

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
MAY 3, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

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

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience member indicated they wished to make a public comment.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2022 MEETING

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

4) PARK DEDICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION – 3080-3110 OLD HIGHWAY 8

Staff provided an overview of the purpose, options and process for Park Dedication. Location maps of the development located at 3080-3110 Old Highway 8 were reviewed by the Commission. The development is located in Constellation A of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. There are no specific park plans identified in this area in the Master Plan.

The proposal for 3080-3110 Old Highway 8 includes 3 lots on 8.50 acres. The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The development is residential with 239 total units. The cash amount would be \$4,250 per unit or \$1,015,750. The land amount would be 10% of 8.5 acres or .85 acres.

Staff noted that there has been general feedback about the increase in use at Sandcastle Park with some concerns about after hour use of the basketball court.

Two representatives from the development company, Edison Land, LLC, were present at the meeting to provide additional information on the development and answer and questions. They noted that there are many on-site recreation amenities provided for residents of the development, including: fitness centers, community rooms, sport court, green space, swimming pool, sun deck, walking trail with fitness equipment, rain garden, dog walk area and playground. The developers worked with the city to connect pathways between the development and Sandcastle Park. The developer discussed potentially purchasing a parcel next to the development as a potential land dedication.

Commissioner Matts-Benson asked what amenities are currently at Sandcastle Park. Staff noted that there is a play structure, park building, ice rinks, tennis court, basketball court and a sandlot baseball field.

The developer defined where the pathways are located throughout the development. Commissioner Arneson questioned if residents would feel comfortable going to a city park located within the development.

Staff noted that there could be potential opportunity to adjust the amenities at Sandcastle Park to better fit with the needs of the neighborhood.

Vice-Chair Hoag relayed that he believes Sandcastle Park, coupled with the amenities of the new development, cover the needs of the residents in Constellation A.

Commissioner Boulton made a motion to recommend cash in lieu of land, in the amount of \$1,015,750, to the City Council to satisfy Park Dedication at 3080-3110 Old Highway 8. Vice-Chair Hoag seconds.

Commissioner Lenhart added that with the density of people in the new development it may be nice to have green space available outside of Sandcastle Park.

The Commission discussed the size of the land dedication opportunity and potential options for park improvements at Sandcastle.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Matts-Benson.

Nays: Lenhart.

Abstain: None.

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

Commissioner Matts-Benson requested to be added to Goal #4b.

Vice Chair Hoag made a motion to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals with the ability for any Commissioner to add their name to a goal in the future.

Commissioner Matts-Benson seconds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

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

6) **STAFF REPORT**

a) **POCAHONTAS PARK RENAMING**

Staff is planning to get the word out that the city is seeking a new name for Pocahontas Park and is looking for input from everyone in a variety of ways. Based upon guidance at the joint meeting with the City Council, the process and plan to get started includes:

- Using the city naming policy as a guide
- Being intentional about engaging Native American individuals and groups, residents who live near the park and all community members
- Ensuring Native American perspectives are considered through a variety of efforts
- Collecting name suggestions
- Considering a stipend for additional help, analysis and input, if necessary.

The process is anticipated to conclude in late 2022 or early 2023 with the Parks and Recreation Commission making a recommendation to the City Council.

b) **DISCOVER YOUR PARK SIGNUP SHEET**

The Discover Your Park signup sheet is now available on-line. You can find the dates and times for this year's DYP events and signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DAAAB2DA7F58-2022>

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

- Granite City is now open at the Cedarholm Community Building and Golf Course.
- Summer staff are still needed at Roseville Parks and Recreation.
- Flower Power - Planting Day on Saturday, May 21 (9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m) at Central Park – Lexington.
- The City Wide Garage Sale will be June 2, 2022 – June 4 2022.
- Rosefest 2022 will be June 22, 2022 – July 4, 2022.
- Kids' garage sale on Sunday June 26, 2022 (5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.) at Central Park – Lexington.
- Live @ The Rog! Performances Series will begin June 12 at the Central Park Amphitheatre. Performances will be held every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday through August 14, 2022.
- Seasonal and part-time hiring event for Roseville Parks and Recreation on Thursday, May 5, 2022 (4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.) at the Autumn Grove Park Building.

7) **OTHER**

Commissioner Arneson thanked the staff who picked up the fish around Bennett Lake.

Commissioner Lenhart asked if there is anything further that the Commission can do to address litter within the parks. Staff relayed that there are many local volunteer groups along with the Adopt-a-Park program who help to address the litter in the parks.

Commissioner Arneson noted a specific area near the waterfall in Central Park that has small litter items on the ground.

Commissioner Lenhart asked if there is something that the Commission can do to address or limit the amount of litter in the parks. The Commission discussed the potential sources of the litter.

Commissioner Lenhart asked about an outreach schedule for the Pocahontas Park name engagement. Staff relayed that there will be multiple larger community outreach opportunities along with more focused outreach towards the residents near Pocahontas Park. Also, many indigenous groups have been contacted or have reached out to staff regarding the project. One new name, utilizing the Dakota language, has already been submitted. It is anticipated that multiple name suggestions will be provided for the Commission later this year after being reviewed by indigenous groups or individuals.

Commissioner Lenhart relayed that she would like to see the outreach plan and that she knows a resident who would like to propose the name of Friendship Park. She asked how potential name suggestions should be submitted by residents. Staff relayed that name suggestions can be submitted on-line. She also asked that the list of name suggestions potentially have the name meaning provided.

Staff noted that the naming process should be thoughtful and diligent to ensure that the proposed name recommendation aligns with the spirit of the renaming project.

The Commission discussed the proposed Campus Master Plan project and how it would potentially impact Parks and Recreation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant