

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Beck, Erdos-Thayer, Davis, Rochon-Washington, Rassmusen
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - A. November 2025 Meeting Minutes
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Robbinsdale Bike and Pedestrian Plan
 - B. Shoreline Bike Path Show of Support
 - C. 2026 Budget and Projects Plan
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Sanborn Renaming
 - B. Bus Stop Benches
6. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. Recreation
 - B. Parks
 - C. Forestry
7. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL: X Beck, X Erdos-Thayer, X Rochon-Washington, X Davis, X Rasmussen

Also in attendance: Matt Bazyk, city representative. Resident: Pete Johnson and Teresa Bayerd

Call to order: 7:04 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Davis

2nd: Beck

Vote: 4 yes – 0 no

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 10/28/25 Meeting (with corrections)

Motion: Rochon-Washington

2nd: Beck

Vote: 4 yes – 0 no

Erdos-Thayer open floor for public comment:

Residents Teresa Bayerd and Pete Johnson: Spoke on their opinion for the direction of the Sanborn Park renaming.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jana Rasmussen Oath of Office

Commissioner Rasmussen of Ward 2 recited and signed Oath of Office.

- B. Process for Including Dakota Tribes in Sanborn Park Renaming

Bazyk: Discussed steps that would need to be taken to best include the Dakota People in the renaming of Sanborn Park. This includes relinquishing naming power to them, holding a naming ceremony, creating a land acknowledgment and continued education around the Dakota people.

RW: Strongly agree that we shouldn't continue to engage the Dakota people without the guarantee that we are going to use a Dakota name. Dual naming would be interesting, only bc they suggested it.

Davis: Interested in the dual naming option, for safety concerns around pronouncing.

Beck: Agree that Dakota track is preferred and a dual naming is an option.

Palatability of name shouldn't be a concern.

ET: Renaming could be considered scary, but mainly because people are scared with change. Recommends going down the path for Dakota people to rename.

RW: Renaming started with an air of reparations. The current non-Dakota naming

options don't carry that same spirit. Recommends going with a Dakota name to keep that spirit in mind.

Davis: Ward 1 residents have shown a seemingly tired of the discussion.

Ras: Prefers Dakota option. Of the none-Dakota options Shoreline is the preferred name.

RW: This is chance to enrich and educate our community. The name should be something that has movement behind it.

Beck: Surveyed 61 People 1) Blue Ribbon 2) Unity 3) Birdtown Park 4) Dakota name 5) Shoreline 6) Mendenhall

- C. Sanborn Renaming Commission Feedback
(See attached Excel document)

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Manor Park Playground

Construction is complete. Woodchips have been placed. In the Spring we will pour in the pour-in-place surfacing and hold a grand opening.

RW: Families are loving it. Seeing new faces in the park. Seeing a larger range of kids playing on it as well.

Beck: Process was incredibly quick and smooth.

- B. Sanborn Park Construction

6. INFORMATION ONLY

- A. Recreation:

Rasmussen: Picnic table near ice for people to put on skates.

- B. Parks

- C. Forestry: Rasmussen: Blue Thumb-Lawns to Lagoons Grant

7. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

RW: POOP AT MANOR ON TENNIS COURTS AND ALSO, COURT PLAYABILITY COULD BE A CONCERN. LOOK INTO ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AND COURT IMPROVEMENTS.

ET: PROVIDE POOP BAG CONTAINERS AND BAGS IN THE PARKS TO HELP ENSURE PEOPLE HAVE

ET: EARLY SUGGESTIONS FOR CITY CODE AND NATIVE PLANTS. PRFC SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSION.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: ROCHON-WASHINGTON

2ND: DAVIS

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 PM



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY:
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: Robbinsdale Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Background:

City Staff have been working with Holly Larson of the National Parks Services to develop a new Pedestrian and Bike Plan for the City.

Analysis:

Holly will present what we have developed with the intent to present to City Council for adoption in the Spring of 2026.

Recommendation:

Give feedback on the direction of the Pedestrian and Bike Plan and take a vote to show support.

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: January 27, 2026

RE: Shoreline Bike Path Show of Support

Background:

Shoreline Drive will be reconstructed in 2027. Part of the project will include adding a bike lane on the north side of the road. Some community members have shown opposition to having the bike lane on the north side while others have shown support.

Analysis:

The Engineering Team has requested that the PRFC discuss this addition and vote to see if they show support for adding the bike lane on the north side. Final plans will be presented to Council this year and support from the Commissions will be helpful in passing them.

Recommendation:

Discuss the addition of the bike lane to the north side of Shoreline Drive and vote on if there is PRFC support for the proposed plan.

Attachments:

1. DRAFT Letter of Support - Shoreline Drive

Robbinsdale City Council
4100 Lakeview Avenue N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

[Date] TBD

Dear Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the Robbinsdale Sustainability Committee, we are writing to express our strong support for the planned bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as part of the upcoming street reconstruction project on Shoreline Drive. We believe that incorporating these features will not only enhance the safety and mobility of our community but will also align with our shared goals of promoting sustainable transportation and reducing our environmental footprint.

As a group of Robbinsdale residents committed to fostering a sustainable and livable community, we recognize the importance of ensuring that our streets are accessible to all modes of transportation. Expanding and improving bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings as part of this project will provide residents with more options for safe and efficient travel, reduce reliance on personal vehicles, and contribute to the overall health and well-being of our city.

Specifically, we strongly support:

- **The 10' wide shared use trail on the north side of Shoreline Drive from County Road 81 to 41st Avenue** that will offer a safer, more direct route for cyclists, encouraging more people to opt for this environmentally friendly mode of transportation.
- **The painting of designated pedestrian crosswalks and installation of a roundabout at Shoreline Drive and Chowen Avenue** to calm traffic and enhance safety for those on foot and bicycle, especially at key intersection.
- **Adjusted, well-maintained sidewalks** that will make walking safer and more accessible for pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

These improvements will provide lasting benefits, including reducing traffic congestion, lowering carbon emissions, and encouraging healthier lifestyles through increased physical activity. We are confident that this project will support a more vibrant, connected, and sustainable Robbinsdale.

We commend the City Council and the City's Engineering department for considering the integration of these important elements into the street reconstruction project. The Sustainability Committee is eager to lend our support and collaborate with you to ensure that the project maximizes its potential to serve our community's future transportation needs.

Thank you for your continued leadership in making Robbinsdale a more sustainable and connected place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Members of the Robbinsdale Sustainability Committee:

Spencer Greenberg, Jonathan Hansen, Megan Hanelitz, Erin Hart, Nick Heid, Chris Lyng, Carol Myers, Sadie Pendaz-Foster, Mardell Presler, and Alyce Sande



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY:
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: 2026 Budget and Projects Plan

Background:

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. 2026 Parks Projects

2026 through 2035
Capital Improvement Plan
 Robbinsdale, MN
Projects & Funding Sources By Department

Department	Project #	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Tota
1 - Government Buildings												
PW Garage - Repairs	181	40,000										40,000
Buildings Small Works	197	30,000	22,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000	27,000	28,000	29,000	30,000	264,000
Public Works - New Building	1000	30,500,000	8,500,000									39,000,000
Solar Power Implementation	1008	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	225,000
Historic Library - Repair / Replace Storm Windows	1015	75,000										75,000
Civic Campus on Hubbard Avenue	1017				700,000	25,000,000	25,000,000					50,700,000
Various Locations - EV Charging Stations	1020	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000					600,000
Public Safety - Office Modifications	1021	70,000										70,000
Police PUPS	1024	420,000										420,000
Public Works - Geothermal Heating/Cooling	1025	100,000	1,200,000									1,300,000
1 - Government Buildings Total		31,380,000	9,867,000	168,000	874,000	25,175,000	25,056,000	57,000	58,000	29,000	30,000	92,694,000
Central Garage Fund - Building												
		40,000										40,000
Central Services Fund												
		250,000	167,000	168,000	174,000	175,000	56,000	57,000	58,000	29,000	30,000	1,164,000
CIF Government Buildings												
		70,000										70,000
GO CIP Bonds												
		520,000	700,000									1,220,000
Grants												
		500,000										500,000
Sales tax												
		30,500,000	8,500,000		700,000	25,000,000	25,000,000					89,700,000
	Source Grand Total	31,380,000	9,867,000	168,000	874,000	25,175,000	25,056,000	57,000	58,000	29,000	30,000	92,694,000
2 - Park System												
So. Halifax Park Improvements	203			200,000								310,000
Manor Park - Reshingle Building Roof	222		60,000									60,000
Triangle Park - Reconstruction	231	40,000	370,000									410,000
Sanborn Park - Tennis /Pickle Ball Courts	236	420,000										420,000
Fitness Center Equipment Replacement	248		100,000			5,000						105,000

Department	Project #	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Total
Lakeview Terrace Park - Reconstruction	249	73,000	40,000	25,000	30,000		30,000		40,000		40,000	278,000
Lee Park - North End Enhancements	287				25,000		200,000					225,000
Sanborn Park - New Concession / Community Building	288		3,000,000									3,000,000
Lee Park - Replace Synthetic Turf	290						1,200,000					1,200,000
Manor Park - Reconstruct Trails	293		200,000									200,000
Hollingsworth Park - Shoreline Stabilization	295	25,000	25,000	25,000								75,000
Park Furniture Replacement Program	296	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,000	23,000	23,000	198,000
Parks Small Works	297	21,000	22,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	26,000	27,000	28,000	29,000	30,000	255,000
Lee Park - Trail Lighting	299	50,000										50,000
Community Garden	2002	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000						50,000
Hollingsworth Park - Replace Retaining Wall	2004			40,000								40,000
City Parks - Trail Lighting	2005	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000						300,000
Lee Park - Replace Picnic Shelter	2009		95,000									95,000
Spanjers Park - Replace Fencing	2010		60,000									60,000
Replacement Soccer Goals	2016					10,000						10,000
Replacement of Park Signs	2017	80,000	80,000									160,000
Manor Park - Splash Pad Equipment Replacement	2020		35,000						40,000			75,000
Lee Park - Backstop Tuck Pointing	2022			20,000								20,000
Lee Park - Replace Storage Shed	2023	45,000										45,000
Manor Park - New Picnic Shelter	2024		100,000									100,000
Mielke Park - Seating Area	2025			30,000								30,000
Triangle Park - Irrigation System	2026					25,000						25,000
Triangle Park - Picnic Shelter	2027					200,000						200,000
Norma Dubois Kelly Park - Picnic Shelter	2028				80,000							80,000
Lee Park - Field Lights	2029		350,000									350,000
Sanborn Park Enhancements - Phase 1	2035	750,000										750,000
Sanborn Park Enhancements - Phase 2	2036		600,000									600,000
Sanborn Park Enhancements - Phase 3	2037			600,000								600,000
Sanborn Park Enhancements - Phase 4	2038				600,000							600,000
2 - Park System Total		1,590,000	5,265,000	1,011,000	892,000	1,750,000	186,000	47,000	90,000	52,000	93,000	10,976,000
Clf Park Improvements		407,500	777,500	398,500	292,000	340,000	76,000	47,000	90,000	52,000	93,000	2,573,500
Equipment Replacement Fund						10,000						10,000
GO Abatement		400,000	4,150,000	600,000	600,000		110,000					5,860,000



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY:
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: Sanborn Renaming

Background:

Sanborn Park is to be renamed. In November of 2025 the PRFC voted in support of renaming the park with the support of the Dakota people. Matt Bazyk, took that information to a Council Work Session in December and received directive to pursue working with the Dakota people.

Analysis:

Since that December meeting, I have been unable to restart conversations with my contacts, but continue to reach out in order to plan the needed steps to rename Sanborn Park.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: Bus Stop Benches

Background:

Commissioner Rochon-Washington presented a bench to the PRFC that he had constructed for the school bus stop at his house. There was interest from the PRFC to look into building more of these benches for other stops around Robbinsdale.

Analysis:

Matt Bazyk has reached out to Robbinsdale School District to see how many school bus stops there are in the City.

Recommendation:

Continue conversation to see if it is feasible to build more benches and see how we could deploy them around the city.

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: Recreation

Background:

Sanborn Building design has been underway and we are nearing the final stages for the plan. We are applying for Local Option Sales Tax to help fund the project and construction has been moved tentatively to 2027 depending on funding.

Analysis:

The project cost has been a challenge for this building. We had to increase the budget from \$2 million to \$3 million. Design scope has been narrowed, originally including offices for Recreation staff, now the building will be strictly a program space, restrooms and mechanical room. Future pavilions on the north and south sides are options for expanding the space. The southern pavilion will double as a warming area for the skating rink.

Recommendation:

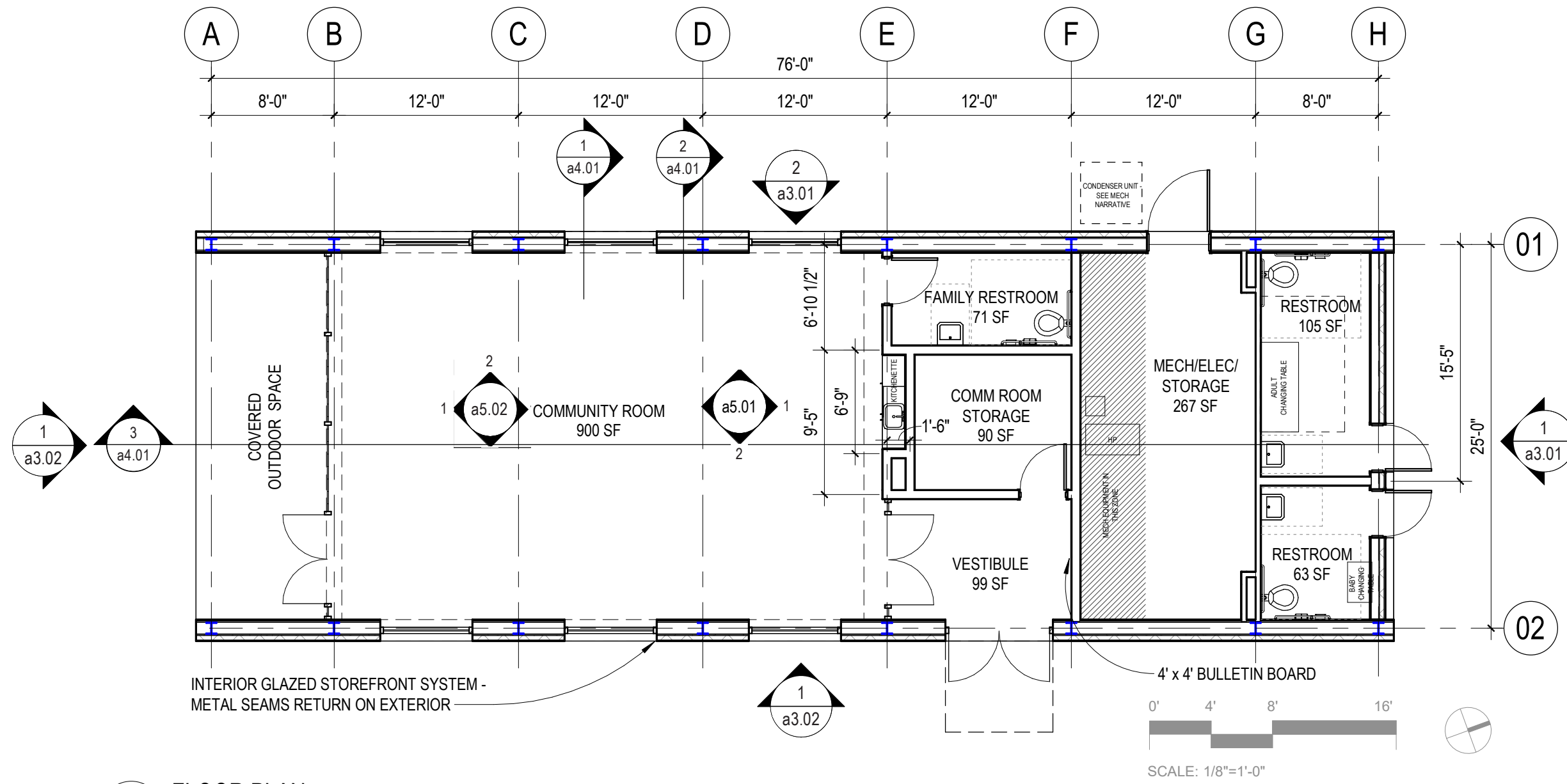
Provide feedback on the design and future plans for the site. We will organize a community info meeting at some point in the future.

Attachments:

1. PRFC Jan Packet



Design Package | a1.01 Floor Plan



1 FLOOR PLAN
 1/8" = 1'-0"

Design Package | Birdseye of Future Phase (for reference only)



Design Package | View Looking Northeast



Design Package | View Looking Southwest



Design Package | North Wall of Community Room



Design Package | South Wall of Community Room





TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: January 27, 2026

RE: Parks

Background:

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY:
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: Forestry

Background:

Working on DNR CPL grant to seek funding for the City Hall turf to prairie conversion project – held a meeting with other staff to discuss project concerns & thoughts
Worked native plant kit sale details with Tree Trust & Minnesota Native Landscapes (we’re offering 7 different kits including new songbird plant kit so get word out!)
Working out tree sale details with Tree Trust – 9 species available, will open at the beginning of March
Putting together a possible tree order from Bailey’s Nursery for reduced number of bareroot trees for 2026 planting – dependent upon whether new PW garage is a go

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None