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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 November 19, 2025 AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 15, 2025

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

6.1 BUDGET

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

8.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE

8.2 PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

8.3 DIRECTORS REPORT

8.4 RECENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember Page

10.2 KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- DECEMBER – NO MEETING
- JANUARY 21, 2026
 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - WORK PLAN

11. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Zanewood Recreation Center and was called to order by Chairperson Purcell at 5:58pm.**

Commission Members present:

Judy Purcell Chairperson
Joshua Uloth Vice-chair
Emily Arias, At-large
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Doug Crandall, At-large
Long Dang, East
Kyle Krysinski, Central
Taylor Murray, East
Terry Parks, At-large

Councilmember Shelle Page

Absent:

Emily Arias, At-large
Miriam Osammor, East
Kellina Quigley, At-large
Abundance Anako
Keesha Ramirez

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Marcus Hill, Manager of Parks and Facilities
Pam McBride, Manager of Youth Services
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 6.1 General Information-Presentations in front of 5.1 Action Items by Commissioner Parks and second by Vice-Chair Uloth
Motion unanimously approved.**

**A Motion was made to approve the October 15th, 2025 Amended Agenda by Vice-Chair Uloth and second by Commissioner Krysinski.
Motion unanimously approved.**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A Motion was made to Approve September 17th, 2025 minutes by Commissioner Crandal and second by Commissioner Caldwell.
Motion unanimously approved.**

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 TOUR

Marcus Hill, Manager of Parks and Facilities led the group on a tour of the renovation of the existing building and the new facility construction of Zanewood Recreation Center. In addition to City Council Liaison Page, Councilmembers Eriksen, Xiong, and Tran attended the tour.

6.2 YOUTH SERVICES

Director Tullberg introduced Pam McBride, Manager of Youth Services, who provided a presentation via PowerPoint (6.2.A Youth Services Presentation) attached.

Comments/Questions:

Vice-chair Uloth asked if the Rec On The Go vans carry first aide supplies? Manager McBride confirmed they do.

Commissioner Parks asked if there is enough staff to handle both sides and if not is it in the budget to hire? Manager McBride stated that there are open positions that staff will be working on to fill, also the Best Buy Grant funds a coordinator for the center for the next two years.

Vice-Chair Uloth asked if the young people feel safe at Zanewood? Manager McBride states the youth do feel safe and that they also see Zanewood as a place where they act differently than they might at other places.

Vice-Chair Uloth asked if the parents feel their children are safe at Zanewood? Manager McBride stated that through the intervention services staff have had direct contact with parents to address any issues they have with Zanewood.

Councilmember Page stated that the Recreation and Parks staff are connected to the community through all the programs that are done.

Vice-Chair Uloth asked what do the youth think of the new building. Manager McBride stated the youth are very excited. The youth were engaged in the design from the beginning.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 VOTE ON NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

After some discussion a vote was taken.

**A Motion was made to table the National Fitness Campaign project until 2026 by Vice-Chair Uloth and second by Commissioner Crandall
Motion unanimously approved.**

7. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

8.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE

8.2 PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

8.3 DIRECTORS REPORT

8.4 RECENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Director Tullberg stated that staff are working to cut 200 – 400k from the budget to remain under the 8% maximum property tax levy increase set by the City Council.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

N/A

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember Page

No Report

10.2 KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- Budget

10.3 KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

No meeting in December

11. ADJOURNMENT

**A Motion was made by Vice-Chair Uloth to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Caldwell.
Motion unanimously approved.**

Adjourned by Chairperson Purcell at 8:09 PM

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments:
6.2.A Youth Services Presentation

Brooklyn Park Youth Services



Youth Services Theory of Change

Youth Services will coordinate internal and external partners to provide promotion, prevention, and intervention services to youth in Brooklyn Park, so that all youth are engaged and prepared for success, vulnerable youth have the coordinated supports and resources to prevent reaching a crisis stage, and youth in crisis have the intensive treatment and care management to not remain in crisis, so that all youth will thrive in meeting their basic needs, health, social connections, and identity and aspirations.

Youth Services Impact



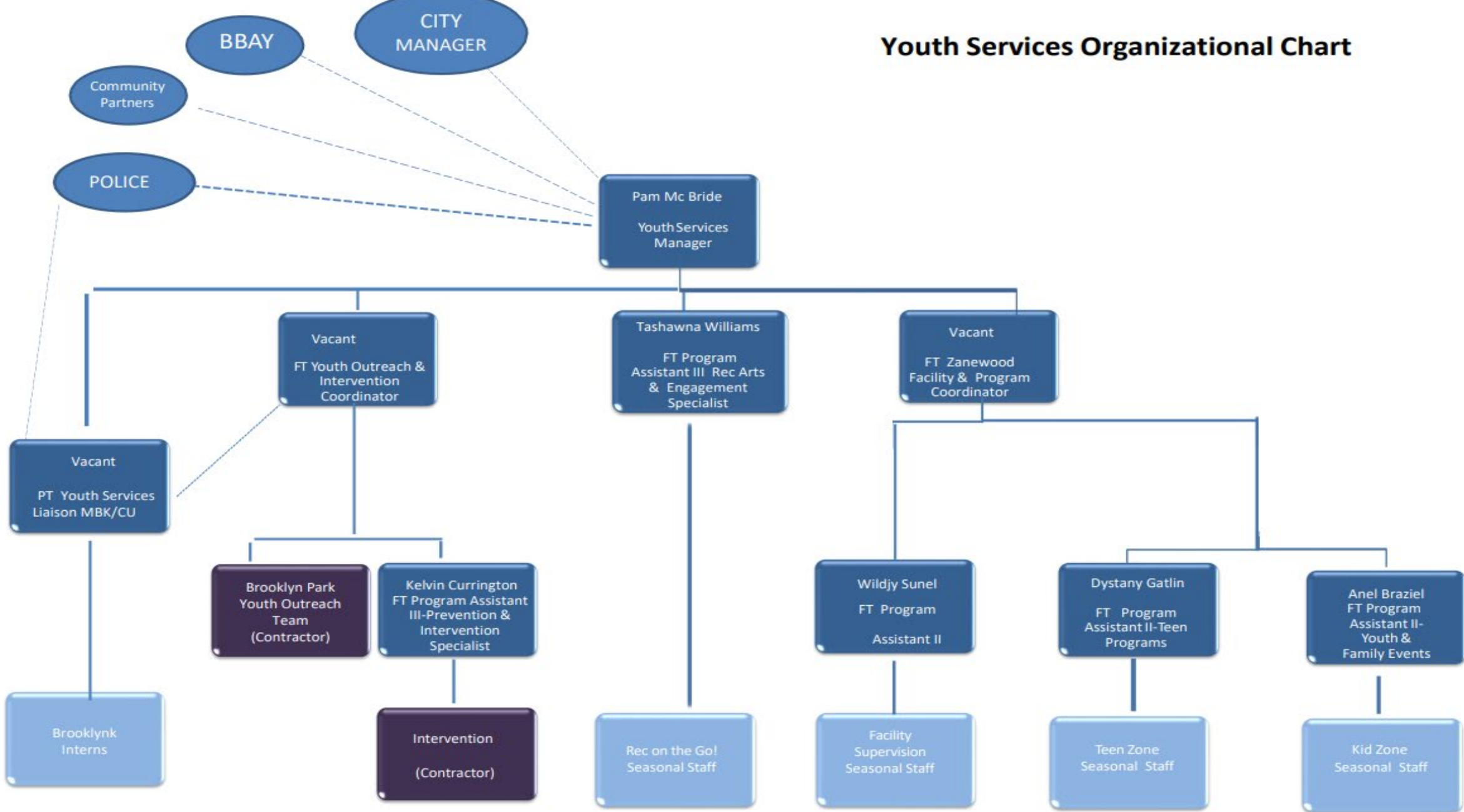
Young people have connectedness and belonging to their peers, to programs and to their community.

Young people have a sense of stability and safety with their peers, programs and community.



Young people have skills and a sense of mastery over something of their interest.

Youth Services Organizational Chart



Youth Services Framework

ALL BROOKLYN PARK YOUTH

- Basic Needs
- Health
- Social Connections
- Identity & Aspirations

THRIVING

VULNERABLE

CRISIS

INTERVENTION

Intensive treatment and care management for youth in crisis

Outreach Team, YMCA Youth Intervention Services

PREVENTION

Coordinated supports and resources for vulnerable youth to prevent reaching a crisis stage

BrookLynk, Outreach Team, Cities United, Zanewood Community Center

PROMOTION

Youth are given choice, voice, knowledge, and assessment in areas that matter to them, and are provided with the skills, behaviors, and opportunities to succeed

Zanewood Community Center, Cities United, Youth Engagement, Schools



COBP Youth Services DRAFT Framework Assessment

ELEMENT	OUTCOME	THRIVING	ADEQUATE	VULNERABLE
BASIC NEEDS	Food	Can meet all food needs without assistance.	Can meet basic food needs with infrequent assistance.	Cannot meet basic food needs without food stamps, food shelves, or other assistance.
	Housing	Housing is stable and adequate.	Housing is stable and adequate (risk utility shut-offs, over capacity, etc.)	Transitional or temporary housing, or in danger of eviction.
	Safety	Feels safe at school, in the neighborhood, and at home.	Barely feels safe at school, in the neighborhood, and/or at home.	Unsafe environment at school, in the neighborhood, and/or at home.
	Transportation	Transportation is generally accessible to meet all travel needs.	Transportation is available but limited and inconvenient.	Transportation is unreliable and affordable; relies on assistance.
	Finances	Can meet all needs and manage debt without assistance, and is able to save.	Can meet basic needs with assistance.	No or inadequate income.
HEALTH	Physical Health	Good physical health; rarely sick or misses school because of sickness.	Fair physical health; sometimes sick or misses 2 or fewer days of school because of sickness.	Poor physical health; misses 4 or more days of school per month.
	Mental and Emotional Health	Good mental health; minimal symptoms that are typical responses to life stressors.	Fair mental health; mild symptoms or moderate difficulty functioning due to emotional well-being.	Reoccurring emotional well-being concerns that affect behavior and functioning.
SOCIAL CONNECTIONS	Connection to Caring Adults	Can identify the presence of multiple caring adults in his or her life.	Can identify only one caring adult in his or her life.	Cannot identify any caring adults in his or her life.
	Connection to Positive Peer Group	Connection to a positive peer group.	Weak connection to a positive peer group, or a connection to a peer group that is not positive.	Does not have any connection to a positive peer group.
	Connection to Family	Stable, healthy, family support network with open communication.	Some support from family; household members are learning to communicate and support.	No or little support from family members; poor relationships with other members of household; possible abuse.
	Connection to Community / Citizenry	Positively known and actively engaged in the community.	Some connections in the community, but exhibits at risk behaviors.	Little or no connection to the community and may be involved in criminal behavior.
IDENTITY AND ASPIRATIONS	Identity Development	Understands who he or she is in relation to what he or she wants to achieve.	Understands who he or she is but not in relation to what he or she wants to achieve.	Little self-awareness of his or her identity.
	Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Skills	Proficient in important social and emotional skills for life success.	Adequate in some social and emotional skills for life success.	Lack awareness and basic proficiency social and emotional skills for life success.
	Academic Achievement	Achieving success in school by receiving the necessary guidance and supports he or she needs.	Adequately progressing in school and not receiving the necessary guidance and supports he or she needs.	Performing poorly academically: receiving a failing grade in a core subject, or not on track to pass a grade level or graduate
	College and Career Awareness	Aware of career and/or post-secondary education options so he or she can achieve his or her goals in life.	Only aware of a few career and/or post-secondary education options; may not be matched to his or her goals in life.	No awareness of career and/or post-secondary education options.
	College and Career Transition	Has the knowledge and skills to be successful in career and/or post-secondary education.	Has the knowledge but very little skills to be successful in career and/or post-secondary education.	No understanding about how to be successful in career and/or post-secondary education.

What young people: Age spectrum

0- 5	6-11	12-14	15-18	19-24
<p>ROTG</p>	<p>Summer experience</p> <p>Sports</p> <p>ZW Afterschool Fusion</p> <p>ROTG</p>	<p>Summer Experience</p> <p>ZW Teen programs</p> <p>Sports & BPAA</p> <p>BP Youth Outreach team</p>	<p>Summer experience</p> <p>ZW Teen programs</p> <p>Youth leadership & art engagement</p> <p>Sports & BPAA</p> <p>BrookLynk</p> <p>Experience Field Trips</p> <p>Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP)</p> <p>Intervention Services</p> <p>BP Youth Outreach team</p>	<p>Youth Facilitators & leadership</p> <p>Intervention Services</p> <p>Arts & Engagement- Podcast</p> <p>Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP)</p> <p>BP Youth Outreach team</p> <p>Boards & Commissions</p>



Youth Services- K- 5 programs

ROTG/Fusion

~Anel Braziel



Rec on the Go

- 225 registered
- 925 visits
- 14 summer sites, 3 fall

Fusion

- 125 youth (23 waitlist)
- 3,361 visits
- 11,211 contact hours

Field Trips- 637 visits



Youth Services- K- 5 programs

Rec on the Go

~Anel Braziel

Rec on the Go

- 100% of our apartment managers would work with ROTG again.
- 69% of apartment managers enjoyed arts and crafts projects.
- 82% of families want ROTG Monday-Thursday
- 87% of families are highly satisfied
- 13% stated they are satisfied.



Zanewood Recreation Center

Teens

~Dystany Gatlin

- Total Drop in Registrations: 1,134
- Visits: 3,507
- Teen Field Trips- 453 participants
- Teen Open Gym –Monday/Wednesday
920 participants, 7,263 visits
- Teen Open Volleyball- school year
125 Participants, 713 visits
- TKO drumline- 257 members, 840 visits
- Chess club- 71 participants, 355 visit
- Golf Camp-14 golfers, Edinburgh / PGA grant
- Studio - 23



Zanewood Recreation Center Meals/snacks

Snacks and Dinner

- 6,579 for K-5 and Teens
- January- September

Good in the 'Hood

- 2,668 people served
- 32,120lbs. of food
- 314 volunteer hours



Arts & Engagement

~Tashawna Williams

Family days - 129 participants; Twins Game, Science Museum, Apple Orchard

Engagement events- 775 participants; Paint for Peace, Winter fun fest (3Rivers), BHM- Living wax museum, Summer at the Plaza, Brownbodys Learn to Skate, September Soul Arts & Music Festival

Arts & Engagement Classes - 26 participants; sewing, Jewelry, Henna and Tufting

Health and Wellness Retreat- 75

2nd Re-beautification survey launching





Solutions: Interrupt, Dismantle, Invest, Leverage

Prevention & Intervention

~Kelvin Currington

Young Men's Group-

- 62 young men- 3, 380 contact hours

Perfect Hues Girl's Group-

- Reboot in 2026, new facilitator

Young Adults Open Gym

- 420 participants

Life Coaching -28 active youth

- 86% of youth moved from crisis to thriving
- Basic needs, health, identity and aspirations and social connections

Intervention incident process

- 65 digital forms- could lead to referral for services



Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team



- Engages youth and families to resources and opportunities in the community
- Connects and builds relationships with young people in community, manage/coils the energy and mitigates issues to ensure safety
- Scheduled 5 times a week, 4.5 hours a day
- Partnership with Police Department & Community Intervention unit

Youth Outreach measures



Community connections

- 71% of resources are food resources
- 30-41% basic needs, housing, water, snacks
- 43% events, ZW programs, connections

Data and Quality Outcomes

- ✓ Youth Services Performance Measures, progress and outcomes reported yearly
- ✓ Conduct Youth Program Quality Assessment
- ✓ Building Performance Measures in Recreation Department



Zanewood Gallery



Zanewood Teen Center 2026

- **Kindergarten- 5th grade programming**
 - Expansion of the “Morning Mix” 6- 9am
 - Community Partnerships during the day
- **Teen Programming**
 - Best Buy Teen Tech Center (studio, podcast, video, computers, textiles, etc.)
 - BrookLynk workforce development
 - Intervention space (case management, diversion, family reunification, 18-24 y/o programs)
 - Gamer Space (video, pool, interactive games, tournaments, etc.)
 - Flex space (Support groups-ie .young men, women, chess club, debate,
 - Family Ties- teens and parents
 - The Art plug – art programs in Art garden, gallery, programs
 - City owned gymnasium- tournaments, open gym, programs and rentals
 - Outdoor gym and campus for events and programs
- **Arts & Engagement**
 - 2nd Re-beautification survey- community input
 - Art Plug leadership advisory- to City Art advisory
 - Winners row city wide photo contest, public art installations
 - Art classes, programs and gallery shows in Center

Thank you for
your time 😊

Any questions?



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City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	6.1	Meeting Date:	November 19, 2025
Agenda Section:	General Information - Presentations	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation & Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	2026 Department Budget Update		

Overview:

Director Tullberg will give an update on the 2026 Recreation & Parks Budget process including proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects for 2026.

Budget Funds and Definitions:

The Recreation and Parks Department uses three different types of budget funds for operations:

- A. **General Fund** – This represents funding via current year revenue collections of the General Fund, which supports operations and capital outlay expenditures. Revenue sources include annual property tax levies, state aid payments, and various program, permit and license fees.
- B. **Special Revenue Funds** – Special Revenue Funds consist of funds generated from fees collected from users of the Ice Arena and Brookland Golf Park. Funds collected are expected to pay for general operations and maintenance of the facility but rely on levy support for capital improvements.
- C. **Recreation Enterprise Fund** – Recreation Enterprise Funds consist of funds generated from fees collected from users of the Edinburgh USA Golf Course and the Brooklyn Park Sports Dome. These funds are utilized for operations, capital improvements and debt retirement expenditures for the facility.

In addition, there are two primary asset replacement funds:

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a planning tool based upon long-range physical planning and financial projections that forecasts the City’s capital needs over a five-year period based on city-adopted long-range plans, goals and policies. The CIP is updated and approved by City Council annually to ensure consistency and accuracy in projected costs.

Capital Equipment Plan (CEP)

The Capital Equipment Plan is a flexible plan based upon long range planning and financial projections, which schedules the major capital equipment replacement and additions that may be incurred by the city over the next five years. Flexibility of the Capital Equipment Plan is established through annual review, and revision if necessary. The CEP is updated and approved by City Council annually to ensure consistency and accuracy in projected costs.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission			
Agenda Item:	8.1	Meeting Date:	November 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		

November

- 6 Honoring Veteran's Luncheon
- 14 Living Well Resource Fair

December

- 7 An Eidem Farm Christmas
- 8 Community Band Holiday Concert
- 9 Trip to see A Christmas Carol (FULL)
- 11 Holiday Luncheon
- 13 Brooklyn's Hmong New Year
- 19 Winter Trivia
- 29 Nature Preschool Day Camp
- 30 Nature Preschool Day Camp

Weekly drop-in activities for adults 50+ at the CAC Monday-Friday
 Wednesday 2nd & 4th monthly 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 to 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 Men's group- ages 16- 18-year-old, every Monday 4:00- 6:00pm at Zanewood

Adult Fitness

Fall fitness held at the Community Activity Center on Monday, Tuesday, Expansion on the horizon as we near the New Year. Our regularly scheduled Tuesday evening Hatha Yoga session will be expanded to begin offering a daytime option on Thursdays beginning in January. This addition will now mean that we're providing fitness instruction to our community 5 days a week. In addition, Brooklyn Park will again be partnering with Duniya Drum & Dance organization to offer classes within the community. Program begins in February 2026.

Pickleball

2025-2026 Pickleball is going well. Equipment available for use during open play hours. Daytime & Weekend pickleball began on October 13, offerings run 8am-2pm daily (M-F) and rotating weekends.

Adults on the Move

The October – December 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 890 people.

- **Lifelong Learning**

On October 13 we hosted a Medicare & Mocktails afternoon to learn about the changes in Medicare for the 2026 enrollment. The session was received well and another one is being planned.

November 18 is the final "Empowered Caregivers" class with the Alzheimer's Association of MN.

November 20 we are hosting a "Exploring Senior Living Options" in Brooklyn Park panel with Saint Therese at Oxbow Lake, Tradition, and Urbana Place. Each of these senior living locations offer independent living as well as continuum of care options.

Technology Support 1:1 appointment with Senior Community Services continue to fill at the Community Activity Center and the community locations at Saint Therese and Urbana Place.

- **Living Well Resource Fair**

Save the Date for the 2025 Living Well Resource Fair taking place on Friday, November 14, 10 am – 1 pm at the Community Activity Center. The event will feature 60+ Exhibitors, Free Immunizations with insurance card, and a free paper shredding truck. This is a free community open house for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and care givers. Featuring local exhibitors, informative speakers, and valuable resources to support aging and living well.

- **Solo Seniors**

A New Solo Seniors peer group has met several times, is going strong, making connections, and gaining more members. The residents that attended have several ideas they would like presented for the group and were appreciative that Brooklyn Park is starting a "Solos" group in our community. Group members work with each other to create a personal plan for help, support and friendship. Monthly solos group meetings keep members on track and provide an opportunity to learn about resources, build skills and social connections. The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the CAC.

- **Trips**

Upcoming trips continue to fill. Participants have shared they appreciate the welcoming environment and staff support that is included in trips hosted by Brooklyn Park. Without support several participants would no longer be able to attend.

- **Luncheons**

The Honoring Veteran's Luncheon held on Thursday, November 6 had 62 people in attendance. The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 11.

- **Weekly Adult Social Groups**

202 individuals 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

In October, the events team executed a new Howl-O-Ween event for dogs and their owners on the 10th of the month. On the 25th, the CAC hosted Spooktacular. Despite the misty start, over 1,750 attendees came out to celebrate the day, and 35,000 treats were passed out to around 1,000 children.

Community Band Holiday Concert, planned for Mon, December 8 features the Brooklyn Community Band and light refreshments.

Brooklyns Hmong New Year is on Saturday, December 13 in partnership with MN Zej Zog, Hmong American Partnership, and the City of Brooklyn Center. Attendees are welcome to enjoy free food (while supplies last), performances, and a community resource fair.

A new event, Winter Trivia and Family Jigsaw Race is Friday, December 9 from 6-9pm at the CAC. This event features a game lounge, elf movie streaming, free hot cocoa and cookies, pizza available for purchase, and trivia!

Aquatics

Fall sessions 1 & 2 are now both full and include over 100 unique swim classes. The aquatics team looks forward to September-December swim programs. Registration for Winter (January – March) swim classes will open on Thursday, January 8th at 10 AM.

Adaptive Recreation/ Inclusion Services

The Fall 2 session of Adaptive Recreation programs kicked off early November with adaptive aquatics on Tuesdays & Saturdays, Adaptive Fitness on Wednesdays, and Beauty Within: Adaptive Art on Thursdays. Reach for Resources contracted programs are taking place at the Community Activity Center. The annual Reach for Resources Ghostly Gala welcomed a record-breaking crowd of nearly 300 attendees on Friday, October 24 at the Community Activity Center. Inclusion Services are being provided in a variety of programs this fall including swimming lessons, youth sports, K5 Fusion, teens, dance, ice skating, and more.

Youth Sports

Lil' Tykes, Tiny Tots, PeeWee, and Youth Sports fall sessions are underway at the Community Activity Center.

Tobler Gymnastics Fall programming for Youth ages 3 to 14 at Park Center High School is ongoing until mid-December.

Adult Sports

Fall Adult Softball league wrapped up on October 9th. Team Wizards are the league and tournament champions. 12 teams competed this fall compared to 8 teams in 2024.

Registration for Winter Adult Basketball for 2026 has begun. Season will begin after the New Year and start on Thursday, January 8th. Games will be played on Thursday evenings at the Community Activity Center.

Historic Eidem Farm

Fall Open Gate wrapped up on October 25 with nearly 4,211 people attending over the summer and fall. Open Gate hours began on May 20 where the farm is open for free exploration, Storytime, and drop-in activities.

The Farms annual Fall celebration took place on October 11, 12-3pm. Fall on the Farm featured a baking and cider press demonstration, hayrides, crafts, a performance from the Double Down Daredevils, and a pumpkin patch. Nearly 1,000 people were in attendance.

The 3-week long Survivalist Series wrapped up on October 20 with 59 participants who learned to build sturdy weather-resistant forts, foraging, and wildlife tracking.

An Eidem Farm Christmas is planned for Sunday, December 7th, 12 – 3 PM. The event will feature carolers, cookie decorating, hayrides, festive crafts, a mini-Christmas market, baking demonstrations, and a Storybook trail.

Program offerings for December include Snow Days (weather dependent) and a 2-day Preschool Nature Camp on December 29 and 30th.

Brooklyn Park Dance

Registration for Brooklyn Park Dance for regular weekly classes has closed for the 2025-26 school year with 386 dancers ages 3 to older adult enrolled. Registration for specialty classes in lyrical ballet, hip hop, VIP (very important partner) is open though the end of November. There are currently 110 participants enrolled in specialty classes.

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 – SOME RETURNING TO ZANEWOOD, SOME STILL AT HAMILTON PARK

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

Aura Beauty Class- Thursdays, 4:00- 6:00pm

Art Plug, now featuring Anime Creation- Tuesday & Thursdays 4:00- 6:00pm

ZW Teen open gym: Hoop IT UP! Monday & Wednesdays from 6-8pm at Zanewood Recreation Center

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

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

Chess Club- September 19- December 20 on Friday's 4-6:00

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

Young men's Group-4:00- 6:00pm, Mondays

Young Women's Group- 4:00- 6:00pm, Fridays

Young Adult programming

Young Adult Open gym-Wednesdays this summer from 8:00- 10:00pm. \$3 BP resident/ \$5 non-resident at Zanewood Recreation Center

Arts, Wellness & Engagement Programming

Youth Mental Health & Wellness Retreat – Dec 29-31st. 10- 3:00pm each day, meal served, Guest facilitators. Sign up on website.

Citywide Re-beautification Survey- Give insight in Public Art and classes- Starting in October

K- 5 grade programming

After School K-5th grade Fusion programming

- Session September 29- December 19
- 3:30- 6:30pm- Afterschool Fusion

Rec on the Go- restarting in September 29- December 19

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 snacks will be provided

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

Agenda Item:	8.2	Meeting Date:	November 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. EAB UPDATE

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update:

On August 11, 2025 the City Council accepted a \$50,000 grant from Hennepin County to further assist with EAB.

2. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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

Project Update: A prescribed burn was conducted at the north prairie area of River Park in early November. A Five-Year Priority Implementation of the Natural Resource Management Plan has been developed by working with Stantec. Staff have been working with Great River Greening to develop grant-funded projects at Brookdale Park and River Park for 2026.

3. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

(2026 planning, 2027-2028 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.

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. The Task Force will work 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.

The City of Brooklyn Park is requesting \$11M in State Bonding dollars to add a multi-court gymnasium to the existing Community Activity Center during the 2026 Legislative Session. This request will create the Northwest Regional Athletic Facility at the site of the existing Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center.

- **SENIOR CENTER (2026 planning, 2027 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: Community Engagement and Planning is expected to resume late in 2026.

4. **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 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:

Teen Center project has made a lot of progress over the last month. Below are 3 pictures showing the progress that has been made thus far. The first picture is of the exterior of the building where they have installed most of the windows, the brickwork has been completed, and all the sidewalks have been poured with concrete. The second picture is of the gym being painted. Installation of the gym equipment in the next couple of weeks. The last picture is of the Best Buy Teen Tech Center where the sheetrock, door frames, and electrical work are going into the program spaces. Staff are making great progress and potentially will be open at the end of January, early February.





5. 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 at key intersections and points of interest along the trails. The project was awarded to SignArt and installation is in progress.

6. **PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT**

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Staff is planning to replace Lad Park and Park Lawn Park playgrounds in 2025. These playgrounds were approved by City Council on November 10th. Due to the lateness of ordering them they will be installed in the Spring of 2026.

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

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update:

Brooklyn Park has been awarded the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant, staff are in the early planning stages of designing the building. Project is expected to be completed in 2026.

2025 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Mississippi Gateway Regional Park / Environmental Nature Area
- Park Lot Rehabilitation (Edinbrook, Willows of Aspen, Pinebrook and Willowstone)
- Tennis Court Rehabilitation (Bass Creek)
- Trail Rehabilitation (Oxbow Pond, Trinity Gardens)

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:	November 19, 2025
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Directors Report		

Overview:

1. Budget Update

City departments have been working on developing budgets for 2026 and 2027. The process started in July and will wrap up in December. Initial discussions with City Council took place on Tuesday September 2nd to identify preliminary budget targets for 2026. The City Council set a preliminary maximum property tax levy amount at 8% for 2026. At the November 10th City Council meeting, staff presented a budget of with a tax levy amount of 7.49%. Director Tullberg will discuss the budget in depth at the November meeting.

2. Capital Investment Committee visits

On October 30th, the Senate Capital Investment Committee visited the Community Activity to hear the staff proposal for investing in the Northwest Regional Athletic Facility (NRAF). The House Capital Investment Committee visited the site on November 12th. The NRAF would include the addition of a multi-court gymnasium to allow for continued operation of the two existing ice arenas.

3. Central Fire Station construction on Community Activity Center operation

The construction of the new Central Fire Station started on October 20, 2025. The new station has a much larger footprint than the previous station. The expanded will temporarily impact the parking at the Community Activity Center. Previously, the former library parking lot was used for overflow parking for large events. As part of the project a temporary parking lot was added on the north side of Edinbrook Terrace. During the summer of 2026, the west CAC parking lot will be reconstructed forcing all CAC parking to use the east side of the facility. When complete, the new parking lot will have a few more parking stalls than the number of the existing parking lot.

4. Equitable Access Strategic Planning

The Recreation and Parks team worked with the Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth staff to develop a strategic plan to increase access to Recreation and Parks programs, events and facilities. The final session was held on October 10th. The strategic planning process is a culmination of the work that has been done over the past five years made possible through funding from a Hennepin County Statewide Health Improvement Program grant.

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	8.4	Meeting Date:	November 19, 2025
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Recent City Council Agenda Items and Community Engagement		

Overview:

There have not been any items brought to City Council since the last RPAC meeting.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments: