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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE

Provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items which are not on the agenda. Public Comment will be limited to 15 minutes (if no one is in attendance for Public Comment, the regular meeting may begin), and it may not be used to make personal attacks, to air personality grievances, to make political endorsements or for political campaign purposes. Individuals should limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners will not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the Commission will be for clarification only. Public Comment will not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to the comments made, but rather for hearing the citizen for informational purposes only.

3. APPROVAL OF May 15, 2024 AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 17, 2024 MEETING

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

- OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 CANNABIS DISCUSSION – MAY 6

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

- PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
- PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
- DIRECTORS REPORT

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS
 - TRANSPORTATION
 - PARK TOUR IDEAS AND DATES

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CITY COUNCIL UPDATE -
- CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Commissioners Erickson and Matthews
- COMMUNITY GOALS UPDATE TASK FORCE - Commissioner Parks
- KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - JUNE – NO MEETING
 - JULY – PARK BOND PROJECT UPDATES
- KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at Community Activity Center and was called to order by Chairperson Erickson at 6:01 PM**

New Commissioners:

The new Commissioners Doug Crandall and Joshua Uloth were sworn in by Chairperson Erickson prior to Roll Call.

Director Tullberg stated that Councilmember Morson has been censored and removed as liaison between City Council and RPAC.

Director Tullberg asked the commissioners, that since we had new members, during rollcall they state their full name and why they joined RPAC.

Commission Members present:

Dwain Erickson, Chairperson
Joe Gomez, Vice-Chair
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Doug Crandall, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Taylor Murray, East
Miriam Osammor, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Judy Purcell, Central
Joshua Uloth, West

Youth Liaisons:

Aria Reickard

Commission Members absent:

Mercy Matthews, West
Kellina Quigley, At-large
Klarissa Yu

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Jen Gillard, Recreation Programming Manager
Marcus Hill, Parks and Facilities Manager
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Maintenance Manager
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE**

N/A

- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made to Approve the April 17, 2024 agenda by Commissioner Parks and second by Commissioner Uloth.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made to Approve the March 20, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Purcell and second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 5. ACTION ITEMS**

ANNUAL DEER HUNT

Director Tullberg provided the background for the annual deer hunt. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Parks noted that in the years of 2013 – 2015 there were quite a lot of deer harvested. Director Tullberg agreed. He pointed out that different zones have dropped out due to push back by the residents.

Commissioner Crandall asked if there have been any reports of the deer having disease? Director Tullberg stated that the staff does not have that information. He noted that the hunters keep the deer that they harvest, and the city is not necessarily included in those details.

Commissioner Crandall asked how many hunters are hunting at one time in a zone? Director Tullberg stated he does not have the exact numbers, but it is limited to accommodate the size of the area of the hunt.

Commissioner Purcell asked when the Mississippi Gateway Regional Park will be available again for a deer hunt? Director Tullberg stated that the park redevelopment should be done sometime between 2025 – 2026 so staff expect it will be available in 2026. The question will be will there still be areas that will be available without having to shut down the park.

Commissioner Purcell asked if Willowstone or River Park be an option or are they too narrow? Director Tullberg stated that the hunts are not conducted in the parks themselves but in the natural areas surrounding the parks. The proximity of how close the homes are to the areas is a factor to determine if there is safely enough space.

Commissioners Caldwell mentioned that at 84th and Xerxes where her mother lives, her mother feeds the deer. Director Tullberg stated that the number one reason for overpopulation of deer is due to people feeding them.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Gomez, SECOND Commissioner Uloth, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE 2024 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE METRO BOWHUNTERS RESOURCE BASE TO CONDUCT THE 2024 HUNT. Motion unanimously approved.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

1. PROGRAM AND EVENT TRANSPORTATION

Recreation Programming Manager Jen Gillard provided a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary research that staff has done regarding the RPAC workplan item of Program and Event Transportation. The research done so far has been only at a high level. Once it is known the direction that RPAC would like to go, more detailed work will be done by staff. See attached PP.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Lande asked how the Elder Micro Transit system option compared to the Plymouth Metrolink Click and Ride. Manager Gillard stated that staff did not review the Plymouth Metro. The service that was researched was the Maple Grove My Ride and this option is rip off of that.

Commissioner Erickson asked if the relationship with the user was between City of Brooklyn Park or with the Transit Team so in the case if someone was hurt while in transit who would the individual work with?

Manager Gillard stated that all of those details would be worked out within the contract agreement with the transit group the city partners with.

Commissioner Gomez asked if there had been any cost analysis done along with a determination of where this would come from within the city budget? Manager Gillard stated we are only at the beginning stages of showing options and will be asking RPAC for recommendations of which option to proceed with on more project planning and development of specific details.

Commissioner Uloth asked if the Blue Line is part of the consideration? Manager Gillard stated that the Blue Line would fall under mass transit and staff would focus on micro transit that would be tailored to the needs of the users.

Commissioner Lande stated that she thinks of Rec on The Go and this discussion is more along the lines of bringing the “people to the Rec”. Is this in addition to or looking as a replacement to Rec on The Go?

Manager Gillard stated this was not taking the place of Rec on The Go. A consideration has been on how to provide Rec on The Go to the elderly. Issues to consider is they would not necessarily participate in outdoor activities. More indoor activities would require space at the location where they live. Such space does not generally exist.

Commissioner Lande asked how the system would be used by the community in the broader sense of transportation not just for recreation which would not be this group? Manager Gillard agreed that would fall under the category of mass transit which would not be operated by this staff.

Commissioner Caldwell liked the ideas presented but stated that discussion is needed. She stated that the option for youth to be transported to different venues within the city was most appealing.

Commissioner Crandell asked about the elderly in their homes? Manager Gillard stated that right now the staff is only at the preliminary stage of exploration.

Commissioner Caldwell stated that the elderly also have Metro Mobility. Manager Gillard stated that there are challenges with Metro Mobility and stipulations of having a disability to be able to use it. There are also wait times involved.

Commissioner Caldwell mentioned that whichever option of selected it may mean more jobs in the community.

Commissioner Purcell stated that what stood out was the cost is so high. Conceptually it is a great idea getting the elderly and youth to different locations, however it seems so big and expensive.

Commissioner Erickson stated that it was presented that a couple of these services were tried for a while and then they failed. Do we know why they failed. Manager Gillard stated these were services that a couple of staff had been involved with and had inside knowledge. The service that was governed by the 5 Cities Transportation for the elders was in jeopardy when the local government aid money went away and the cities involved were not able to sustain the program. The youth transportation service folded when it was taken up by the Minneapolis Park Board who did not have the budget to maintain.

Commissioner Gomez stated that he appreciated the work of the staff. His concern is the cost and what is realistic. Questions to be answered are how to fund and how to sustain.

Commissioner Osammor stated a concern of do we have enough programs and activities for the youth available to account for the cost in transportation.

Commissioner Lande asked if there are existing mass transits that the city can jump on board with free bus cards given out to youth and elderly. As far as priorities are concerned since the city is investing millions of dollars in Zanewood she would like to see an emphasis placed on getting the youth to that location. Putting a system in place that will be operational in two years when the facility is open.

Commissioner Parks stated that cost is the primary concern. RPAC can discuss and staff can plan but when it goes before the City Council they will not approve.

Commissioner Parks stated that what stood out was the circular bus model seemed to be the best option. He also stated that the stakeholders need to be identified.

Commissioner Uloth is possible to have a partnership with Maple Grove transit? Manager Gillard stated that the Maple Grove program was used as a possible model, but that Recreation and Parks Staff have not reached out as representatives for the whole city to discuss a partnership.

Commissioner Uloth stated that it might be a good option to minimize some of the costs of a program to explore that partnership.

Director Tullberg stated that tonight was open discussion for staff to hear from RPAC and reiterated that none of the options have been fully vetted yet. He thanked Manager Gillard for the presentation. Director Tullberg acknowledged the concerns over budget and sustainability. He stated more discussions will be scheduled in the future.

2. TEEN CENTER

Manager of Parks and Facilities Marcus Hill provided an update on Teen Center project. PowerPoint is attached.

Questions and Comments:

Commissioner Erickson asked how staff will monitor the commons area doesn't become a hangout area?

Manager Hill stated that is what staff hope the commons area will be. The challenge now is that they are confined to a "room". It is better if they are hanging out in a safe space with a programming area, than on the street.

Youth Liaison Reickard asked about the front door on the new addition vs the front door on the existing facility. Manager Hill replied that the existing front door will be an exit only.

Youth Liaison Reickard stated that there are different ages that like to play chess and asked how the crossover of ages would be handled with the two different facilities?. Manager Hill stated that the multi-purpose room can be used for overlap programming.

Commissioner Parks asked about the fencing for Huntington if there has been discussion about an opening for youth from Huntington to have easier access to Zanewood? Director Tullberg stated the gate is supposed to be open during the day. It is on a timer.

Commissioner Uloth asked if there is a slide of what the facility looks like now? Manager Hill stated that he has a slide he can share and offered to provide a tour.

Commissioner Lande asked how much of the existing equipment will be reused? Manager Hill stated that there are computers that will be reused. The Tech Center will have brand new equipment as part of the Best Buy grant.

Commissioner Lande encouraged grouping the seating and mobile furniture that the youth can use.

Manager Hill stated that the staff is now entering the furniture discussion phase.

Commissioner Erickson asked about monitoring the outside of the facility. Manager Hill stated there will be cameras and Zanewood staff also do periodical walk abouts. If there are youth outside of the facility at the basketball courts, there will be staff outside as well. Programming will also facilitate the monitoring of all areas. Also, it is a public park nearby so all ages are welcome.

Youth Liaison Reickard asked about the timeline for completion of the facility? Manager Hill said it is expected to be about a year of construction.

Commissioner Gomez provided feedback that the programming of Cops and Kids is fantastic. Once this building is in place that kind of programming can grow.

Commissioner Parks asked about the legality privacy aspect of kid's names / address / photo gathering and on file? Manager Hill stated that it is for security and safety concerns.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 4.9 Approve Professional Services Agreement with Design by Melo for Construction Document Development
- 7.2 7.1 2024 State Bonding Project Support

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
3. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Tullberg provided information about the shooting that occurred at Willowstone park on April 6th.

Director Tullberg, Manager Hill and other city staff have met with residents in the area on April 10th and the following changes were discussed: improve lighting outdoors, boulders to control traffic into the park and park rentals that end at 9pm and cleaned up and out by 10pm.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS
N/A

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - No Report
2. CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Chairperson Erickson and Commissioner Matthews
Chairperson Erickson stated they have met, and it was decided the artwork would move around twice a year. Residents will be allowed to display.
3. COMMUNITY GOALS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE - Commissioner Parks
Commissioner Parks stated they have had two meetings so far. The last meeting discussed the stakeholders.
4. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - MAY 15 – 5:30 Tour Operations and Maintenance. Meeting will start at 6:00

- JUNE – NO MEETING

5. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Purcell to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Erickson at 8:06 PM

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments:

4.1 5.1 2024 Deer Management PowerPoint

4.2 6.1 Transportation Options PowerPoint

4.3 6.2 Teen Center RPAC PowerPoint

Annual Deer Management Plan

Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission

April 17, 2024

Brad Tullberg, Recreation & Parks Director

DEER MANAGEMENT HISTORY

- In 2011, City Council approved Deer Management Plan
 - Identifies the number of deer that the natural habitat can support within city
 - The plan recommends 15 to 20 deer per square mile
 - 45 to 60 deer in the northern portion of the city
 - 15 to 20 deer along the Mississippi River south of Highway 610
 - 15 to 20 in the Palmer Lake Nature Area
- City works in partnership with Three Rivers Parks District and seven other Hennepin County municipal partners to:
 1. Conduct the annual fly over to determine herd count and the targeted number of deer to remove from herd in the next year.
 2. Historically, we have contracted with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) to conduct controlled deer hunt.

DEER MANAGEMENT HISTORY

- Initially able to hunt 11 different zones, now just four zones in 2022
 - ZONE 1 **NORTHWOODS PARK**
 - ZONE 2 RUSH CREEK TRAIL 102nd & REGENT (Dropped)
 - ZONE 3 ENVIRONMENTAL PARK (Construction @ MGRP)
 - ZONE 4 COON RAPIDS DAM (Construction @ MGRP)
 - ZONE 5 **PALMER LAKE PARK**
 - ZONE 6 WOODS AT 103rd & WINNETKA (Developed)
 - ZONE 7 RUSH CREEK TRAIL 101st & 169 (Developed)
 - **ZONE 8 BANFILL ISLAND (dropped 2022 – Izaak Walton League)**
 - ZONE 9 JEWELL PARK (Dropped too close to homes)
 - ZONE 10 **GREENHAVEN PARK**
 - ZONE 11 **BROOKDALE PARK**

2023 DEER HUNT

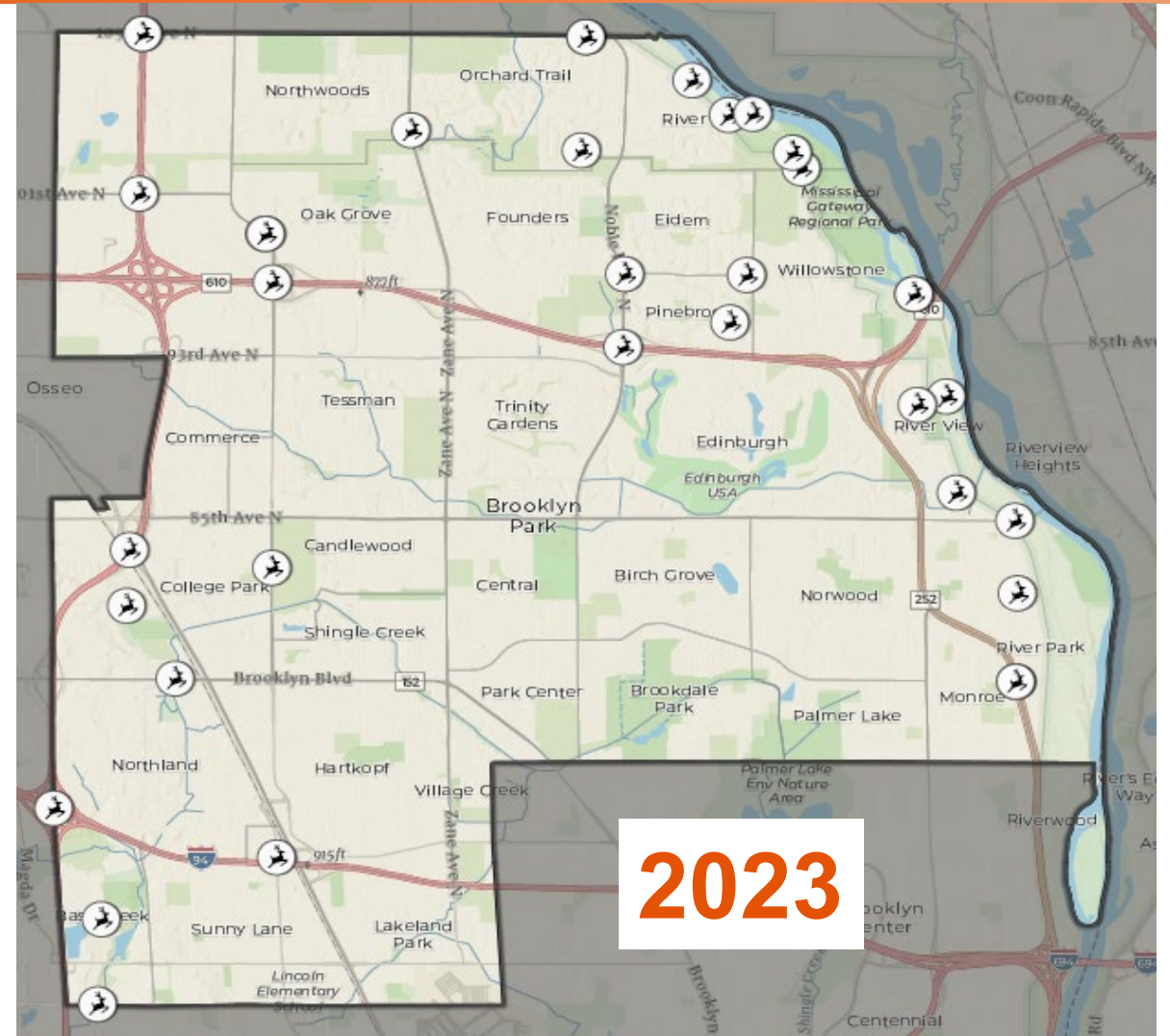
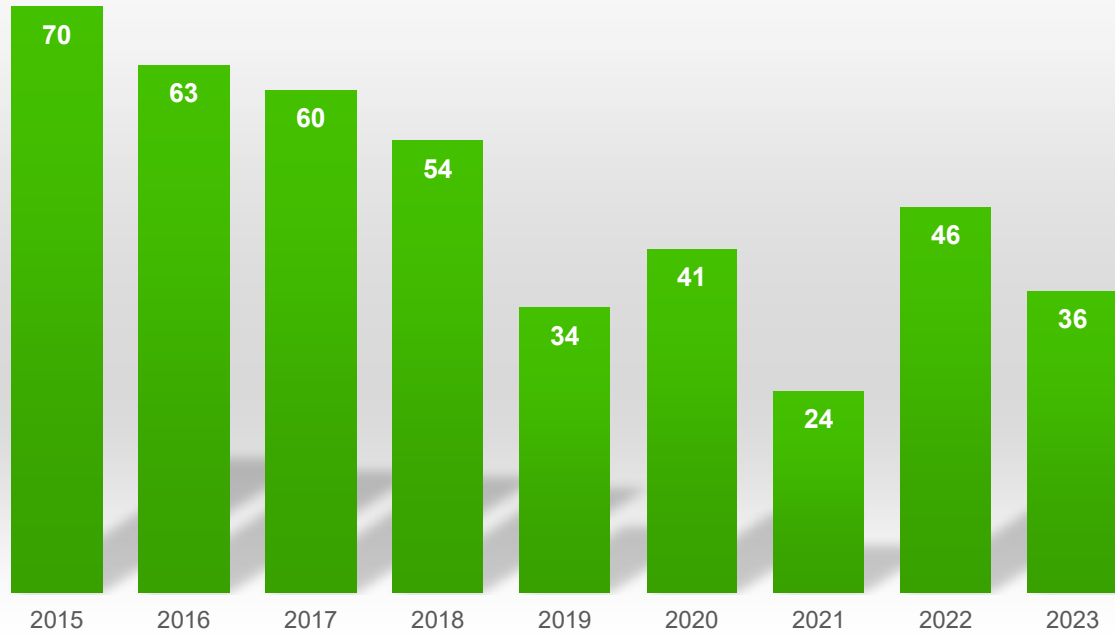
ZONES	PERIOD 1 OCT 2-3		PERIOD 2 OCT 30-31		PERIOD 3 NOV 13-14		TOTAL ALL HUNT DATES		TOTAL DEER
	ANTLER LESS	ADULT BUCKS	ANTLER LESS	ADULT BUCKS	ANTLER LESS	ADULT BUCKS	ANTLER LESS	ADULT BUCKS	
ZONE 1 (Northwoods)	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
ZONE 5 (Palmer Lake)	2	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	5
ZONE 10 (Greenhaven)	1	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	5
ZONE 11 (Brookdale)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
TOTAL DEER		6		4		4	11	3	14

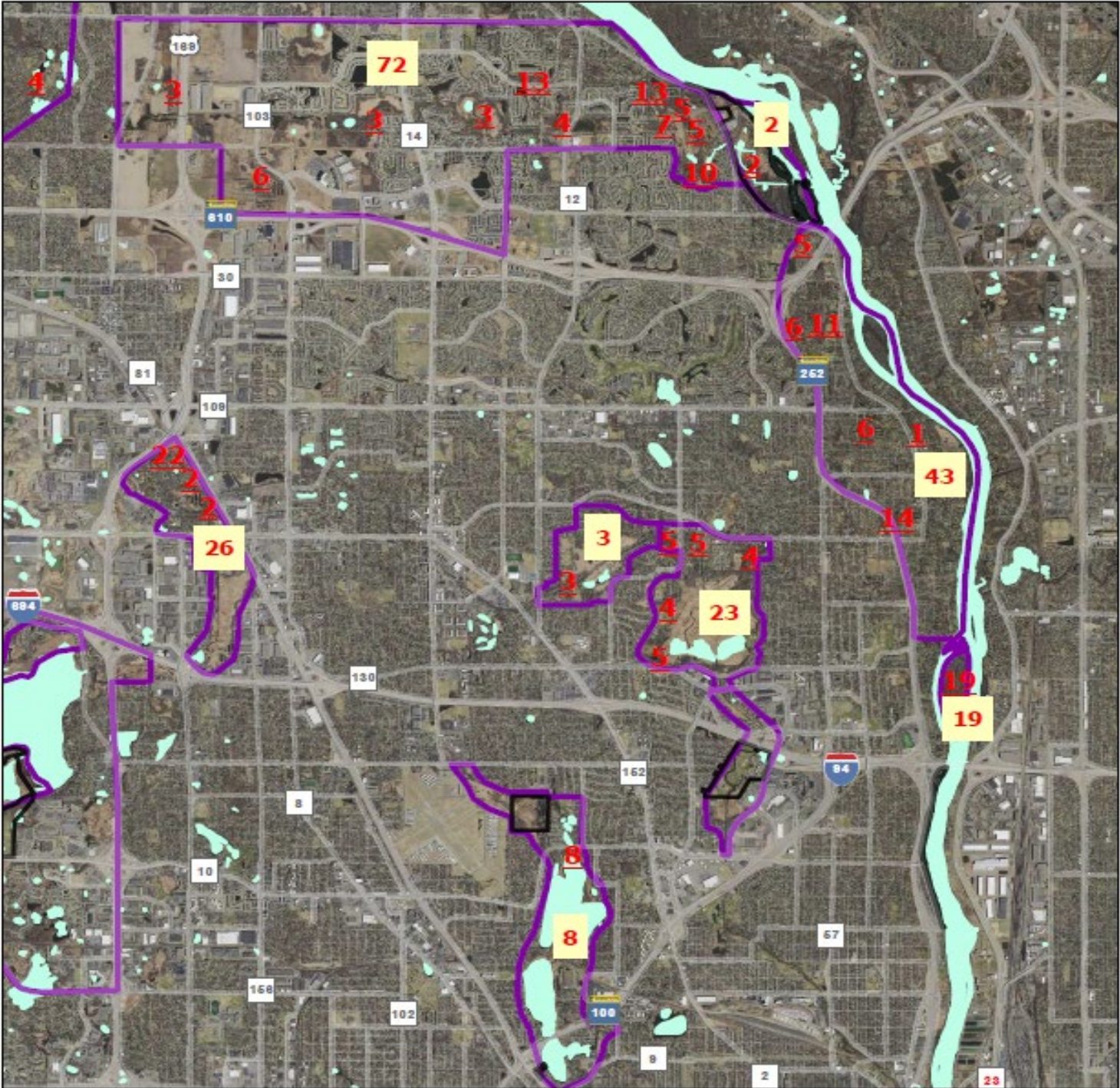
2011 - 2023 TOTAL DEER REMOVALS

2011 - 2023 Hunt Results		
ANTERLESS	ADULT BUCKS	TOTAL DEER
11	5	16
9	10	19
71	24	95
62	14	76
70	24	94
4	2	6
2	3	5
26	10	36
5	5	10
18	6	24
9	4	13
287	107	394

VEHICLE / DEER ACCIDENTS

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AERIAL SURVEY YEAR	AERIAL DEER COUNT
2019	171
2020	172
2021	No count
2022	114
2023	196
2024	No count

City of Brooklyn Park Brooklyn Center



1/12/2023 - Aerial Deer Survey
 Total Deer Counted - 196

PROPOSED 2024 DEER HUNT DATES

2024 Hunt Dates:

- October 7 & 8, October 9th
- October 28 & 29, October 30th
- November 11 & 12, November 13th

Proposed change back to three hunt days instead of two hunt days and makeup day.

REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend the Following to City Council:

1. Accept the 2023 report as presented; and
2. Allow the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute the 2024 Controlled Archery Deer Hunt; and
3. Approve the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract agreement with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base to conduct the controlled archery hunt for fall of 2024.

QUESTIONS?

Brad Tullberg

Director of Recreation and Parks

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Program and Event Transportation

Jen Gillard, CTRS

Recreation Services Manager

April 17, 2024

Program & Event Transportation

- We have heard over the years that transportation can be a barrier to participation in programs, events, and services
 - Lack of access to a vehicle due to age, ability, or cost
 - Mass transit routes can be limiting
 - “the last mile”
 - Lack of east-west routes in Brooklyn Park
 - Times and locations of stops
 - Ride shares and taxi services may be limiting due to cost or the accessibility of the vehicle used
- Not a one-size fits all solution

Overview of Models

- Monthly calendar with location schedule
- Residents schedule rides
- Minimal rider fee ?
- Cultural liaison or escort

Elder Micro-Transit System



- Scheduled stops
- Not for all events – focus on events with capacity for increased attendance
- Youth workers/staff scheduled to staff the buses

Event Transportation



- Monthly calendar with location schedule
- Stops must have activities/programs planned
- Drop-in rides
- Bus staffed with youth workers

Youth Circulator Bus



Goals and Considerations:

1. Vehicle accessibility
2. Language accessibility
3. Rider costs
4. Needs of riders – recreation programs, events & services and access to shopping and appointments
5. What services and amenities exist in the apartment community?

Elder Micro Transit System



Researching options and models in the area

- Transit Team – City purchases the vehicle(s), Transit team then leases and operates the program. Annual overhead costs paid by city – fuel and drivers. Transit Team and City work together to create the model.
 - Fixed Route vs. On Demand
 - \$3 each way?
 - Could we do a hybrid model?
 - Would focus on apartment communities with limited resources
- North Minneapolis Micro-Transit (Met Council)
 - On-demand rides in a 5 sq mile area
 - Operated my Metro Transit with retired Metro Mobility vehicles
- Three Rivers Park District
 - Monthly program offerings for cultural groups using TRPD shuttle buses and drivers
 - Cultural liaisons arrange and escort the trips to create comfort and bridge communication between program locations and participants

Goals and Considerations:

1. Event capacity
2. Vehicle type
3. Research stop locations and advertise to potential users
4. Schedule staff/youth workers to be on the bus

Event Transportation



- Staff would consider which events are a good fit for transportation
 - Event capacity
 - Who is the intended audience for this event? Are they here? Why not?
 - Is it marketing? Transportation? Other reason?
- Choose the type of vehicle that meets the need (school bus, van)
- Schedule staff/youth workers to be on the bus to give information and redirect/navigate behaviors
- Budget estimate
 - \$175-200/hour for bus + \$30/hour for youth workers

Goals and Considerations:

1. Who are the program partners?
2. Stops with programs/activities going on
3. Drivers just drive
4. Each bus staffed with 2 youth workers
5. Drop-in only. No fees/scheduling

Youth Circulator Bus



Circulator Bus Model:

- **School year:** primarily afterschool hours
- **Summer:** afternoons/evenings, no weekends
- Requires a staff to manage the route and communicate with partners to create a monthly calendar and marketing materials/signage
 - Only create stops where things are happening. No planned activities = no stop.
 - Ideas: BP Library, Brooklyn Center Community Center, Zanewood, CAC, Mississippi Gateway
 - Create consistent stop locations/times
- Two Youth workers on the bus at all times
 - Call ahead to stops with # of young people
 - Manage who is on the bus
 - bag checks, wristbands, parent consent for programs, going over basic rules
 - Redirect and navigate behaviors
 - Only manage the bus, not providing support at the stops.
- *Route options identified in The Brooklyns around 2010.*

Challenges

- Very expensive to operate regular routes
- Complex to build a system alone or with partners and difficult to sustain over time
- Need to have sites that are worth transporting people to
- Measuring the impact is difficult
- Elders: vehicles are smaller due to accessibility needs
- Youth: participation is unpredictable because it is completely voluntary/drop in
- Youth: will need to complete bag checks as they get on the bus.

Opportunities

- Create access for people that are not currently participating in programs, events, and services
- Increase utilization of programs, events, and services
- Can try some smaller scale pilot programs to see what works
- Can learn from existing and previous operating models (Youth Are Here Bus, 5 Cities Transportation, North Mpls Micro Transit, Transit Team/Maple Grove My Ride)

Questions for you:



1. What stands out to you or caught your attention about what you heard today?



2. What gives you pause about the City getting into this work?



3. What are you most interested in regarding transportation? What would you like to see next?

Teen Center Presentation

City of Brooklyn Park

Marcus Hill, Parks & Facilities Manager

April 17th, 2024

All About Zanewood



“The Wood” is Intentionally designed to build transforming relationships with youth and families to access quality programs, recreation & youth services opportunities and build skills created with youth and families in our diverse community.

- Teen programming and drop in, open gym, studio, chess,
- K-5th grade youth programs
- Arts and engagement- henna, murals, sewing, photo, public art. cricket
- Prevention & Intervention- care management, young adults, health support
- Workforce Development-Brooklynk and Y.E.P Program.

2018 Bond Referendum

- 63% of Brooklyn Park Voters approved a \$26M Park Bond Referendum in 2018
- Included \$2M for the expansion of teen program space
- Inflation in cost of materials and labor have skyrocketed
- Increasing need for additional prevention and intervention services, particularly after the pandemic

Funding Sources

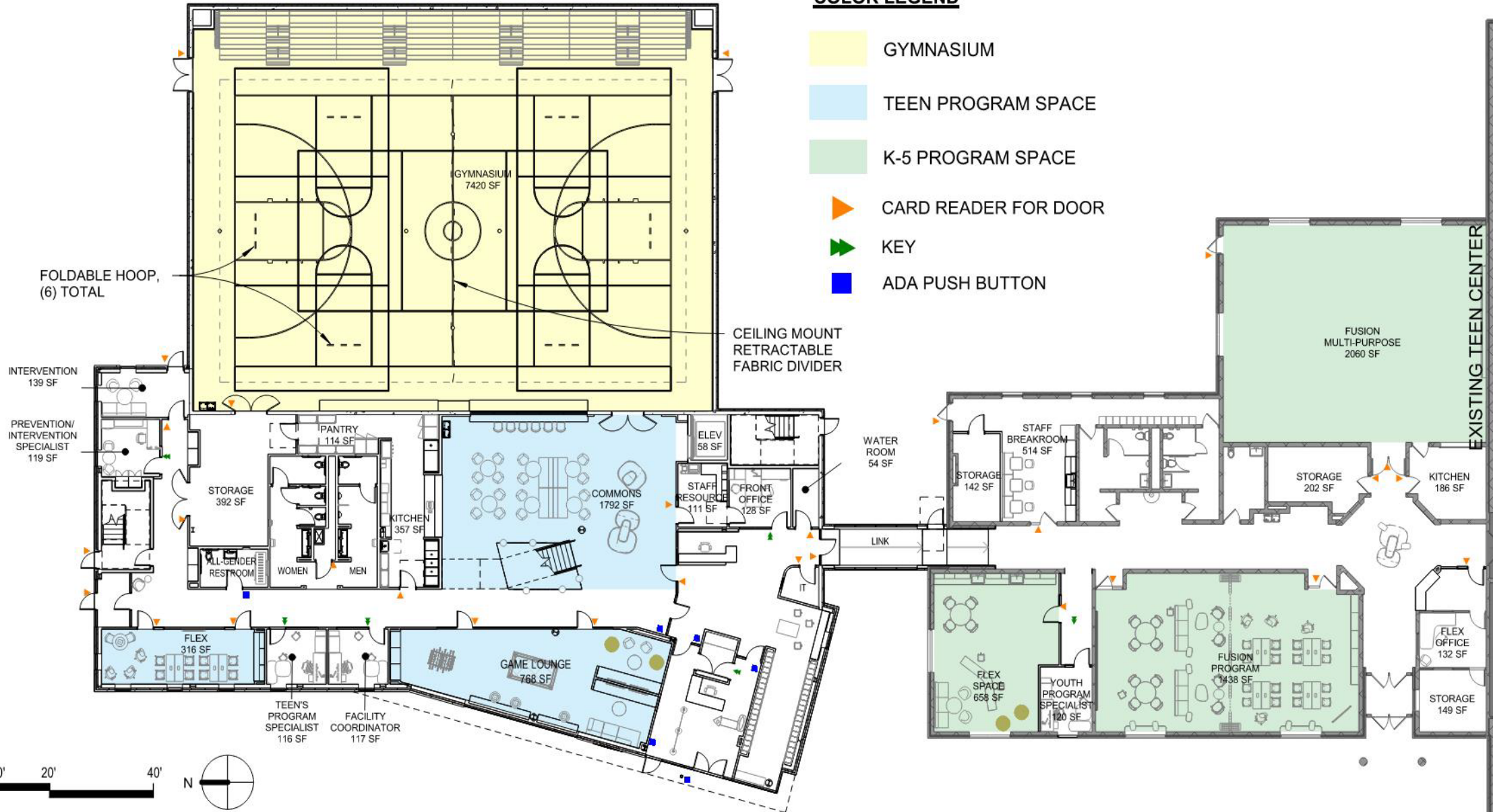
- \$4,000,000 Bond Referendum
- \$150,000 Best Buy Tech Lab grant
- \$500,000 Congressionally Directed Spending
- \$4,000,000 State bonding request-TBD
- Timberwolves gym sponsorship-TBD

Conceptual Design



COLOR LEGEND

- GYMNASIUM
- TEEN PROGRAM SPACE
- K-5 PROGRAM SPACE
- CARD READER FOR DOOR
- KEY
- ADA PUSH BUTTON



FOLDABLE HOOP, (6) TOTAL

GYMNASIUM
7420 SF

CEILING MOUNT
RETRACTABLE
FABRIC DIVIDER

INTERVENTION
139 SF

PREVENTION/
INTERVENTION
SPECIALIST
119 SF

STORAGE
392 SF

PANTRY
114 SF

WOMEN

MEN

KITCHEN
357 SF

COMMONS
1792 SF

ELEV
58 SF

STAFF
RESOURCE
111 SF

FRONT
OFFICE
128 SF

WATER
ROOM
54 SF

STAFF
BREAKROOM
514 SF

STORAGE
142 SF

STORAGE
202 SF

KITCHEN
186 SF

FUSION
MULTI-PURPOSE
2060 SF

FLEX
316 SF

TEEN'S
PROGRAM
SPECIALIST
116 SF

FACILITY
COORDINATOR
117 SF

GAME LOUNGE
768 SF

FLEX
SPACE
658 SF

YOUTH
PROGRAM
SPECIALIST
120 SF

FUSION
PROGRAM
1438 SF







FLEX
OFFICE
132 SF

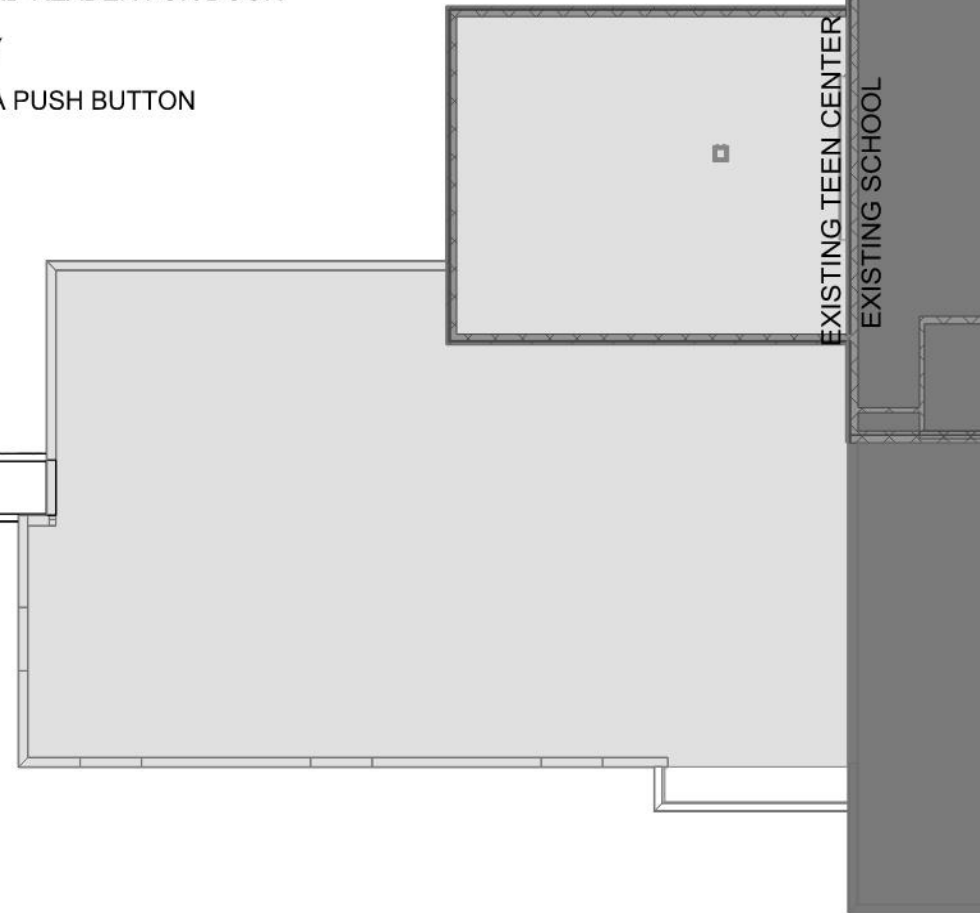
STORAGE
149 SF

EXISTING TEEN CENTER
EXISTING SCHOOL



COLOR LEGEND

-  GYMNASIUM
-  TEEN PROGRAM SPACE
-  K-5 PROGRAM SPACE
-  CARD READER FOR DOOR
-  KEY
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 **FASTBREAK
FOUNDATION**

THE WOOD
ZANEWOOD
RECREATION CENTER

 **Brooklyn
Park**





HOME		15:16	GUEST	
PTS	42		PTS	23
REB	2		REB	2
FG%	44		FG%	48
FT%	10		FT%	8

EAST
YOUNG



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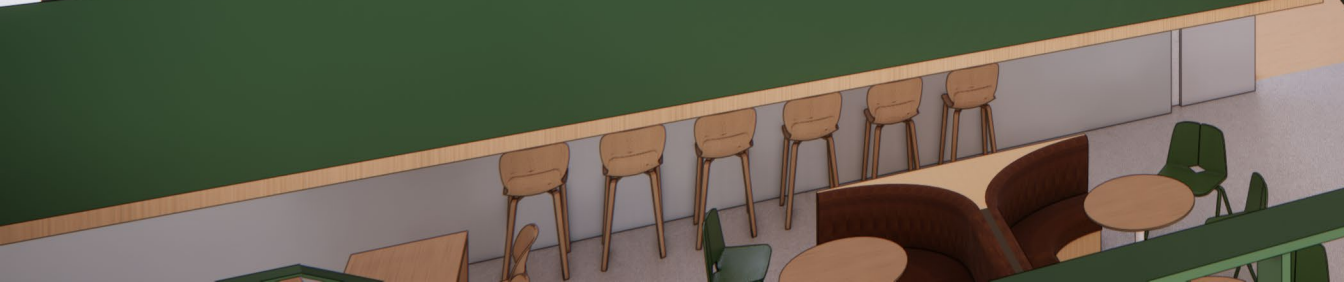
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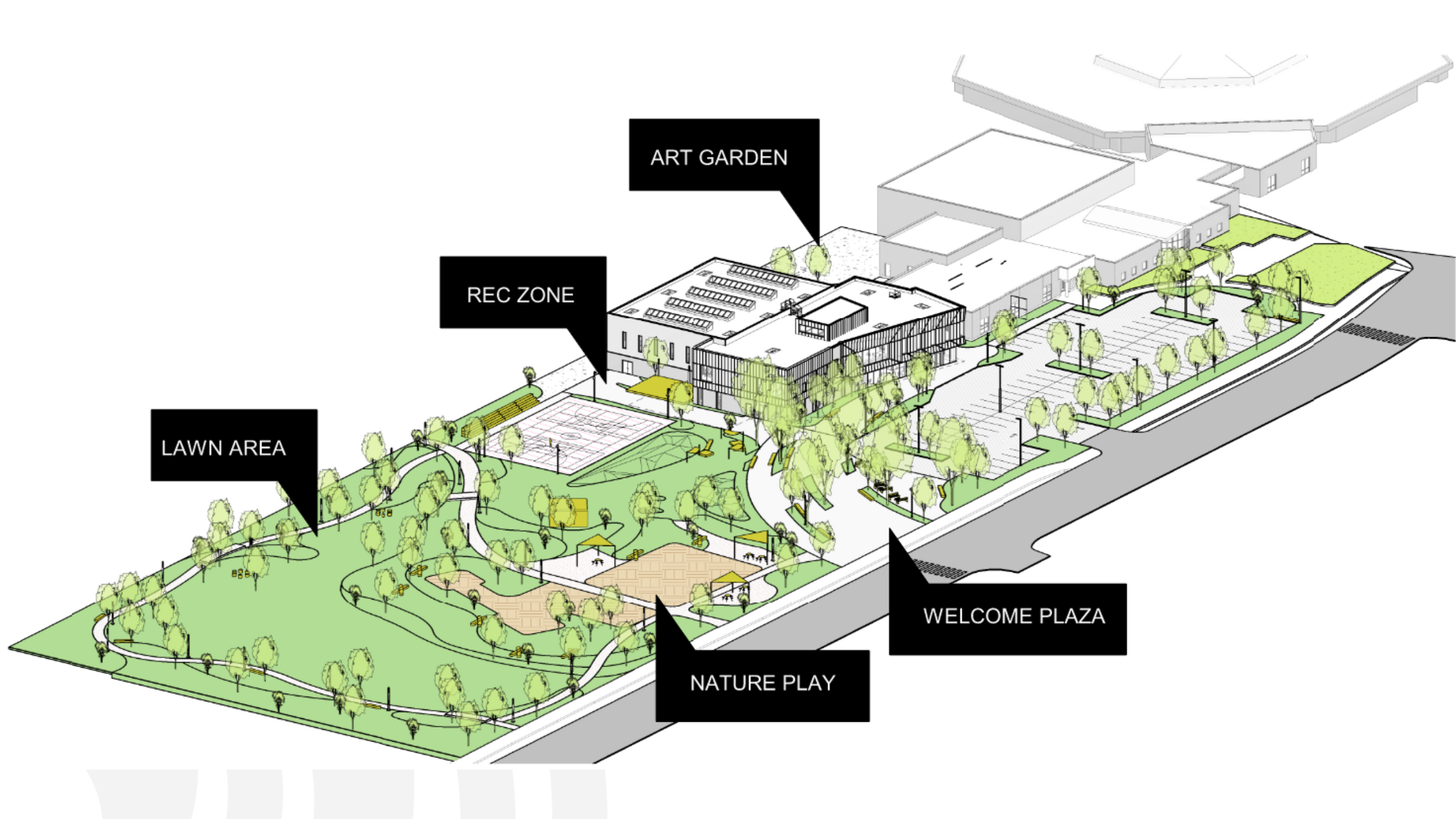




BEST
BUY
Teen Tech
Center



TECH



ART GARDEN

REC ZONE

LAWN AREA

WELCOME PLAZA

NATURE PLAY



QUESTIONS?

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	6.1	Meeting Date:	May 15, 2024
Agenda Section:	General Information / Presentations	Presented By:	Greg Hoag, Parks and Building Maintenance Manager, Dan Ruiz, O&M Director, Chris Sullivan, Park Maintenance Field Supervisor, Aki Jacobs, Forester Operations and Maintenance
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	O&M Department/ Park & Building Maintenance Division, Annual Review Discussion		

Overview:

Annually, the Park Maintenance Division provides a report to the Recreation and Park Commission (RPAC). At the May 15th meeting Staff will provide a power point presentation highlighting the Park Maintenance Division and the Operations and Maintenance Department.

The Park & Building Maintenance Division is responsible for all maintenance activities in the parks, boulevards and medians throughout the city, forestry maintenance of all publicly owned trees and grounds maintenance for all public building locations.

Parks and Building Maintenance Manager Hoag will provide an overview of Park Maintenance operations, the challenges faced in the work, and the changes being considered for the future.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

- Current funding levels and staffing levels are making it difficult to maintain current service levels and park facilities condition achievement goals of 90% adequate, 8% marginal, and 2% problem. Any further reductions in funding or staffing levels, as well as the addition of facilities, without the addition of funding and increased staffing, will result in a decline in future condition ratings and/or reductions in service levels.
- It is critical that the City appropriate an adequate levy to support the Heritage Fund for capital asset replacement plans.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments:

N/A

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	7.0	Meeting Date:	May 15, 2024
Agenda Section:	Old Business	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Past City Council Agenda Items and Community Engagement		

Overview:

The following attachments were presented at City Council Meetings or Community Engagement Sessions held since our last RPAC meeting.

- 7.1 CANNABIS DISCUSSION – CC MAY 6

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Council Work Session

Meeting Date:	May 6, 2024	Originating Department:	Administration
Agenda Item:	C.4	Prepared By:	Jay Stroebe, City Manager
Agenda Section:	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	Presented By:	Mark Bruley, Police Chief; Jason Newby, Inspections and Environmental Health Manager; Keith Jullie, Rental and Business Licensing Manager; Brad Tullberg, Recreation and Parks Director
Item:	Discussion on Cannabis Use in Public Places, Sale, and Possible City Retail		

Summary:

This discussion will provide an opportunity to share an update and receive feedback on several items related to the use and sale of cannabis in Brooklyn Park. This follows the conversations the City Council had at the September 5, 2023 and October 30, 2023 Council meetings. Specific updates and discussion will be focused on:

- Proposed ordinance that would regulate the use of cannabis in public places. A related update on tobacco use in public places will also be discussed.
- A draft ordinance for consideration regarding the sale of cannabis in public places.
- While cannabis licenses will be issued by the state, a decision needs to be made on whether we want to locally register cannabis businesses or defer that responsibility to the County.
- While we are still waiting for final guidance from the state, staff is seeking feedback on whether staff time should be invested to consider a possible Brooklyn Park application for a license that would allow the city to own a cannabis business.

For all the items stated above, we understand that the County will likely be putting in place a county-wide ordinance with a public health lens that could impact the use and sale of cannabis. That draft ordinance has not been released yet.

Attachments:

- C.3A PROPOSED ORDINANCE
- C.3B 2011 TOBACCO FREE PARKS POLICY

ORDINANCE 2024-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 126 AND 95 OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE OF UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL

The City Council of Brooklyn Park does ordain:

Section 1. Title XI, Chapter 126.99 (A) (6) of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

§ 126.99 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY.

(6) *Misdemeanor prosecution.* Nothing in this section prohibits the city or any other legitimate jurisdiction from seeking criminal prosecution for an alleged violation of this chapter or any other state or federal law regulating licensed products. This includes seeking misdemeanor prosecution for any alleged violation of this Chapter under City Code, section 10.99.

Section 2 Title IX, Chapter 95.03 (A) (4) of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

(A) *Drug, cannabis, and alcohol use and sales.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Use, possess or sell any alcoholic beverage in violation of state statutes or City Code § 112.047 and unless expressly approved by city permit or license.

(2) Consume or display any alcoholic beverage at sites where the city or its agent is a licensed vendor of alcoholic beverages, unless purchased at that site, or authorized by special permit.

(3) Possess or bring beer or wine into a park in kegs, barrels, or other bulk tap quantities, except by city permit.

(4) Use, manufacture, possess, constructively possess, sell, give away, barter, exchange, distribute, or otherwise transfer any controlled substance, except on a lawful prescription by a person licensed by law to prescribe and administer controlled substances as specifically defined in City Code Chapter 135.

(5) Inhale, breathe, or drink or be or become intoxicated by reason of inhaling, breathing, or drinking any substance defined as "glue."

(6) Sell, furnish or deliver intoxicating liquor for any purpose to any minor or to any person obviously intoxicated or to any other person to whom sale is prohibited by state statute or by the City Code.

(7) Sell, give away, barter, exchange, distribute, or otherwise transfer any product or substance containing or consisting of cannabis flower or any cannabinoid, synthetic cannabinoid, or artificially derived cannabinoid, including by not limited to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), unless specifically allowed under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.09, subdivision. 1 (6), or authorized by city permit.

Section 3 Title IX, Chapter 95.04 (A) (1) of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

(1) Solicit, sell, or in any manner charge admission, or otherwise peddle any goods, wares, merchandise, services, liquids or edibles in a park except by authorized concessionaire with a city permit and the required licenses from the city. Including any product or substance containing or consisting of cannabis flower or any cannabinoid, synthetic cannabinoid, or artificially derived cannabinoid, including by not limited to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

Section 4 Title IX, chapter 95.08 of the City Code is amended by adding a new subdivision (F) to read as follows:

(F) Misdemeanor prosecution. Nothing in this section prohibits the city or any other legitimate jurisdiction from seeking criminal prosecution for an alleged violation of this chapter unless a different penalty is explicitly set in this Chapter. This includes seeking misdemeanor prosecution for any alleged violation of this Chapter under City Code, section 10.99.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on _____ following passage and publication.

Brooklyn Park Outdoor Recreational Facilities Tobacco-Free Policy

1. Guideline Statement

The City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Tobacco-Free Policy is designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of our park patrons.

2. Policy Statement

The City of Brooklyn Park is committed to the quality of life for all residents; therefore, we believe that:

- Tobacco product use in the proximity of children, youth and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and animals, and causing a litter problem.
- As-parents, leaders, coaches, and officials, we are thought of as role models and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

3. Tobacco use prohibited in outdoor recreational facilities

No person shall use any form of tobacco at city-owned parks including playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, parks, spectator areas and excluding the two golf courses and designated smoking areas outside of the Community Activity Center.

4. Compliance Procedures

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free parks and recreation policy is through voluntary compliance:

- Appropriate City-owned parks and facilities will be signed.
- City of Brooklyn Park staff will meet with activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the "Tobacco Free" regulations.
- City staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance.

5. Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Appropriate City Official

Date

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission			
Agenda Item:	8.1	Meeting Date:	May 15, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Pam McBride, Youth Services Manager; Jen Gillard, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Program and Events Update		

May 2024

- 4-5 Spring Dance Recital at Osseo High School
- 9 Good in the Hood food shelf for community (Every 2nd Tuesday of month)
- 18 Spring on the Farm
- 20 Farm Open Gate Hours begin
- 22 Chanhassen Dinner Theater Day Trip
- 25 Zanewood Chess Day 9:00- 1:00pm

June 2024

- 1 Celebrate Brooklyn Park: Tater Daze Parade and Community Gathering
- 10 Summer staff training week begins
- 13 Good in the Hood food shelf for community (Every 2nd Tuesday of month)
- 14 Adaptive Rec Fridays: Twins Fantasy Camp for Kids
- 17 Summer programs begin (Summer Camp, Rec on the Go, Fusion, Youth Sports, Swimming)
- 18 Wabasha Area Day Trip
- 22 Youth Entrepreneurship Program 3rd Annual Shark Tank Event
- 27 Family Concert at the Farm – The Teddy Bear Band

Farm Open Gate Hours Mon & Wed 10 am – 4 pm | Tues & Thurs 10 am – 7 pm | Sat 10 am – 3 pm
 Weekly drop-in activities for adults 50+ at the CAC Monday-Friday
 Wednesday weekly Tech Support for Seniors at the CAC
 Weekly Fitness classes at the CAC Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri
 Weekly drop-in activities for youth and teens at Zanewood Recreation Center Monday-Friday 2-8pm

Program and Event Updates:

Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team and Intervention Services

The Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team works M-F from 5:00-9:00 pm each day in the community connecting young people to resources, redirecting negative energy, sharing positive activities, and working in partnership with police to maintain a safe and healthy community.

Intervention Team is increasing access of Intervention Services with a form that is accessible through a QR code to providers and people supporting young people. This form is used to connect and provide essential services.



Young Women’s group- ages, 14-17 years old, Every Friday 4:00- 6:00pm at Zanewood

Young Men's group- ages 16- 18-year-old, every Monday, 4:30- 6:30pm at Zanewood

Young Adult program (ages 18- 24) Tuesday's 4:00- 7:00pm – meet at Zanewood, different locations to follow

Annex Teen Clinic at Zanewood –offering classes around Mental Health and Wellness opportunities on Tuesdays

Adult Fitness

April - May sessions of adult fitness classes are in full swing at the Community Activity Center including regularly scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday morning fitness classes, Tuesday evening yoga, and Wednesday evening AfroBeats Dance Workout class.

Adults on the Move

The April - June Adults on the Move Guide is available at www.brooklynpark.org/adults. The guide features luncheons, trips, lifelong learning opportunities, community programs, fitness classes, resources, and weekly activities. The guide is available online and mailed to about 645 people.

Day Trips

May 22 is a full bus day trip with 50 participants going to see the show Beautiful, The Carole King Musical at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater.

Outreach to Elders

May 16, staff are hosting a Lunch & Learn to circle-back with Creekside Gables residents from the listening session held there last fall. The schedule is filled with informational topics to benefit residents including Brooklyn Park rental housing inspections, Rec & Park programs & community events, Health on the Go, neighborhood information, Metro Transit Assistance Program, and the Hennepin Co Office of Multicultural Services.

Weekly Adult Social Groups

Weekly social activity groups renewal is open for 2024 yearly membership for participants enrolled in one or more weekly activities. Members have access to 14 activity groups per week. Social activity groups include: several art/craft groups, cribbage, bingo, poker, Mah Jongh, 65 Rummy, 500 Cards, Dominoes, Scrabble, and a Book Club.

Events

Brooklyn Park Farmers Market season starts on July 10 and runs every Wednesday until October 9 from 1-6pm at North Hennepin Community College parking lot. This year, there are a total of 22 vendors selling a range of produce, baked goods, and other craft items.

Kicking off summer events in June with the Celebrate Brooklyn Park: Tater Daze Parade and Community Gathering on June 1 from 11-4pm. The parade route is a loop around 101/Welcome to Regent to Oak Grove Pkwy. The Community Gathering is held at the Community Activity Center and includes Food Trucks, a Makers Market, Concert, and Community Resources. Lt. Sunnie is headlining the stage along with Vinnie Rose, YEV, MN Sunshine and Mystic Moon, Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca, and DJ Snuggles.

See attached flyer for 2024 summer event schedule.

Aquatics

Aquatics Classes are full and underway for the April - May 2024 session. Classes are offered on Monday & Tuesday and new Thursday evenings, and Saturday daytime. Offerings include group, private & paired lessons, adaptive aquatics classes, adult lessons, aqua teen classes, and our popular Women & Girls Only swim class. Programs are held at the Jackson Middle School pool and the Brooklyn Middle School pool.

The new classes on Thursday evenings at Brooklyn Middle School Pool are serving Park Center Hmong Boys Group, youth, adult, & family lessons, and private lessons.

Adaptive Recreation/ Inclusion Services:

April - May adaptive recreation programs have been running smoothly. Adaptive Recreation programs include adaptive aquatics and fitness classes, along with Reach for Resources partnership programs including Non-Competitive Basketball League, Open Mic Night, Trivia Night, and Goat Yoga at Historic Eidem Farm. Inclusion

Services continue in many general recreation programs, including youth sports, K5 fusion, and ice skating. Staff are also busy planning for summer adaptive recreation programs and inclusion services.

Two new Therapeutic Recreation Interns, Maddie and Ana, are starting within the Recreation & Parks Department in May. Maddie will join us from the University of Iowa and Ana will join us from California State University – Long Beach. Both interns are completing this 15-week, 600 hour internship as part of their undergraduate degree requirements for Therapeutic Recreation.

Adaptive Recreation is excited to partner with the Minnesota Twins Community Fund and Courage Kenny Sports and Recreation Department for the fourth annual Twins Fantasy Camp for Kids on Friday, June 14 from 9 – 11am at Todd Anderson Field. This FREE camp is open to youth and teens with physical or cognitive disabilities; all participants will receive a free customized MN Twins jersey, interaction with current MN Twins players, Special TC Bear appearance, and three tickets per registered player to the MN Twins game the evening of June 14.

Youth Sports

Spring Youth Soccer, basketball, and gymnastics classes are ongoing at Crestview Elementary School and Park Center Senior High School. Lil Tykes and Tiny Tots for toddlers and preschoolers are also taking place at the CAC on Saturday mornings. Programs are full and our young and growing staff are getting compliments in providing fun and affordable sports programming for families.

Adult Sports

Pickleball play has transitioned outdoors at Norwood Park. Parks staff have re-installed outdoor pickleball nets for those players to get back outdoors.

Adult Bronze League Summer Softball in Brooklyn Park is now full with 12 teams and will begin on May 2nd. Teams are ready to play, and our umpires are ready to get the season started. Games are every Thursday, and each team plays a double header at Noble Softball fields.

Historic Eidem Farm

April-May programs have been wrapping up with baking and spring exploration programs for preschoolers. Preschooler and Parent Adventures on the Farm is a new program at Historic Eidem Farm and has had over 40 participants so far. Offerings at the farm for this Summer include additional Preschooler and Parent programs as well as Goat Yoga, Critter Camp, and Nature Preschool Camp.

Spring on the Farm is happening Saturday, May 18, 11am-2pm and will include a performance from the Jolly Pops as well as and the opportunity to plant vegetables and flowers in the gardens, greet the new baby animals, explore the grounds, taste a cooking demo on the woodfire stove, and playing yard games.

Open Gate Hours begin on May 20 where the Farm will be open for free exploration, story time, and drop-in activities:

- Monday, Wednesday 10am-4pm
- Tuesday, Thursday, 10am-7pm
- Saturday 10am-3pm

Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp will wrap up on May 20. This summer, free meals will be offered to campers at each location through the Osseo Area Schools summer meals program. The summer camp coordinator team meets every other week to plan curriculum and complete hiring of the staff.

Brooklyn Park Dance

The 2023-24 dance season wrapped up on May 2-5 with recital week at Osseo High School. The theme for recitals was “This is Me!” to celebrate the unique things in each dancer. The end of this season marked the retirement of Sherry Dease, who began the program in 1974 and has taught each of the 50 years. An alumni dance troupe returned to perform at the recitals and celebrate 50 years of dance. Registration for summer dance classes is underway.

Zanewood Programming

Zanewood Recreation Center offers recreation and youth development programs in a safe and positive environment for kids and teens. Zanewood also offers Outreach, community service, and youth mentoring opportunities delivered by committed and competent community partners.

Zanewood Programs for Grades 6-12

Teen Zone: Free, drop-in program, M-F from 2-8:00pm

ZW Teen open gym: Hoop IT UP! Monday & Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-8pm

Zanewood Meals program: Free, M-F from 2-5:00pm

TKO Drumline: Practices Tuesday & Thursday 6-8pm; performance schedule varies

Chess Club- January 8th- June 7th on Mondays and Friday's 4-6:00

Zanewood Chess Day- May 25th- 9:00 -1:00pm

Young Adult programming

Young Adult Open gym-Wednesday from 8:00- 10:00pm. \$3 BP resident/ \$5 non-resident

Arts and Engagement Programming

Sewing , Wednesdays, **6:00- 8:00pm** May 1- June 19th at Lakeland Park

Introduction to Jewelry making Tuesdays, May 7- May 28th, 6:00- 8:00pm at Norwood Park

Cricut Class – April 3-May 8th, Wednesdays, 5:00- 7:00pm at Hamilton Park

Youth Entrepreneurship Program- ages 16- 24

- June 22ND from 10- 2:00pm 3rd Annual Entrepreneurship Shark Tank event, Brooklyn Center Council chambers
- Summer dates coming soon
- Video production – new business offering added with paid internships and independent projects

K- 5th grade programming

Fusion Sites: 4:00- 6:00pm, Monday- Thursday at Zanewood Recreation Center - 7100 Zane Ave North.

- Session 3 April 1- June 6

Rec on the Go- June 17 – Aug 8th, No Program: June 19-20, July 3-4

Ages: K-5

Rec on the Go is a FREE program that brings recreation opportunities to youth, K–5th grade, all-over Brooklyn Park. Kids must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 and entering kindergarten to participate. Activities will include group games, team-building challenges, sports, arts and crafts, and science. Meals and snack will be provided

Apartment Locations	Days	Times
Autumn Ridge	Tues/Thurs	11:30 AM–1 PM
Huntington Place	Mon/Wed	11:30 AM–1 PM
Eden Park	Mon/Wed	2:00–3:30 PM
Willows	Wed	2:00–3:30 PM
Windsor Gates	Tues/Thurs	9:00–10:30am
Park Haven	Tues/Thurs	2:00–3:30 PM
Park Locations	Days	Times
Brookdale Park	Wed	9:00 AM–10:30am
Edinbrook Park	Wed	9:00AM–10:30am
Central Park	Tues/Thurs	11:30am–1:00pm
River Park	Tues/Thurs	9:00–10:30 AM
Tessman Acres Park	Mon	2:00–3:30pm
Plaza Park	Thurs	2:00–3:30pm
Trinity Gardens Park	Mon/Wed	11:30AM–1:00PM
Hartkopf Park	Wed	2:00–3:30pm

Register in person, over the phone, or online!

QR Code : www.brooklynpark.org/registration

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

Agenda Item:	8.2	Meeting Date:	May 15, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Marcus Hill, Facilities and Parks Manager Greg Hoag, Parks & Building Maintenance Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Park Project Updates		

Overview:

1. MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK / ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE AREA

Funding Source(s): OSLAD Fund

Project Update:

Development of the Brooklyn Park side of the park includes expansion of the off-leash dog area, relocation of the archery range, addition of a large picnic shelter and restroom facilities along with an expanded parking area is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2023.

The project was advertised for bid beginning February 16, 2023, with bids due on March 16, 2023. Project contracts were awarded by Three Rivers Park District on March 30, 2023. Construction began on April 17, 2023. Staff have been working on the project implementation so that it will be phased in to allow the dog park to be used throughout most of the project. Construction will continue in 2024 and 2025 and a re-grand opening will be held in 2026. Construction of the maintenance facility is moving along quickly. The foundation work for the Gateway Center is underway so the building can be enclosed before winter. Construction has started on the reservation shelter on the west unit. Tree removal on the Brooklyn Park side has begun to prepare for the 2024 construction on the City side of the project.

New Update

The Dog Park has been relocated to the north end of the park near the water tower. It will remain here throughout the summer as the West side of the park is re-developed. As part of this the archery range is closed as well until the new range is constructed and the park is re-opened.

2. EAB UPDATE

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Work will continue in 2024. The city received the 2023-2024 Healthy Tree Canopy Grant from Hennepin County for \$50,000. This Grant will continue to assist in the removal and re-planting of trees. The City also received a \$498,840 Bonding Grant from the DNR. This grant will focus on removal and replacement of boulevard trees.

3. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Project & Heritage Fund

Project Update: Staff continues reviewing priorities of the Natural Resource Management Plan. A Five-Year Priority Implementation Plan has been developed by working with Stantec. Work will continue in 2024 in key park areas.

4. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS
(2023 planning, 2024-2025 construction)**

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER**

Project Overview: The plan is to improve the entrance to the facility, create an accessible customer service desk, update bathrooms, and create a welcoming and inviting community center for all customers.

Staff worked with the JLG/292 Design Group to evaluate the possibility of converting one ice arena into three basketball courts. A final concept design was provided to staff in January and refined in February. JLG/292 Design Group provided cost estimates in the range of \$12 - \$15 million for the improvements to the CAC including improved entrances, informal gathering space, relocated office space, improved parking and possible Arena conversion to gym space. The City of Brooklyn Park was awarded \$5 million in state bonding funds during the 2023 Legislative Session to support the improvements to the Community Activity Center. This language was amended in the 2024 legislative session to remove language about the conversion of rink one. On March 7th a community engagement meeting was held to share the information previously shared with RPAC and City Council. It also allowed an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions. Feedback was also captured via the online engagement tool Mentimeter.

Project Update: The City of Brooklyn Park has also submitted a \$12M request to create additional court space at the CAC. Staff have worked with Ballard-King to develop a needs assessment survey to gauge the current and future facility needs for ice and court users in Brooklyn Park.

- **SENIOR CENTER (2024 planning, 2025-2026 construction)**

Project Overview: This improvement would add dedicated space for senior programming and adult fitness space. Final design and components will be developed when a final location is determined. The Senior Center is being considered with the CAC improvements and Fire Station projects. If a new Central Fire station is constructed on the site of the former Hennepin County Library, the current Central Fire Station is planned to be remodeled into a new space dedicated to fitness and social activities for older adults.

Project Update: No New Update

5. **TEEN CENTER (2023 planning, 2024-25 construction)**

Project Overview: The Zanewood Recreation Center has been a popular hub for youth services and recreation activities. The programming happening in the space has outgrown the facility and additional program space is needed. Staff will work with a design consultant (Design by Melo) to determine if new space should be constructed, existing space should be renovated, or a combination of both.

Project Update: Zanewood staff have been meeting bi-weekly to discuss the mission, vision, goals, and amenities of the new Youth and Teen Recreation Center. The Zanewood staff and communications developed a strategic communication plan to inform the public about the project along with pictures, and social media campaigns.

Staff has agreed to move forward with the option of renovating the existing Zanewood building for kindergarten through 5th grade programming and build a new Teen Center next to the existing building. Staff continues to work with Design by Melo to refine the teen center expansion portion of the project. The goal is to wrap up this stage of the design phase by the middle of February.

Phase 2 is nearly complete of the Design Development. Staff has spent the last few months finalizing the footprint and floor plan of the new teen center and the existing space. The spaces that we have expanded are: Teen game lounge, Teen commons area, Art space, Best Buy tech lab space, and outdoor programming space. We also received an early price estimate from C70 and we roughly at

\$11-\$12 million dollars for the new Teen Center. Phase 3 has been accepted from city council and that will be for construction documents and drafting an RFP. We are waiting to hear from the state on the bonding request of \$4 million and will hopefully have that information by the end of May.

6. TRAILS, WAYFINDING AND LIGHTING

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: Staff in Recreation & Parks have partnered with Community Development staff to implement the first phase of the Trails Wayfinding Plan developed by AVIA Design. The Wayfinding Project will provide signage and direction and key intersections and points of interest along the trails in Brooklyn Park. The project was awarded to Fast Signs and implementation will begin during the summer of 2024.

7. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: On August 28th City Council approved the City Park playground replacement project. Installation will be delayed until 2024. The equipment has arrived and a June installation is planned.

New Update:

The existing playground has been removed and the new playground is being installed. Without any additional weather delays the project should be complete before Memorial Day weekend.

8. TRAIL REHABILITATION

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: As part of the trail rehabilitation project the trail on the west side of Jefferson Highway is getting rehabilitated. The section from 109th to 101st Avenue was completed in mid-November. In 2024, staff plan to rehabilitate the trail south from 101st Avenue to TH 610.

9. HISTORIC EIDEM FARM VISITOR CENTER (TDB planning, TBD construction)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: No new update

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item:	8.3	Meeting Date:	May 15, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Directors Report		

Overview:

1. Cannabis Discussion with City Council

Staff met with City Council at the May 6th work session to discuss policies/ordinances related to cannabis use in parks (Recreation & Parks), cannabis sales in parks (Police) and cannabis licensing (Community Development). Related to the conversation around adopting language prohibiting cannabis use in parks, staff recommended the following language to be used in an ordinance:

Prohibit smoking and vaping of tobacco or cannabis at city-owned parks including playgrounds, athletic fields, spectator areas, picnic pavilions, trails and within 100 feet of the public entrance of city buildings and excluding the driving range, practice areas and holes of the two golf courses.

The Council authorized staff to continue to work on ordinance language similar to that proposed at the meeting. Staff will work with Kennedy & Graven to draft the ordinance language to be submitted at a later meeting.

2. 50 Years of Brooklyn Park Dance

In the early 1970s, Sherry Dease moved to Brooklyn Park and was thinking of teaching dance in her basement. Instead, she went to Brooklyn Park Town Hall and was hired on the spot to teach dance on Saturday mornings. Since then, 1000s of dancers have come through Brooklyn Park Dance and learned that self-esteem and love of movement are more important than perfection.

The 50th anniversary Brooklyn Park Dance recital was held on May 4-5 with the theme "This is Me!" The 50th anniversary show was Sherry's last as the Brooklyn Park Dance coordinator. She was excited for the theme for her last recital because, "We are celebrating and lifting people up for who they are and how they dance through the world. That means the most!"

The philosophy of Brooklyn Park Dance is that everyone belongs here. The teaching staff work as a team to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where dancers from all backgrounds and identities can come together with joyful hearts and dance. Thank you to Sherry Dease for 50 years of teaching and leading Brooklyn Park Dance.

3. Welcome Amber Rotramel

Amber Rotramel has been hired as the new Recreation Program Supervisor for Youth and Pre-School programs in the Recreation Services Division. Her first day will be May 13th. Amber is relocating from the City of Colorado Springs, CO where she is a Senior Recreation Assistant.

Attachments: