picnic shelters- option selected
6. Drinking fountains/dog – option selected
7. Light poles/bollards – need more information
8. Court fencing – option selected
9. Court surfacing- need more information
10. Decorative fencing/barrier – option selected
11. Signage/park rules/ - need more information – brand guidelines update?



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- 12. Cameras/security – Need more information
- 13. Building Access – Need more information
- 14. Trail material – bituminous, aggregate, concrete options – other?
- 15. Tree species – Need more information
- 16. Flag poles – do not use unless required
- 17. Garbage/recycle cans – Options selected
- 18. Wayfinding, kiosk and entrance – Selected for natural area parks. Need selection for city and regional options
- 19. Basketball hoops and backboards – option selected but need more information
- 20. Dog waste containers – option selected
- 21.** Solar phone chargers – not sure if we want to go here. Need more information.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

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Submitted By: Tara Rogness, Springbrook Nature Center Manager

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

Attached is the update from Springbrook Nature Center for the March 6, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center Update for March 6, 2023 meeting

Vision Statement

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Springbrook Nature Center

Park & Rec Commission Report

February Highlights

- Springbrook is excited to welcome two new naturalist staff to the team this month, Will Kreun and Matt Stewart. They will be on staff through the summer camp season. They are coming to us from Baker Outdoor Learning Center, a part of Three Rivers Park District. Stop in sometime and meet them.
- The February Lantern Light Hike was well attended with more than 100 participants. The hike was chilly but not frigid and made the trails' snowpack easily walkable. We heard many positive comments, and a fair number of first-time hikers.
- Springbrook Naturalists, Tara and Cody, brought a few animal ambassadors to Fridley Civic Campus as a part of an ERC (Employee Relations Committee) event. It was wonderful to see our coworkers interact with our Painted Turtle, Squirt, our Blanding's Turtle, Bert, and our Fox Snake, Pasta. We hope to present more interactive events to the larger Fridley City Staff community throughout the year.
- Naturalist Cody is teaching the winter session of the Nature Preschool Club, a 4-5 year old drop off program that takes place every Thursday for 2 hours. There are 4 hearty nature kids enrolled this winter. They are learning all about snow, animal signs, hibernation, and feeling comfortable in nature through this program. The spring session starts up at the end of March, and already has 80% enrollment.
- Naturalist Cody is also working with Park Terrace Elementary School's SPARK program. He's teaching Kindergarten and First Grade students on Fridays this session. They have had the chance to try out snowshoes, meet live animals, and learn about the subnivean zone!
- Naturalist Dina is working with Adams Elementary third grade classes this month. She's teaching them about nature observation while on snowshoes. (Scheduling has been a bit problematic with weather, sometimes no snow, sometimes too much snow. Ah, living in Minnesota!)
- The Springbrook Nature Center Foundation held its planning retreat at Springbrook on Saturday February 25th. They are working with an outside consultant to put together work plans for the next few years.
- Springbrook opened enrollment for the summer camp programs on Monday, February 6th. Within just two days, there were only about 60 spots remaining. As I write this report, there are just 44 spots available, mostly in the 10-12 year old camp sections.

Upcoming this Season

- There is just one more Lantern Light Hikes this season. It is scheduled for March 10th from 6:30 – 8:30. There *may be* s'mores at this last hike of the season. Don't miss out! Enjoy lantern lit trails, a cozy bonfire, and the great outdoors. Cost is \$5 per person, snowshoe rental available for an additional \$5 (provided there is a 3 inch base of snow).

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.
- Springbrook Nature Center received the grant check from International Paper Foundation. We are excited to purchase a new canoe and paddles and PFDs for an increased aquatic ecology program.

Park & Building Maintenance

- Last month the processor that runs our AV system throughout the nature center malfunctioned. After evaluation, it was determined that it was not fixable and a new processor has been ordered. Recently, we were informed that the new processor will ship in Q1 of 2024. So, we will be getting a temporary processor next week that will last until the new unit arrives next year.
- The roof was evaluated (out of an abundance of caution) this month for its ability to bear the load of the plant trays and this winter's snowfall. I am happy to say that the roof is sound.
- We are working on repainting some of the walls that were done in December as the paint was defective. We hope to have this done in the next month before teaching and rental schedules pick up in the spring.



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Submitted By: Margo Numedahl, Recreation Division Manager

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Background

Attached is the update from the Parks and Recreation Department for the March 6, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Attached is the update from the Parks and Recreation Department for the March 6, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Recreation Division: February 2023

Winter Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for the second Winter session, which runs from Mid-February through March.

PRESCHOOL: Ages 3-5

Little Dancers	13
Track & Field	16

ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL: Grades K-4

Dance & Cheer	18
Slimy, Goopy, Sticky	17
Dodgeball & Nets	8

ADULT FITNESS & ATHLETICS

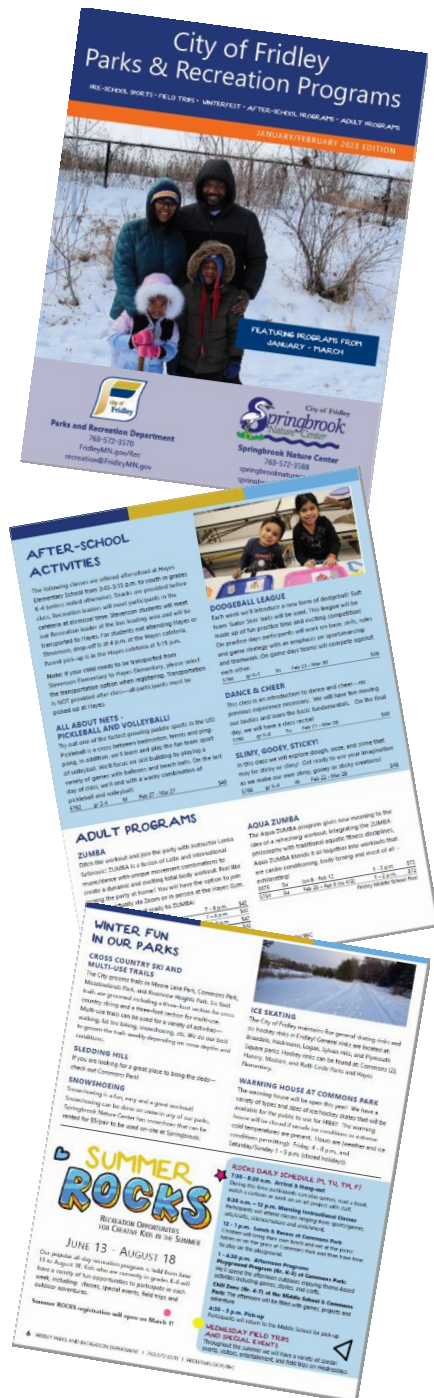
Aqua Zumba	13
Zumba (2 classes)	9
Pickleball Skills & Drills (6 - Fridley; 6 - SLP)	12
Pickleball for Beginners (6 - Fridley; 4 - SLP)	10
Pickleball League (15 - Fridley; 15 - SLP)	30
Indoor Co-Rec Volleyball: Jan - Mar (3 - Fridley; 4 - SLP; 6 - NB; 1 - MV)	14 teams
Men's Basketball (upper - 8, lower - 8)	16 teams
Co-Rec Bag Toss (2 - Fridley; 3 - SLP; 3 - MV)	8 teams

Winter Pop-up

Skating, Sledding and S'mores!	150
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Parks and Recreation Brochure

The Mar/Apr brochure was sent to residents the first week in March. Staff have completed the content for the May/Apr brochure and it is being designed.



Pickleball for Beginners

A new pickleball for beginners class started in February teaching the fundamentals to players new to the game. Pickleball for beginners is the first in a series of three classes that are designed to progress players skills. This class is a partnership with Spring Lake Park and is hosted on the three indoor courts at Hayes Elementary School.

Pickleball League Popularity

The summer pickleball league filled in just hours after the program went live online. Staff are exploring ways to expand the leagues to allow for more registrations.

Men's Basketball League

The Basketball Leagues ended with two exciting tournaments on Thursday, March 2. Teams enjoyed the season and look forward to playing again next year.

Bag Toss League

The second indoor bag toss league of the winter began at the end of February. These leagues are in partnership with the North Metro Sports cities of Spring Lake Park, New Brighton, Mounds View, and Fridley collaborating and share resources to support adult sports leagues. This league is held at Hayes Elementary School.

Aqua Zumba

The final Aqua Zumba class of the season started in February. This is the last of three series that take place from November – April.

Warming House

The Warming House at Commons Park has been popular this winter! It was open every weekend beginning on January 6. Seasonal staff supervised the space and coordinated the free skate rental during open hours. Between January 6 and February 19 the average attendance each day was 17, totaling 327 people using the warming house.

After-School Classes

The third session of After-school Programs concluded on February 16 and new classes began on February 21. New classes include: Dance & Cheer, Slimy Goopy Sticky, and Dodgeball & Nets.

Ice Skating & Snow Fun

The after-school Ice Skating and Snow Fun class was very popular! 75% of the kids had never skated before and it was a joy to see their courage and new-found confidence when they succeeded. "Look! I'm doing it", followed by the largest grin you've ever seen on an elementary aged student. Other fun activities included snowshoeing, snow forts, sledding, snowman building, snow bowling and more outdoor winter fun.



Picnic Shelters

On January 3, picnic shelter reservations opened to Fridley residents. Because of the construction at Moore Lake, only 2 shelters are available to reserve this year (Commons & Flanery). On March 1, reservations opened to the general public. All Saturdays in June are booked at Commons Park.

Summer Hiring

We have posted positions for a Summer Recreation Intern and Seasonal Recreation Instructors. Brice and Jessica went to Fridley High School to do some recruiting, and we plan to work closely again with the Mr. Kieffer, Fridley High School's Career Counselor, to employ Fridley High School students once again this summer!

Summer Schedule

Summer planning is complete! We have the entire summer schedule set for youth classes, ROCKS (day camp) classes & field trips, youth special events, and the concert series. Registration for ROCKS will open March 1, and even with the 25% increase in class sizes, we expect the spots to fill quickly again this year. We are looking forward to another fun summer!

Skating, Sledding & S'mores at Commons Park

On Saturday, February 25, we welcomed 150 people of all ages to Commons Park for one of our Winter Pop-Up events to encourage folks to get out in our parks during the winter months. Activities included: sledding down the giant hill, skating at the rinks, free skate rentals, trying out kicksleds, making a s'more over the fire, making a winter craft inside the warming house, and our friends from the Mississippi Library came at 3 p.m. to offer story time inside the warming house. The Rec N Roll truck made an appearance, and we had music to keep things lively. A great time was had by all!





AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

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 March 6, 2023 meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Park Maintenance Report for March 6, 2023 meeting

Vision Statement

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



Memorandum

Item 6.

Date: 2/23/2023
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 February 6, 2023 Meeting

The Park Maintenance Division has been maintaining ice rinks daily and has been busy with ongoing snow removal on streets and trails.