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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 March 19, 2025 AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 19, 2025

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 O&M OPERATIONS OVERVIEW
- 6.2 NORTHWEST AREA PARK

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 3B.2 RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 YEAR-IN-REVIEW AND 2025 WORK PLAN

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

- 8.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
- 8.2 PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
- 8.3 DIRECTORS REPORT

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.1 REMOTE PARTICIPATION
- 9.2 OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10.1 CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember Page
- 10.2 CAC TASKFORCE UPDATE – Commissioner Parks
- 10.2 KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - APRIL – INTRO OF NEW COMMISSIONERS, SPECIAL USE FACILITIES, COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES
- 10.3 KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS
 - APRIL 2 COMMISSIONERS ORIENTATION

11. ADJOURNMENT

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center in Grand Room 1 and was called to order by Chairperson Purcell at 6:02 PM**

Commission Members present:

Judy Purcell Chairperson
Joshua Uloth Vicechair
Emily Arias, At-large
Doug Crandall, At-large
Dwain Erickson, West
Taylor Murray, East
Miriam Osammor, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Kellina Quigley, At-large
Jenkins Vangehn, Central

Aria Reickard, Youth Liaison
Klarissa Yu, Youth Liaison

Councilmember Page

Absent:

Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Mercy Matthews, West
Miriam Osammor, East
Jenkins Vangehn, Central

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
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 move agenda item 6.1 before 5.1 by Commissioner Parks and second by Commissioner Uloth.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made to Approve January 15, 2025 minutes by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Crandall

Motion unanimously approved.

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 JASON TOLLETTE MANAGER OF THE TAVERN AT EDINBURGH

Director Tullberg introduced Jason Tollette, Manager of The Tavern at Edinburgh. Mr. Tollette provided a report on the new restaurant at Edinburgh, USA. He introduced Kevin Aho, Executive Chef of the restaurant and Rosann Maxey, Edinburgh USA Clubhouse Supervisor.

A draft of the purposed menu was distributed and discussed.

- 5. ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 WORK PLAN CALENDAR

Director Tullberg provided the list of priorities decided upon by the Commission at the January meeting. Commissioners determined what month each priority would be discussed at the monthly RPAC meeting throughout the remaining year

It was decided the CAC update would be a monthly verbal report.

It was decided that the Zanewood redevelopment update would be a monthly verbal report starting in May. See attached monthly schedule 4.0A

**A Motion was made to approve the RPAC Monthly Calendar by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Murray.
Motion unanimously approved.**

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 4.6 APPROVE EDINBURGH EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – CC 1/27/25

7.2 4.8 HENNEPIN YOUTH ACTIVITIES GRANT ACCEPTANCE – CC 1/27/25

7.3 4.9 THIELEN FOUNDATION DONATION ACCEPTANCE – CC 1/27/25

Director Tullberg provided a recap of what was in the packet.

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

8.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE

8.2 PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

8.3 DIRECTORS REPORT

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

N/A

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember Page

Councilmember Page has attended other Commission meetings.

Councilmember Page would like to thank the people that have applied for Commissions

There has been very positive feedback on the Way Finding signage that has been installed around the city.

The City Council would like residents to frequent businesses in Brooklyn Park.

10.2 CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Commissioner Erickson

Commissioner Erickson gave a final report.

10.3 KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- March 19 – O&M and SEA PARK (SIGNATURE EVENT PARK)
- April 16 - SPECIAL USE FACILITIES and COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES

10.4 KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

- MARCH 10 – CHAIRPERSON PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL
- APRIL 2, 2025 CITY LED COMMISSIONERS' ORIENTATION

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Erickson to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Parks.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Purcell at 7:42 PM

Submitted respectfully,

Jeanine Machan

Secretary

Attachments:

4.0A RPAC Monthly Schedule

Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission Monthly Agenda Topic

January

- Election of Officers
- Discussion of RPAC Work Plan

February

- Approval of RPAC Work Plan
- Report on Previous Year Golf Season

March

- *Chairperson RPAC Annual Report to City Council*
- O & M Report
- **SEA Park**

April

- Introduction of New Commissioners
- Parks and Facilities Report
- **Community Health Resources**

May

- Annual Deer Hunt
- **Destination Sports City**

June

- Youth Services Division Report
- **Programming for BIPOC Adults**

July

August

- *Joint Council and Commission Meeting – 1st Monday*
- Annual Parks Tour - Zanewood

September

- Proposed Budget & CIP/CEP Discussion
- **Community Health Resources Followup**

October

- Status of Current-Year Work Plan
- **Destination Sports City Followup**

November

- Proposed Budget & CIP/CEP Update
- Recreation Services Division Report
- **Programming for BIPOC Adults Followup**

December

- Only if needed for action

**** 2025 Work Plan Priorities – Monthly Verbal**

- **Zanewood Recreation Center Construction**
- **Community Activity Center Improvements**

1: *United Community* 2: *Beautiful Places* 3: *Thriving Economy*
4: *Healthy & Safe People* 5: *Increased Equity*
6: *Effective & Engaging Gov't*

| City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION | | | |
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| Agenda Item | 6.1 | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2025 |
| Agenda Section: | General Information / Presentations | Presented By: | Greg Hoag, Parks and Building Maintenance Manager, Chris Sullivan, Park Maintenance Field Supervisor, Aki Jacobs, Forestry Field Supervisor |
| 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 March 19th 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.

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

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| City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION | | | |
| Agenda Item | 6.2 | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2025 |
| Agenda Section: | Presentations | Presented By: | Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks |
| Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action | Northwest Area Park Planning | | |

Overview:

On May 18, 2015, the City Council asked that staff put together a task force of residents to identify land within the community that could accommodate large picnic gatherings and community events. The purpose of the Task Force was:

1. Task Force reviewed staff analysis on possible locations for development of a large Event Park.
2. Task Force presented recommendations to the City Council of potential sites and amenities
3. Task Force reviewed park design options and presented recommendations to City Council.

On August 1, 2016, the Task Force provided an update to the City Council with information about the preferred park location at the intersection of 101st Avenue and Winnetka Avenue in alignment with the development of the Blue Line Light Rail project. The task force also offered different design options. Ultimately, it was decided that the future development of the park would be further explored during the 2017 Park System Plan process.

With the delay of the Blue Line Light Rail (BLRT) project, the development of the park has also been delayed. Now, in 2025, the planning for the BLRT is moving forward and city staff are engaging residents on their preferences for the development of the approximately 700 acres of in the northwest area of Brooklyn Park.

Director Tullberg will provide the findings of the task force and previous concept designs to introduce conversation with commissioners about possible design options to be implemented along with the overall city planning process.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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| City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION | | | |
| Agenda Item | 7.0 | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2025 |
| 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:

7.1 3B.2 RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 YEAR-IN-REVIEW AND 2025 WORK PLAN – CC
3/10/2025

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments:

7.1 3B.2A 2025 RPAC WORK PLAN FINAL

City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action

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| Agenda Item: | 3B.2 | Meeting Date: | March 10, 2025 |
| Agenda Section: | Public Presentations/ Proclamations/Receipt of General Communications | Originating Department: | Recreation and Parks |
| Resolution: | N/A | Prepared By: | Judy Purcell, RPAC Chair, Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks |
| Ordinance: | N/A | | |
| Attachments: | 1 | Presented By: | Judy Purcell, RPAC Chair |
| Item: | Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission 2024 Year-in-Review and 2025 Workplan | | |

City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO ACCEPT THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2025 WORKPLAN.

Overview:

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission (RPAC) Chair, Judy Purcell, will provide highlights of the RPAC 2024 accomplishments and present the 2025 RPAC priorities to help advance the BP 2025 Community Goals.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

3B.2A 2025 RPAC WORKPLAN

Workplan | Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission

Feb. 2025 – Jan. 2026

| Time frame | Project or Task(s) | BP2025 | Purpose (see next page for info) | Outcome (fill in after completed) |
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| Feb | Approve Work Plan Report on Edinburgh Clubhouse Management | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| March | Operations & Maintenance Annual Report NW Area Park Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| April | Welcome New Commissioners Parks and Facilities Report Community Health Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| May | Annual Deer Hunt Report Destination Sports City | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| June | Youth Services Division Report Programming for BIPOC Adults | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| July | No Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| August | Annual Parks Tour – Zanewood Project | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| September | Proposed Rec & Parks Budget & CIP / CEP Community Health Resources Follow Up | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| October | Status of Current-Year Work Plan Destination Sports City Follow Up | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |
| November | Annual Budget Update & CIP/CEP Recreation Services Division Report Programming for BIPOC Adults Follow Up | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | |

Workplan | Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission

Feb. 2025 – Jan. 2026

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| December | No Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Commission</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Council</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>City Manager</i> |
| January | Election of Officers 2026 RPAC Work Plan Discussion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Commission</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Council</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>City Manager</i> |

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Workplan Projects: What's the purpose?

Commissions can either initiate a project themselves OR be asked by the Council or City Manager to do one of the following:

Report/Comment

- Commission studies a specific issue or topic and **reports its findings or comments to the Council**, either in writing or in a Council meeting.
- Commission does not vote.
- No direct action is taken.

Example: Charter Commissioner provided a memo on the topic of Council Members being employed by the City part-time, at the Council's request.

Recommend

- Commission reviews a specific policy issue and **makes a formal recommendation** to City Council on what action to take.
- A recommendation requires a majority of the Commissioners' support.
- Individual member comments are not included.

Examples: Planning Commission recommends approval on land use actions; RPAC made a recommendation on amplified sound policy.

Act

- Commission **initiates or takes on a project**, approved by Council through their workplan.

Example: HRC partnered with a community organization on an event; City Manager requests that HRC coordinate the "All Are Welcome" sign contest.

Brooklyn Park 2025 Community Goals

**Working together to make Brooklyn Park a thriving community
inspiring pride where opportunities exist for all.**

We asked and you answered! Our community wants to accomplish these goals by the year 2025:

Unified Community

A united and welcoming community, strengthened by our diversity.

- We have connected neighbors who understand and celebrate our unique cultures.
- Brooklyn Park is unified with a strong positive identity and image.
- Our community's activities, events and services are inclusive, multi-cultural, and accessible.
- We have places and spaces for diverse communities to gather.
- Residents of every age contribute to our community.

Beautiful Places

Beautiful spaces and quality infrastructure make Brooklyn Park a unique destination.

- Modern transportation options (drive, ride, walk, bike) connect people to education, jobs, and recreation.
- Quality recreation and park amenities inspire activity for all ages and interests.
- Our rich diversity is showcased through our vibrant music, art, food, entertainment, and cultural scene.
- Attractive key corridors, corners, and city centers create destinations that meet community needs.
- Neighborhoods are well-maintained with quality housing for all ages and incomes integrated throughout the community.

Thriving Economy

A balanced economic environment that empowers businesses and people to thrive.

- People of all ages and backgrounds enjoy financial stability.
- Residents and visitors support an abundance of retail stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues.
- Our business environment inspires private investment and job growth.
- Business and organizations of all types, sizes and specialties start, stay and grow here.
- We are a leader in environmental sustainability, benefiting our economy and community.

Healthy and Safe People

People of all ages have what they need to feel healthy and safe.

- Neighborhoods are empowered and supported by strengthened positive relationships with police.
- Youth are engaged in positive and quality experiences.
- Aging adults have services and amenities to thrive and age in place.
- Everyone has access to quality healthy food options.
- People have access to quality medical and emergency care.

Increased Equity

Partnerships that increase racial and economic equity empower residents and neighborhoods to prosper.

- Each resident has access to the training and support needed to get and keep a living wage job.
- Each student graduates high school with a pathway to college or career.
- Aging neighborhoods and commercial centers are revitalized through continuous investment.
- The community provides necessary supports and services for community members to overcome life challenges such as hunger, mental illness, and homelessness.

Effective, Engaging Government

Effective and engaging government recognized as a leader.

- The City provides quality services at a reasonable cost.
- Elected officials, commissions, and City staff reflect the diversity of the community and are culturally competent.
- City information is clear, accessible, and delivered in ways that meet the community's needs.
- City laws are understandable, equitably enforced, and relevant to the community.
- The City is well-managed and recognized as a great place to work.

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| City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission | | | |
| Agenda Item: | 8.1 | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2025 |
| Agenda Section: | Written Reports | Presented By: | Pam McBride, Youth Services Manager; Jen Gillard, Recreation Manager |
| Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action | Program and Events Update | | |

March 2025

- 1 Brooklyn Park Game Night and Puzzle Competition
- 3 Little Farmers Nature Preschool Drop-off
- 6 International Women's Day Event
- 13 Luck 'O the Irish Luncheon
- 17 Preschool and Parent Adventures on the Farm
- 17 Maple Syruping for Homeschool Families
- 21 Anti- Violence Game Night At Zanewood Rec Center
- 22 Maple Syruping at the Farm

April 2025

- 11 Movie Night at the Dome

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

Adult Fitness

2025 Adult Fitness classes are underway at the Community Activity Center. Scheduled classes included Monday-Friday offerings. Staff have designed and implemented an updated check-in processing system which will allow for more accurate tracking and reporting of fitness (and pickleball) participation within Brooklyn Park. The first month reporting tracking showed significantly higher attendance numbers, signaling that this new check-in process is working as desired.

Adults on the Move

The January - March 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 800 people. Staff are currently working on putting together the April - June guide.

- **Outreach**
Staff have been working with Senior Community Services to bring free Technology Help to residents in senior living communities. Starting in April Tech Help will be offered bi-monthly at Creekside Gables, Urbana Place, and Saint Therese. Tech Help will still be offered at the CAC every other week.
- **Luncheons**
The Luck 'O the Irish luncheon was Thursday, March 13, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the CAC and had 93 attendees. Urbana Place Senior Living was our sponsoring bringing in themed cupcakes.
- **Trips**
The March 6 trip to see Grease at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater has been delayed to September due to the snow and poor road conditions on the morning of March 6. Upcoming trips are April 10 to SkyRock Farms in Medina, May 14 a day in Historic Northfield.
- **Weekly Adult Social Groups**
Weekly social activity group members are renewing their 2025 yearly membership. Participants are 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. The yearly fee is an affordable \$16/residents and \$22/non-residents for all programs throughout the year.

Events

Brooklyn Park Game Night and Puzzle Competition took place on March 1. Attendees had the chance to try out board/card games and participate in competitive or a family friendly puzzle competition. There was live music featuring Sesay and the Living Trio. The Lions Club partnered with the City to provide food for purchase at this event. There were 88 people (22 teams of 4) who participated in the speed puzzle competition, ~75 people (15 teams of 4-6) who participated in the Family Jigsaw Puzzle Contest, and 191 in attendance in the Game Lounge.

On March 6, to celebrate International Women's Day, The City of Brooklyn Park partnered with NHCC to host an event. The event featured guest speaker Cinthia Rodriguez, Women's Expo, and a panel discussion. Around 100 attendees and staff were in attendance.

In partnership with Edinburgh and Brookland, the Events team is hosting a Golf Movie in the Dome on April 11. The event features golf activities and culminates with a showing of Space Jam: A New Legacy.

Aquatics

Winter aquatics classes are wrapping up in March. Our first Swim Level Assessment opportunity will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at the Brooklyn Middle School pool, with Spring (April-May) lesson registration opening Thursday, March 20th. April-May swim offerings in 2025 will include an additional evening of lessons (Thursday) where we again hope to continue to grow offerings available to our community through Youth-Adult swim classes: Adult, Women & Girls Only Swim, Adaptive Aquatics, Teen classes.

Adaptive Recreation/ Inclusion Services:

Winter Adaptive Recreation programs wrapped up the week of March 3 – 8. Staff are busy preparing for Spring Adaptive Recreation programs that will start back up at the beginning of April. Reach for Resources partnership programs continue in Brooklyn Park and include a variety of offerings at the CAC and Historic Eidem Farm. Inclusion Services have continued in many programs this winter and into spring including K5 Fusion, Ice Skating, dance, youth sports, and more.

Adaptive Recreation hosted the third annual All Abilities Resource Fair in partnership with District 279 Osseo Area Schools on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the CAC. The team welcomed over 150 attendees who enjoyed connecting with the 43 exhibitors, utilizing the childcare/ sensory room space, participating in a “make & take” sensory box activity, and enjoying the donated Dunkin’ Donuts.

Youth Sports

Pee Wee Soccer and Youth soccer at Edinbrook is on going and both taking place at Edinbrook Elementary on Tuesdays

Lil Tykes and Tiny tots Spring 1 has begun March 8 on Saturday mornings at the Community Activity Center.

Tobler Gymnastics Winter programming is wrapping up for Youth ages 3 to 14 at Park Center Highschool. Spring session will begin April 1.

Adult Sports

Adult Softball registration is on going for summer of 2025. Opening day for the league will take place on May 9.

Historic Eidem Farm

Spring programming kicks off with Maple Syruping on the Farm on March 17 and 22, with 62 participants currently registered. This hands-on experience will guide attendees through the process of collecting sap from maple trees and transforming it into syrup.

Also on March 17, from 10 AM to 12 PM, Preschool and Parent Adventures on the Farm will welcome 9 participants for a morning of exploration and baking. Families will have the chance to make blueberry cobbler and enjoy a prairie walk while it bakes.

The Luminary Snowshoe planned for Friday, March 14, from 7:30-9 PM was cancelled due to the lack of snow and forecasted thunderstorms.

Critter Camp and Nature Preschool Camp are filling up fast, with session 1 Critter Camp full with a waitlist.

Brooklyn Park Dance

2025 Dance Recital Theme is Into the Wild and will take place on May 3 & 4 at Osseo Senior High School.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp registration is going well with a few age groups at select camps full and others trending in the right direction. The majority of summer camp hiring is complete with the last round of interviews on March 15th.

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

ZW Open Volleyball: Sundays- 8:30am- noon.

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

Zanewood Spring Break: call Zanewood to register at 763-315-8444

- **Youth Listening Tour and Double Dutch** -March 24
- **On the Wood, At the Wood-Spring Break Basketball Camp**- March 25- 26, 10am- 12:00pm, Grades 6-12, at Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center
- **Hoodie Design Workshop**- March 26th
- **Volleyball tournament**, March 27
- **The Big Break at the BP Dome**- March 28th 3:00- 6:00pm

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

Chess Club- September 12- December 20 on Mondays and Friday's 4-6:00

Zanewood Music Studio- Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6:00pm

Convince Us! Debate Club- Tuesdays/ Fridays 6:00- 8:00pm

Aura Beauty Class- Fridays 5:00- 6:30pm

Young Adult programming

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

Arts, Wellness & Engagement Programming

Sewing Class- Wednesdays, January 15- March 12

K- 5 grade programming

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

- Session 4 January 6- June 5
- Spring Break 3/24- 3/28, includes Olympic Day, Field Trip, Arts and Crafts and BBQ

Rec on the Go- January 13- March 20, Autumn Ridge, Park Haven Apartments

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

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

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| Agenda Item: | 8.2 | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2025 |
| 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.

Construction began on April 17, 2023. Construction of the maintenance facility is complete. The work on the Gateway Center is substantially complete. Construction is complete on the reservation shelter, playground, archery range and parking lots on the west unit. Once the restoration of the work areas is complete, the park will open to the public.

Construction of the underpass on West River Road has also been completed.

2. EAB UPDATE

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Work on two Hennepin County Grants and a Grant from the DNR will continue in 2025.

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 2025 in key park areas.

4. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

(2025 planning, 2025-2026 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 options for creating a multi-court gymnasium. A final concept design was provided to staff and JLG/292 Design Group provided cost estimates in the range of \$20 million for the improvements to the CAC including improved entrances

and corridors, relocated office space, improved parking, enhanced outdoor event space and the addition of multi-court 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. The city will seek an additional \$9.5M in funding during the 2025 legislative process.

Project Update: City Council approved a Task Force of Brooklyn Park residents to assist with the planning and community engagement for the Community Activity Center Improvements at the January 6th City Council meeting. The Task Force will focus on working with Recreation & Parks Department staff and a consultant to help further develop the concept vision for the addition of a multicourt gymnasium, entrance and corridor improvements, and exterior events space at the CAC. The Task Force will also serve as a community engagement resource to share information about the importance of the project with the community and legislators leading up to a 2025 MN State Legislature bonding request. The Task Force held meetings January 14, February 11, and March 4.

- **SENIOR CENTER (2025 planning, 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 the final location is determined. The Senior Center is being considered with the CAC improvements and Fire Station projects. A new Central Fire station is planned to be constructed on the site of the former Hennepin County Library. The plan is to then remodel the current Central Fire Station into a new space dedicated to fitness and social activities for older adults.

Project Update: No New Update

5. **TEEN CENTER (2023-24 planning, 2025 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 the design consultant (Design by Melo) to develop plans to renovate the existing space for K-5 programming and create new space in the form of an addition for teen and young adult programming.

Project Update:

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Teen Center project is April 7th from 4-5:30pm at Zanewood Recreation Center. Donlar construction has begun bringing in equipment onsite, setting up the safety perimeter fencing by the end of this month. This month staff took a field trip to Fluid Interiors in Minneapolis to review furniture options for the new and existing spaces.

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 and second 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 SignArt and installation is in progress.

7. **PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT**

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Staff is finalizing the playgrounds for replacement in 2025.

8. **TRAIL REHABILITATION**

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Trinity Gardens Park trails are programmed for 2025.

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

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: Staff are preparing for an application for the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant to help fund construction of building including a picnic shelter with restrooms and indoor program space. The application is due March 31, 2025.

10. **PARKING LOT REHABILITATION**

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: As part of the 2025 Street Rehabilitation project there are several parking lots scheduled for rehabilitation.

11. **TENNIS COURT REHABILITATION**

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Bass Creek Park tennis court is scheduled for rehabilitation in 2025.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

| CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION | | | |
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| Agenda Item: | 8.3 | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2025 |
| Agenda Section: | Written Reports | Presented By: | Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks |
| Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action | Directors Report | | |

Overview:

1. Zanewood Ground Breaking

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at Zanewood Recreation Center on Monday April 7th from 4:00 – 5:30pm. While some site work may be done prior to the ceremony, this event will mark the kickoff to the active construction project to renovate the existing facility and construct a new teen center connected to the building. Commissioners should watch their email inbox for an invitation to the event.

2. Edinburgh Clubhouse Update

The Edinburgh Clubhouse transition to the Tavern at Edinburgh is complete. The Tavern enjoyed a successful opening week and will be open Wednesday through Saturday until March 24th when it will open seven days per week.

3. Brooklyn Park Community Goals

At the March 10th City Council, the updated version of the BP 2025 Goals was approved by City Council. These community goals will guide the work of staff through the next five years. The updated goals can be found at <https://www.brooklynpark.org/brooklyn-park-2025/brooklyn-park-2025-refresh/>

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