

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Beck, Erdos-Thayer, Hickman, Sparks, Markfort, Rochon-Washington, Vaith
2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - A. 9.24.24 Meeting Minutes
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Grant Application for a Resilience Hub at Sanborn Park
 - B. Update on Parks and Facilities Naming Policy
 - C. Sanborn Playground Unofficial Options
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. PMP Update
5. INFORMATION ONLY
6. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL: 7:05**

X Beck, _X_ Erdos-Thayer, _X_ Hickman, _X_ Sparks, _X_ Markfort,
O Rochon-Washington, _X_ Vaith

Also in attendance: Matt, Members of HRC

2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from 8-27-24 Meeting

- Motion to approve: Vaith
- Second: Hill

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Parks Renaming

Erdos-Thayer: Conflict of interest in name change policy doesn't apply to Commissions.

Markfort: Can names be brought back to be voted on a second time?

Erdos-Thayer: Could both names Castile Park and Shoreline Park be voted on again under re-written renaming policy? Communication for renaming? Who can fill out application? Is 5 people enough on an application?

Markfort: Timeline for feedback on updates and how does PRFC come into play.

Ben Hansen: Suggestions for updated process. Will email steps. To deliver to council.

B. LVT Fitness Court: Bazyk: Presented final items selected to go into fitness court.

Erdos-Thayer: Ensured there would be color on the equipment. Not industrial gray.

C. Sanborn Park Feedback from Meet and Greet:

Erdos-Thayer: The most comprehensive planning process for park design the city has done.

Erdos-Thayer: Community Gardens need security issues.

D. Grant for Sanborn Park Playground: Commission feedback: make sure the playground is attractive to a wide range of ages. Sanborn is the second-largest park and attracts a lot of people.

5. **INFORMATION ONLY**

A. Boo Bash at Sanborn Park 10/4/24

B. Membership Cards and rates at Robbinsdale Community Gym and Fitness Center.

MINUTES

C. Forestry Report: Bazyk: Read the Forestry report provided by Stephan Papiz.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. **Motioned: Erdos-Thayer**

B. **Second: Sparks**

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator, Tim Sandvik, City Manager

DATE: October 22, 2024

RE: Grant Application for a Resilience Hub at Sanborn Park

Background:

As the City nears the completion of the Parks Master Plan, staff remain opportunistic while supporting City Council's adopted Goals and Priorities - specifically, *continue City-wide sustainability efforts*. The newly added position of Sustainability Coordinator has enabled staff to go after Federal, State, and local grant funding that we have not previously had time to apply for.

Analysis:

The desire for an improved "public space" at Sanborn Park has long been discussed. With the current facility failing in a variety of capacities, the comprehensive envisioning of our parks system through the Parks Master Plan has reinforced the desire to replace the indoor facility at Sanborn Park within the coming years.

Staff have identified "Planning grants for stormwater, wastewater, and community resilience" through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The grant opportunity states:

The MPCA is soliciting project proposals to distribute \$750,000 for climate planning projects to communities across Minnesota. This funding provides an opportunity for these communities to assess vulnerabilities and begin planning for the effects of Minnesota's changing climate in three areas:

- *How to increase resilience to stormwater and reduce localized flood risk*
- *How to improve resilience of wastewater systems*
- *How to reduce human health effects and adapt community services, ordinances, and public spaces to the changing climate.*

This memo is to provide an update that staff intends to apply for funding to help with the planning of a Resiliency Hub at Sanborn Park. Resilience Hubs are community-serving facilities augmented to support residents, coordinate communication, distribute resources, and reduce carbon pollution while enhancing quality of life. Resilience Hubs can meet a myriad of physical and social goals by utilizing a **trusted physical space, such as a recreation building**. Staff sees this potential funding as an opportunity to not only utilize available resources to enhance and improve upon the Sanborn Park building, but also to integrate the City's sustainability goals with projects that are already in the making.

Recommendation:

Questions or ideas? Contact City Sustainability Coordinator, Kayla Kirtz, at kkirtz@robbinsdalemn.gov.

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: October 22, 2024
RE: Update on Parks and Facilities Naming Policy

Background:

In October of 2023, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) presented to the City Council at a work session. At that meeting, HRC members suggested the renaming of Sanborn Park. The City Council ultimately agreed that a Parks Naming Policy should exist, before moving forward in the process. Following months of discussion, including input from the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry (PRF) Commission, draft language was presented to Council with staff updates, in the spring of 2024. At the April 16, 2024 City Council meeting, Council adopted the new policy.

Analysis:

Following the approval of the new policy, the City received two proposals for the renaming of Sanborn Park. As a part of the process as defined by the policy, proposals were reviewed by the PRF Commission and both were determined to meet required criteria. Then, again as required by the policy, the City posted notice of a Public Hearing for September 17, 2024 to consider both applications - at that meeting one proposal was considered and voted down, and the second proposal was not formally considered.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Council gave direction to staff that they wanted to further examine the policy at an upcoming work session. At the October 8, 2024 Council work session, Council reached consensus that it is the shared desire to rename Sanborn Park. Further, Council agreed that more community engagement should be included. Finally, there was agreement that there should be a mechanism that starts with the recognition of Council's desire to rename a Park or Facility, and then set a fixed schedule for naming solicitations to advance the process while not creating undue burden.

At the October 15, 2024 City Council meeting, Council suspended the current policy - Council then requested that staff provide an updated policy at the November 12, 2024 work session, for Council consideration and eventual adoption. While staff is currently working on updates, a number of things will remain similar/same; including, Objectives, Guidelines, and Principles. However, there will be an emphasized effort to promote community engagement, which might include the PRF Commission serving as hosts for an Open House.

Recommendation:

NA

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: October 22, 2024

RE: Sanborn Playground Unofficial Options

Background:

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

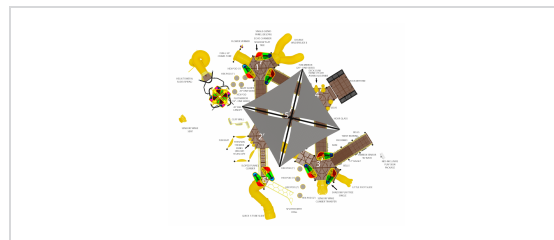
1. MWP Recreation
2. KOMPAN Sanborn Options



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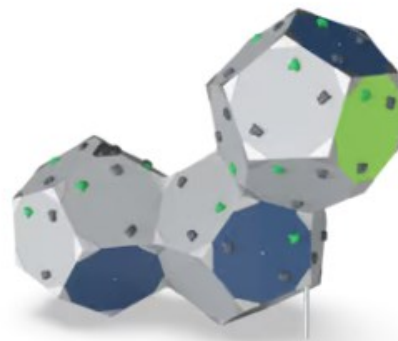
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TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: October 22, 2024

RE: PMP Update

Background:

Robbinsdale is creating a 10-year Parks Master Plan to help guide the improvement and growth of our parks and their pedestrian connections. The goal is to have the plan adopted by the City Council in December of 2024.

Analysis:

The adoption process and schedule needs to be adjusted. During the September PRFC meeting, it was suggested that we increase the time for community feedback for the PMP prior to adoption. Bolton and Menk agreed with this suggestion during a call on September 25th. The new schedule will include a presentation to the City Council on December 10th and allow for community feedback through December and January. Ideally, we will have the PRFC view the plans during the November meeting. If they are not available to present during the November meeting we could need to schedule a meeting during December for the PRFC.

In addition to the need for community input, we have come across other challenges to the Sanborn Park plan including the installation of a storm sewer pipe that has created the need for additional plan adjustments.

Recommendation:

Vote on whether the PRFC is willing to schedule a meeting in December if the PMP is not ready for PRFC feedback by November 26th.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Storm - Sanborn Park

