



Council Conference Meeting

May 28, 2024

5:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

Agenda

- [1.](#) Meeting with City Commission Applicants
- [2.](#) Recodification Update (Report Only)
- [3.](#) Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Proposed Final Draft Presentation
- [4.](#) Commons Park Recreation Building Vision and Budget Update

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

Meeting Type: City Council Conference Meeting

Submitted By: Roberta Collins, Assistant to the City Manager

Title

Meeting with City Commission Applicants

Background

There is currently a vacancy on the Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term expiring at the end of 2024. Staff received two applications and contacted both applicants and scheduled interviews on Tuesday evening—one at 5:00 p.m. and one at 5:15 p.m. Attached are the applications from both applicants. Please note that some of the information on the applications is considered private data on individuals and has been redacted pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13.602, Subd. 3. I have also included Ward and Precinct information for both of the applicants.

Financial Impact

None.

Discussion

Interviews of City Commissions applicants.

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Attachments and Other Resources

- Application from John Buyse, II
- Application from Paul Nealy
- Ward and Precinct Information

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Item 1.

Name Paul Nealy

Address [REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED] **Number of Years/Months Resident of Fridley** 21 yrs

Employer Bio-techne **Work Phone** [REDACTED]

Address 614 McKinley Pl N, Minneapolis MN 55432

Email [REDACTED]

Please rank in order, the commissions on which you wish to serve. (Leave blank any Commissions on which you do not wish to serve.)

- 5 **Charter Commission**
- 1 **Housing & Redevelopment Authority**
- 2 **Planning Commission**
- 4 **Environmental Quality & Energy Commission**
- 3 **Parks & Recreation Commission**

Prior Experience on City Commissions, City Boards, etc.: None

Work Experience: 20 Yrs at Bio-techne in sales and commercial leadership. 3 yrs in sales at Pace Analytical

Civic, Professional and Community Activities: Fridley/Columbia Heights Rotary Club (President Elect for 2025);

Volunteer swim meet announcer for Fridley High School, Volunteer little league coach, Member of Roseville Lutheran Church - volunteer confirmation coach

(Over)

Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?

I have lived in Fridley my whole adult life. I recently have become more interested in volunteering my time in the community and the schools.

What skills, strengths or abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?

I am a diplomatic problem solver; I generally am someone who sees things in a positive light and assumes positive intent when resolving conflicts.

I have led teams of as many as 40 people in my professional career.

Does your work require you to travel? yes **How often?** less than 20% of the time

Additional Comments: I'm currently in between jobs. I was laid off from Bio-techne in January. This will hopefully change soon!

References (Optional):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
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Scott Lund

Gordon Backlund


Signature

5-20-2024

Date

The information provided by you on this application will be used to determine your suitability for appointment to a City of Fridley commission. Participation as a commission member is strictly voluntary, and you are not required by law to provide this information. If you do not furnish this information, however, the City may have difficulty determining your suitability for appointment and contacting you. Under Minnesota State statutes, only your name is considered public information upon appointment. Any other information on this application is private data and will be accessible only to you, City staff or as provided for by Minnesota statutes.

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Item 1.

Name John O. Buyse II

Address [REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED] Number of Years/Months Resident of Fridley 6 years

Employer Buyse Rentals Work Phone n/a

Address same

Email johnobuyse@gmail.com

Please rank in order, the commissions on which you wish to serve. (Leave blank any Commissions on which you do not wish to serve.)

 Charter Commission

 1 Housing & Redevelopment Authority

 2 Planning Commission

 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission

 Parks & Recreation Commission

Prior Experience on City Commissions, City Boards, etc.: 5 years and running on the Fridley planning commission

Work Experience: Rental property owner in various cities in the Northwest suburbs for the last 11 years, Ed Tech Sale Manager June 2020 - 2023, Financial Advisor for 9 years

Civic, Professional and Community Activities: Student Athlete 2005-2009, volunteer at local church & food shelf, as well as various nonprofit fundraising boards

(Over)

Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission? I have enjoyed my time on the planning commission and feel a change to HRA would be good to have a well rounded grasp of our city.

My real estate & finance background will help me tackle the hard issues bringing more wisdom to the HRA

What skills, strengths or abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?

Critical thinking, analytical skills, charismatic, great team player, attention to detail, dependable, will step up and lead when needed, financially minded, good at big picture mentality while keeping detail in view.

Does your work require you to travel? no **How often?** _____

Additional Comments: I appreciate the opportunity and consideration. I would love to serve and help improve our great city of Fridley

References (Optional):

Name

Address

Phone No.

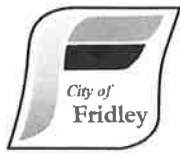
Signature

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Member Information- 2024

			Term Ends
Chair	Elizabeth Showalter 231 Satellite Lane N.E. Fridley, MN 55432	W1, P3	12-31-2028
Vice	Kyle Mulrooney	W2, P2	12-31-2024
Chair	1383 Creek Park Lane Fridley, MN 55432		
	Rachel Schwankl 1508 Gardena Avenue NE Fridley, MN 55432	W2, P4	12-31-2025
	Gordon Backlund 5805 Arthur Street Fridley, MN 55432	W2, P4	12-31-2026
	Troy Brueggemeier 6961 W. Locke Point Dr. N.E. Fridley, MN 55432	W1, P1	12-31-2027



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Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

Meeting Type: City Council Conference Meeting

Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk

Title

Recodification Update

Background

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 415.02 and Fridley City Charter (Charter) § 1.02, the City Council (Council) may codify and publish ordinances that carry the force and effect of law for the City of Fridley (City), which may be arranged into a system generally referred to as the Fridley City Code (Code). Recodification of the Code was authorized by the Council by Resolution No. 2021-67.

Reorganization

Recodification updates and reorganizes the Code into nine titles, which is meant to make finding a chapter of the Code more intuitive for the reader. This project began in 2021. Since then, the City has published Titles 1-5.

Title	Timeline
Title No. 1 – General Provisions	Complete
Title No. 2 – Administration	Complete
Title No. 3 – Health, Safety and Welfare	Complete
Title No. 4 – Public Nuisance	Complete
Title No. 5 – Lands and Buildings	Complete
Title No. 6 – Zoning	In progress
Title No. 7 – Licensing	In progress
Title No. 8 – Franchises, Utilities and Right-Of-Way	2025
Title No. 9 – Public Ways and Places	2025

Title 6 Zoning

Community Development staff have been working with an external consultant on updating the chapters to be grouped into the Zoning title. Staff and the Consultant have had their kick-off meeting with both the Council and the Planning Commission. Staff had their first work session with the Commission to discuss parking. A second work session is planned for June 12. In August/September Staff plan to regroup with Council and the Commission with some recommendations and plan for final Council approval for Title 6 at the end of this year.

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Title 7, Licensing

Staff from the City Clerk Division, Building Inspection Division Public Safety Department and Community Development Department have begun reviewing the chapters that will make up Title 7, Licensing. Staff will work together on determining license requirements and processes and ensuring that the licensing procedures are current and compliant with State and County laws. Staff expect to have an update on the Licensing Title for Council review in July/August.

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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Proposed Final Draft Presentation

Background

An updated long-range plan has been developed by Anoka County Parks for the Rice Creek West Regional Trail. Four miles of the Rice Creek West Regional Trail run through the City of Fridley (City) 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. The City has since granted an easement to Anoka County for the Regional Trail. Trail maintenance and planning will remain a function of Anoka County Parks with Fridley retaining the right to perform plowing or maintenance as is necessary.

Anoka County had completed of a community engagement process to gather feedback on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail Corridor and has requested a resolution of support (Resolution 2024-70, included on the regular agenda of the Fridley City Council meeting for May 28, 2024) from the Fridley City Council for their long-range plan for the trail corridor. Several key elements of the plan include addressing issues with steep trail grades within three to five years, a recommended underpass beneath University Avenue, and improvements to signage and wayfinding.

Financial Impact

Improvements to the Rice Creek West Regional Trail will be funded by Anoka County.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council discuss the Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.

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Attachments and Other Resources

- Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Summary Presentation.

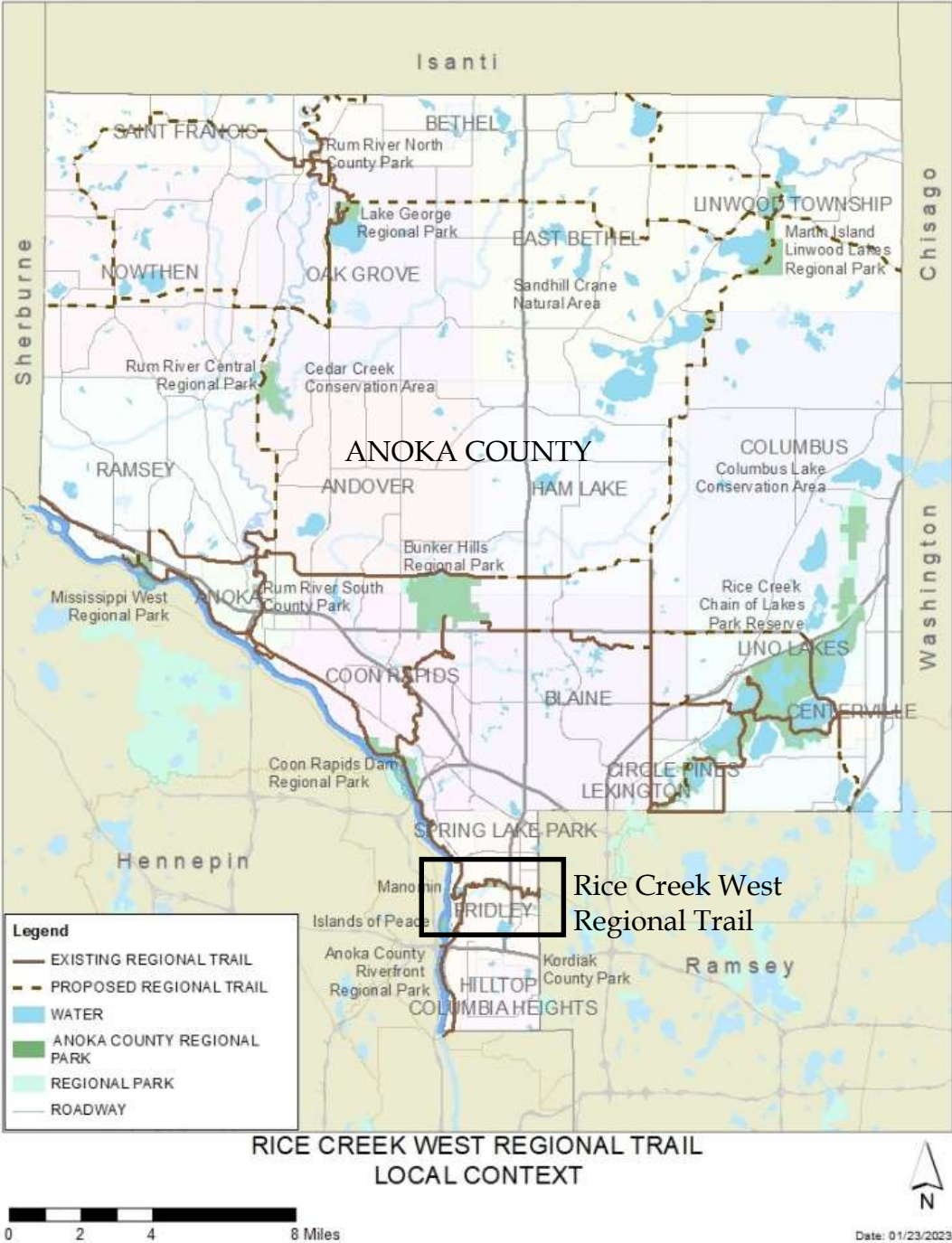
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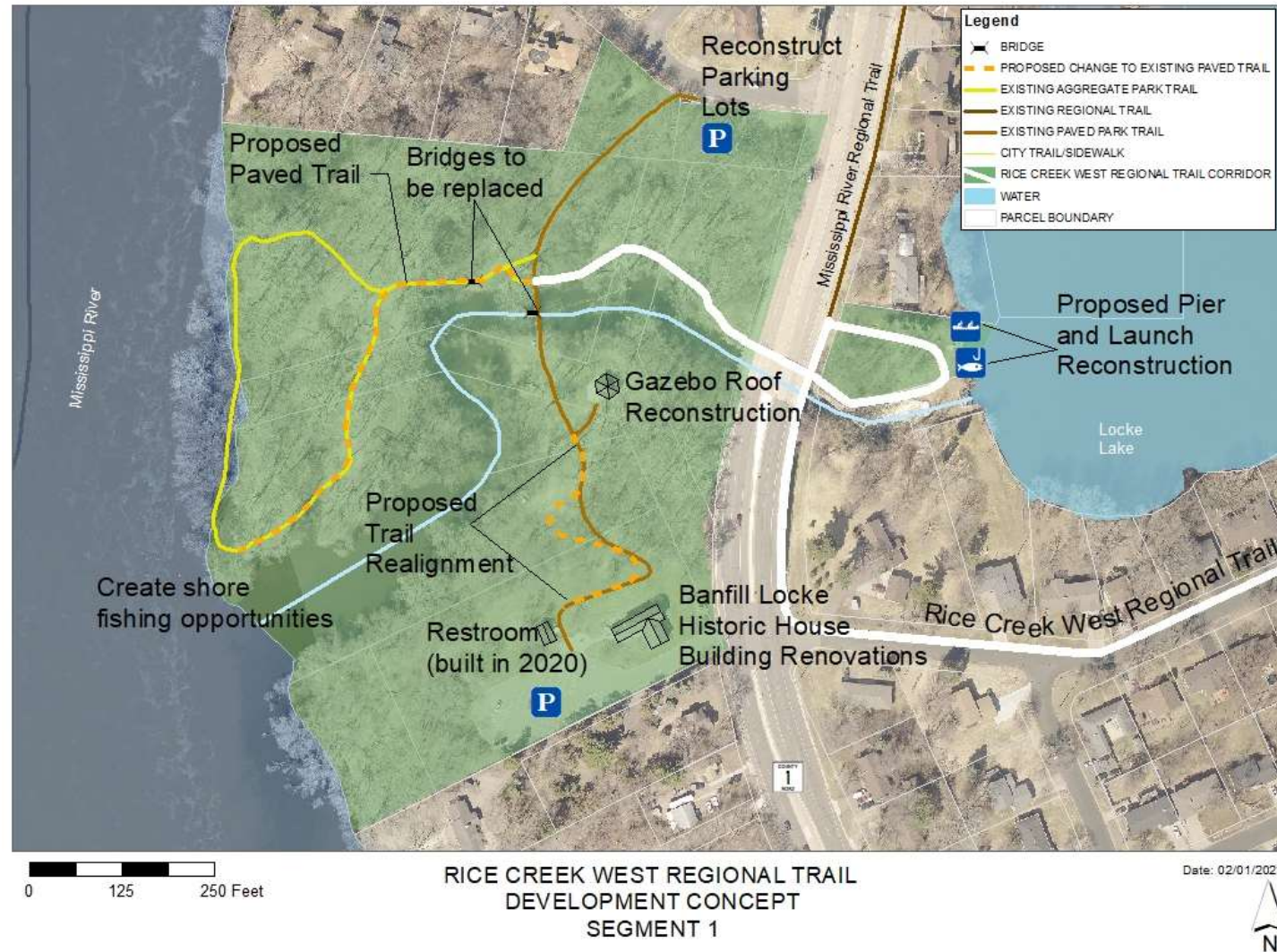
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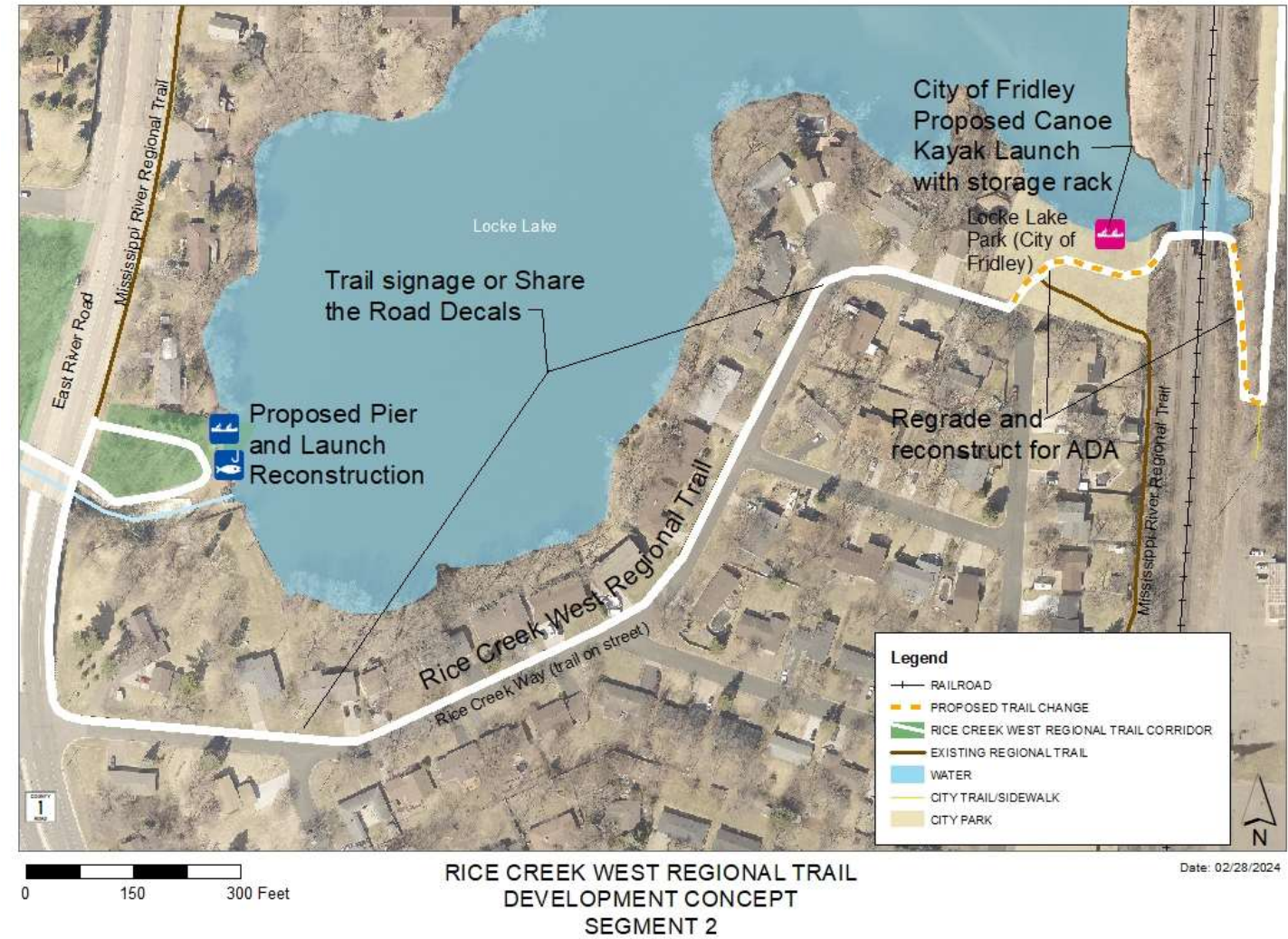
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RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR LONG RANGE PLAN SEGMENT 1- MANOMIN PARK



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL LONG RANGE PLAN SEGMENT 2



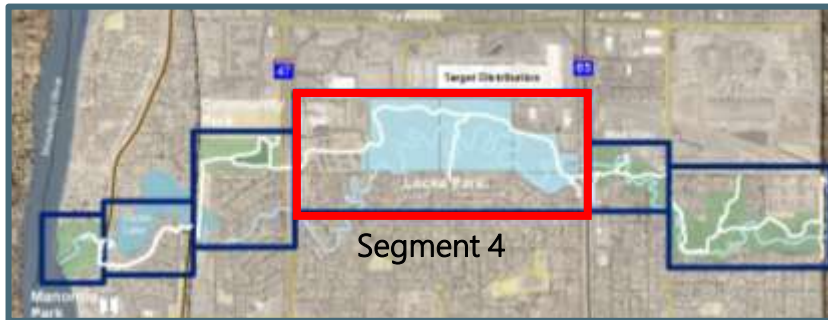


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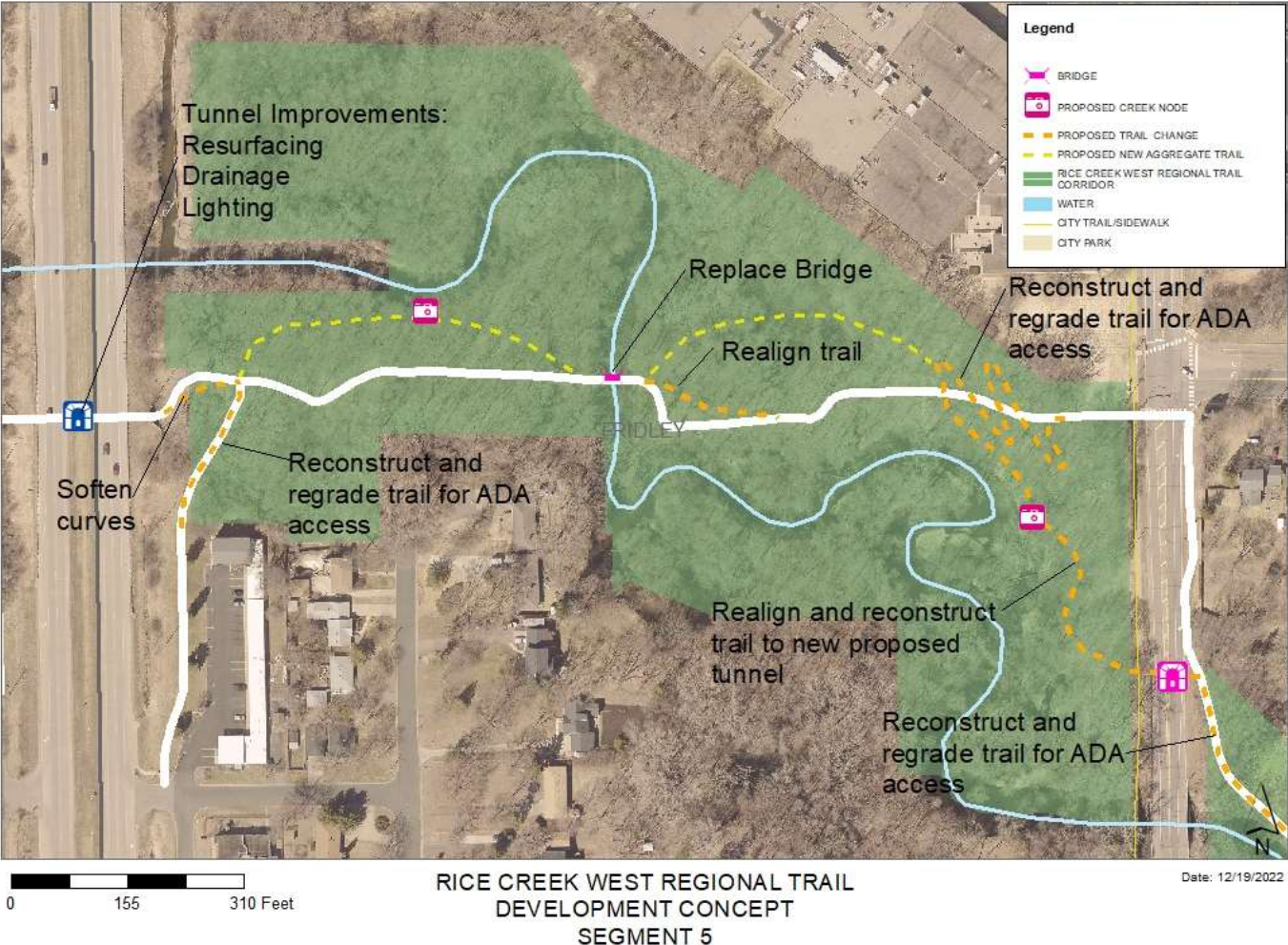
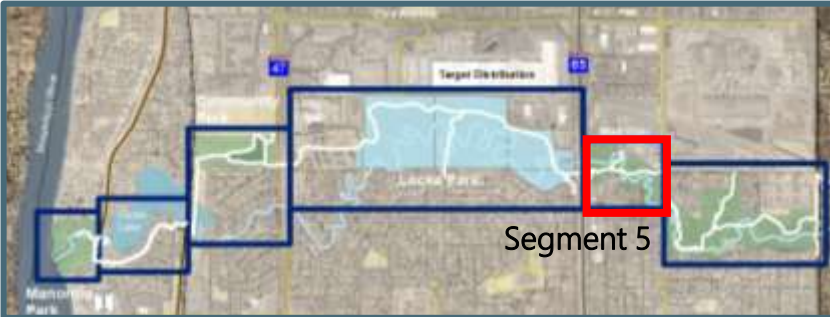


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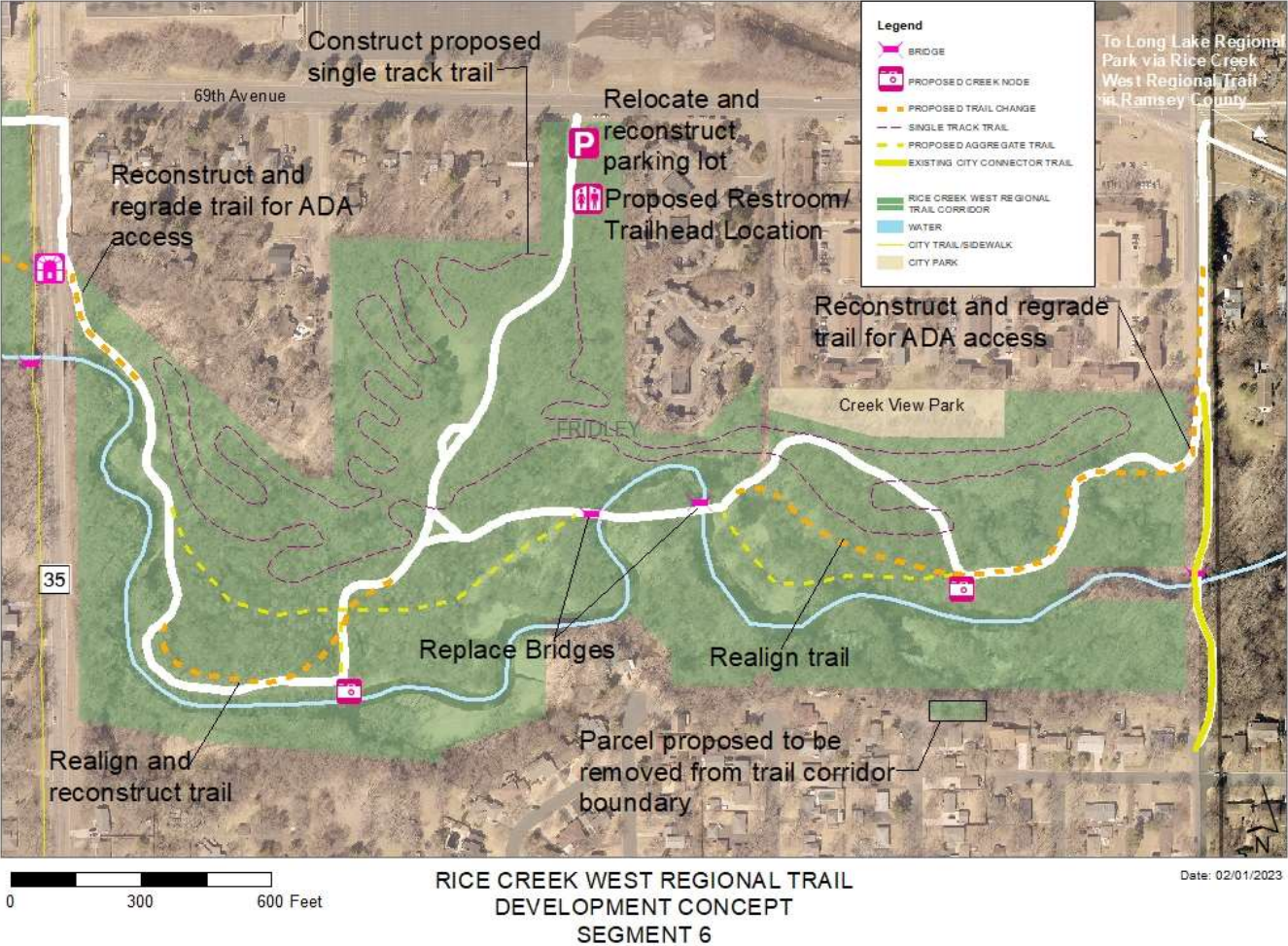
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DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT
SEGMENT 4

Date: 01/31/2023

RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL LONG RANGE PLAN SEGMENT 5



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL LONG RANGE PLAN SEGMENT 6



RICE CREEK WEST REGIONAL TRAIL LONG RANGE PLAN



Total Development Cost:
\$27,130,000

Highlights:

- Easements granted to County for regional trails crossing City of Fridley property.
- Addressing ADA issue for regional trail within Locke within 5 years.
- Banfill Tavern building improvements 2025-26

Majority of improvement costs in 10-20 years.

QUESTIONS?

PLAN YOUR PARKS RICE CREEK WEST LONG-RANGE PLAN

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Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Commons Park Recreation Building Vision and Budget Update

Background

Commons Park is scheduled for redevelopment in 2025-2026, with planning and design currently underway. HCM Architects are engaged in concept design and HKGi has been identified as the preferred landscape architect.

Central to the park design will be an interconnected complex featuring a park building, splash pad, inclusive playground, parking, plazas, and winter recreation area.

The recreation building budget, established in the Park System Improvement Plan document, was set at \$4 million. Staff presented a vision for a \$5 million building concept at the May 13th Council Conference meeting to be the central amenity in the park complex and to serve as an operational hub for Fridley Parks and Recreation programming and community events. The presented building concept featured interior and exterior-facing restrooms, warming and gathering areas, classrooms, and an indoor play space.

Staff received updated pricing estimates from HCM Architects on May 24th, indicating that recent similar project bids warrant budgeting \$750 per sq/ft for the park building, which is significantly higher than initial working estimates of \$550 per sq/ft that were provided and used to develop preliminary building concepts.

The project team recommends removal of the indoor play component of the park building and reducing square footage from a proposed 8,893 sq/ft to a target of 6,666 sq/ft and proceeding with a budget of \$5 million plus "soft costs" such as furnishings and security systems to realize the vision for this central hub of the park project. Use of the building as an amenity hub for the park as well as the primary location for the City's parks and recreation community programs and events will remain the core function of the park building.

Staff will present updates on the park building concept, programming vision, project timeline and impacts of the anticipated increase in building cost per sq/ft.

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Financial Impact

Staff will provide an outlook of how the Commons Park building may be scaled to reduce square footage while maintaining exceptional value to residents and exceeding the goals of the Park System Improvement Plan as the central element of the Commons Park project.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council provide feedback and direction on the vision and operational assumptions presented for Commons Park and the project's proposed recreation and amenity hub. Staff recommends a \$5 million construction planning budget for the commons park building.

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