

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
APRIL 5, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Arneson, Boulton, Brown, Carlson, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra  
**ABSENT:** Baggenstoss  
**STAFF:** Brokke, Christensen, Johnson

**1) INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Dahlstrom introduced the meeting and noted that this month's meeting was an in-person meeting with a virtual option. As of now, the virtual option is scheduled to continue through April, 2022. The public was still encouraged to participate in the meeting using the Zoom platform.

**2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Boulton, Brown, Carlson, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience.

**C. Magadance, 2467 Aglen St.**

Inquired into the city's process to clean up Central Park. She noted that as the snow has melted there is a lot of garbage now in the park and in Bennett Lake. She relayed that Central Park is a really great resource and is one of the reasons she purchased her home. Additionally, she would be interested in participating in any potential volunteer effort to help clean up the park.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2022 MEETING**

Vice-Chair Hoag moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Arneson seconds.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Boulton, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Ybarra.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Brown.

4) **INTRODUCTION AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSION MEMBER**

The Oath of Office was completed by Commission Chair Dahlstrom for new Commission member Lindsay Matts-Benson. The Commission welcomed her to the group.

5) **REVIEW AND DISCUSS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION GOALS**

The Commission reviewed the goals that were previously discussed at the March 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Vice-Chair Hoag noted that he would potentially like to add more to Goal #3. Specifically, highlighting climate change, the Natural Resource Stewardship Program and the Accelerated EAB program. In addition, he would like to add the support and participation of Commissioners at these programs. He noted that he would like to be assigned to these goals.

Commissioner Arneson suggested changing the word “sports” to “recreation” for the Short Term Goal #1.c. He added that he would like to be assigned to this goal or to Goal 4.a.

Commissioner Lenhart relayed that she really liked all of the Commission goals. However, she would specifically like to be added to Goal #1.b. She noted that she believes Goal #1.b is related to Goals #4.a and #4.b.

Commissioner Boulton added that he would like to work on Goal #1.c with Commissioner Arneson.

Chair Dahlstrom noted that he would like to be involved with Goals #4.a and #4.b.

Chair Dahlstrom inquired if any additional short or long term goals should be added.

Commissioner Lenhart suggested adding the “Short Term Goal: Complete engagement process and solicit naming ideas” and “Long Term Goal: Complete renaming process” to Goal #2.a “Pocahontas Park Naming Project”.” She added that she would like to be assigned to that goal as well.

Chair Dahlstrom suggested potentially adding Commissioner Baggenstoss to Goal #2.a as he is not at the meeting tonight but is passionate about the Pocahontas Park Renaming Project. Commissioner Lenhart added that he may also want to be added to Goal #1.b.

Commissioner Arneson offered that he would also like to be added to Goal #4.a. He noted that Goal #4.a appears to relate to Goal #1.a and #1.b.

Vice-Chair Hoag suggested that a Commission member does not need to be assigned to every goal as the Commission owns all of the goals. However, if anyone is passionate about any of the goals then they should be assigned to it.

Commissioner Brown asked to be added to Goals #3 and #4.a.

Commissioner Matts-Benson requested to be added to Goal #1.a as she previously has worked on equity and accessibility. She also noted that many of the goals intertwine together with other goals.

2022 DRAFT Parks & Recreation Commission Goals				
Goal	Timeframe	Action Steps	Assigned	Progress
<b>1. On-going Parks and Recreation Goals</b>				
#1.a	Find ways to be visible in the community utilizing an "equity lens"	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> Place special emphasis on equity to reach and understand the needs and barriers of underserved communities in Roseville. <b>Long Term Goal:</b> Track progress via equity analysis.	Matts-Benson	
#1.b	Understand resident's experiences with their local parks. Work to find the voice of underrepresented or unheard people or groups. Foster a sense of belonging.	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> Review data and demographics, create subcommittee, Check with the Human Rights Inclusion and Engagement Commission on potential collaboration <b>Long Term Goal:</b>	Lenhart Baggenstoss	
#1.c	Continue to support and advise Parks & Recreation staff on already identified projects and potential opportunities.	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> Research non-traditional recreation opportunities. <b>Long Term Goal:</b> Bring new ideas, projects or opportunities to the Commission for discussion and education.	Arneson Boulton	
<b>2. Equity and Engagement</b>				
#2.a	Pocahontas Park Naming Project	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> Complete engagement process and solicit naming ideas. <b>Long Term Goal:</b> Complete renaming process.	Lenhart Baggenstoss	
#2.b	Find and support ways to get residents outdoors	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> <b>Long Term Goal:</b>		
<b>3. Natural Resources</b>				
#3.a	Focus on green spaces. Specifically, native animal habitat and climate change.	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> <b>Long Term Goal:</b>	Hoag Brown	
#3.b	Support and participate in the Natural Resource initiatives of the Parks and Recreation Department (Natural Resource Stewardship Program, Accelerated EAB Project, etc.)	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> <b>Long Term Goal:</b>	Hoag Brown	
<b>4. Visioning and Planning</b>				
#4.a	City Visioning Project	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> Help to find ways to ensure the underserved communities in Roseville are engaged with during the City Visioning Project. <b>Long Term Goal:</b> Track progress via equity analysis.	Dahlstrom Arneson Brown	
#4.b	Campus Master Plan Project	<b>Short Term Goal:</b> <b>Long Term Goal:</b>	Dahlstrom	

6) **STAFF REPORT**

a) **NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS**

- o A potential Request for Assistance (RFA) was provided to the Commission for the Pocahontas Park Naming Project. Another version of the RFA will be provided to the Commission at subsequent meetings.
- o The 2021/2022 deer reduction season has been completed. 43 deer were removed from the city (28 were removed from the Owasso are and the remaining 15 were taken from south Roseville in the Reservoir Woods area). Once the final report is

received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) it will be brought to the Commission. In addition, Ramsey County did not complete a deer population count flyover this winter.

- The Roseville Skating Center bonding projects are underway. The pads at the Guidant John Rose MN OVAL will also be replaced as part of the bonding project. Proposals for new pads have been received using the Best Value procurement process and are being reviewed by staff.
- The annual Roseville Skate School Ice Shows will be April 28-30.
- The contractor for the Evergreen pickleball courts and Anpétu Téča tennis courts is ready to move forward. An average temperature of 50 degrees is needed to start the project. The entire project will take approximately one month, starting with the completion of the tennis courts before converting Evergreen Park to pickleball courts.
- The first community meeting for the Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer Program was last week. The vendor, Tree Trust, will begin removing trees this spring in the southeast quadrant of the city, and will continue with removals working counterclockwise. Initial focus will be on the trees in the worst condition. Residents will be notified of any trees that will be removed, trees will be marked with a pink ring and homeowners will be provided an informational door-hanger.
- Volunteer tree planting on Saturday, June 4.
- Cedarholm Golf Course is planning to open on April 6.
- Granite City will have an upcoming soft-opening at the Cedarholm Golf Course Community Building.
- Summer staff are still needed at Roseville Parks and Recreation. The typical age is 16+ for jobs. However, if someone who is younger is interested they are encouraged to apply.
- There are many programs and special events coming up.
- The virtual option for Commission meetings is through April, 2022. Unless the Mayor's declaration is extended the May Commission meeting will be in-person.
- Kite Day on April 20 (10:00a.m – 12:00pm) at Rosebrook Park. Advanced registration is needed to ensure there is a kite for all participants.
- Upcoming Adult Trips include: Footloose at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on April 6, State Capital Tour on May 17, Osceola Train Trip on June 23.

## 7) **OTHER**

Commissioner Lenhart asked for further information regarding the pad replacement at the Guidant John Rose MN OVAL. Staff explained that they are the specialized technical pads used for speed skating.

Commissioner Lenhart asked if there would be any closures at the OVAL during the bonding projects. Staff relayed that certain areas will be closed off at certain times due to construction. However, the OVAL skate park and inline skating track will remain open during the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant