

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
MAY 2, 2023 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Raygor
ABSENT: Matts-Benson, Ybarra
STAFF: Johnson

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Raygor.

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience members indicated that they wish to speak.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2023 MEETING

Commissioner Boulton moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Raygor seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Raygor.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

4) BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Park Dedication Recommendation - 691-711 Shryer Avenue

Staff reviewed the purpose, process and options to satisfying Park Dedication. Maps were provided to show the location of the 691-711 Shryer Avenue parcel. The proposed development is located in Constellation M of the Parks and Recreation system. There are no specific plans identified for parkland in this area

The proposal includes five new units on a 1.5-acre development. The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The cash amount for the five additional units would be \$21,250 (\$4,250 per unit). The required land amount would be 10% of 1.5 acres or 0.15 acres.

Staff reiterated that the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to review the proposed development and relevant parks and recreation system plans and goals; and to make a

recommendation as to whether the City should accept land, cash, or a combination, to satisfy the Park Dedication requirement.

The developer was present at the meeting to answer any questions. The developer provided the history of the purchase of the parcel.

Commissioner Arneson relayed that he would support recommending cash in lieu of land as the parcel is not connected to Reservoir Woods.

The Commission discussed the small size of the potential 0.15 acres park and if that land could be useful as a pocket park. They agreed that the size and location would not be a beneficial addition to the park system.

Commissioner Brown moved to recommend cash in lieu of land to satisfy Park Dedication at 691-711 Shryer Avenue to the City Council. Commissioner Arneson seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Raygor.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

b) Park Dedication Recommendation - 2560 Fry Street

Maps were provided to show the location of the 2560 Fry Street parcel. The proposed development is located in Constellation I of the Parks and Recreation system. Staff noted that Constellation I is largely commercial and Rosebrook Park effectively serves the residential homes in that constellation.

The developer had relayed to staff that they don't have land available to allocate towards a park in the current proposal and that a recommendation of land could inhibit their ability to move forward with the project.

The proposal includes ten units on a 1.17-acre development. The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The cash amount for the nine additional units would be \$38,250 (\$4,250 per unit). The required land amount would be 10% of 1.17 acres or 0.117 acres.

Staff noted that the Master Plan does not specifically call out additional park land in this area. The Comprehensive Plan does state a goal of procuring land adjacent to existing park parcels. Upcoming Capital Improvements at Rosebrook over the coming years include the pool and playground.

Staff reiterated that the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to review the proposed development and relevant parks and recreation system plans and goals; and to make a recommendation as to whether the City should accept land, cash, or a combination, to satisfy the Park Dedication requirement.

The project developer was available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Commissioner Arneson mentioned that the parking lot at Rosebrook Park is very small and potentially expanding the size could be beneficial.

Commissioner Boulton added that a larger parking lot may be useful for the future Capital Improvements at the park.

The Commission questioned the land type and existing utilities on the north side of the parcel. The project developer answered that there is no existing utilities on the north 30 feet of the parcel. There was a previous easement that has been vacated and the land is now a proposed drainage easement to outlot A.

Staff clarified that a recommendation of land would send the project back to city staff to work with the developers to find an equitable land location to satisfy Park Dedication.

The project developer relayed that the financial impact of a land recommendation for Park Dedication would make the project no longer fiscally feasible.

Commissioner Baggenstoss asked staff how the land could be used as it is adjacent to an existing park and questioned why the city did not initially purchase the parcel. Staff relayed that there are trees on the parcel that may survive the construction and removing living trees is always a difficult decision. There is a concept plan for the pool to potentially switch it to a splash pad. However, the neighborhood has not been engaged with on the changes. Staff noted that the additional space could potentially be used during the future evolution of the pool at Rosebrook Park.

Staff relayed that the city utilizes the “willing buyer-willing seller” rule for acquiring new parcels that come up for sale.

Commissioner Arneson suggested potentially moving away from willing buyer-willing seller in the future.

The Commission discussed if recommending land to satisfy Park Dedication would add useable parkland to Rosebrook Park.

Commissioner Baggenstoss questioned if any proposed sidewalks were planned for this parcel. Staff noted that a sidewalk currently exists on the parcel and added that they will confirm with city staff if the sidewalk needs to be updated to satisfy the Pathway Master Plan.

Commissioner Boulton asked if the water feature will stay at Rosebrook Park. Staff answered that over time a discussion regarding an update to the water feature will be had with the neighborhood. During that time land usage for park amenities will be reviewed. However, staff acknowledged that removing a water feature from the park would be difficult.

Commissioner Arneson moved to recommend cash in lieu of land to satisfy Park Dedication at 2560 Fry Street to the City Council. Commissioner Boulton seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Raygor.

Nays: Baggenstoss.

Abstain: None.

c) Review and Verify Parks and Recreation Commission Goals

Commissioner Arneson recommended adding a goal to work towards ending the “willing buyer-willing seller” way or purchasing additional park land. Chair Dahlstrom noted that he supports the idea but he is not sure that it belongs as a Commission Goal.

Commissioner Baggenstoss questioned if the “willing buyer-willing seller” is a specific city policy or if it is an interpretation of a policy. Staff relayed that it is written in the Comprehensive Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan under the goals of acquisition of park land and is a city policy that could be discussed with the City Council.

Commissioner Brown suggested adding a goal of “Acquire more parkland” with a long-term goal of updating the “willing buyer-willing seller” policy.

The Commission discussed the “willing buyer-willing seller” policy language and how they could potentially move forward with updating it. The Commission agreed on adding the goal of “Explore more ways and opportunities to acquire parkland”.

The Commission discussed potentially purchasing parkland on the south side of Lake Owasso. Staff noted that it may be hard to purchase land that was previously recommended for cash in lieu of land to satisfy Park Dedication.

Commissioner Arneson suggested adding city water access on one of the Roseville lakes with rentable spots to store kayaks.

Commissioner Baggenstoss added that there have been many Park Dedication proposals that the parcels would have made great parkland acquisitions.

Chair Dahlstrom suggested adding the new goal “Explore more ways and opportunities to acquire parkland” under goal header “2. Equity and Engagement”.

Commissioner Boulton asked how the city finds out about parcels that are for sale. Staff confirmed that the city learns about available parcels when they are listed.

Commissioner Beckman requested her name be added to Goal 1.b and the new goal of acquiring parkland. Commissioners Arneson and Brown also requested their name be added to the new goal of acquiring parkland.

5) STAFF REPORT

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

i. Discover your Parks 2023

The Discover Your Park (DYP) 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/60B0B4DAFAA2BA5FE3-discover1>

This year the Parks and Recreation Commission will have an activity available to help facilitate engagement with DYP participants.

b) Other New or Relevant Communication and Update Items

- 230 participants skated in 3 ice shows at the Roseville Skating Center. Over 1,500 tickets were sold to the event.
- The Roseville School of Dance recital took place with many volunteers helping to make the recitals possible.
- Kite Day in the Park was on Saturday, April 22 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) at Rosebrook Park. Over 50 kids participated in the event.
- Earth Day at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center was on April 22 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). This was a very well attended event, in spite of the weather.
- Summer activities are starting to begin:
 - Over 200 participants in golf leagues
 - Adult sand volleyball
 - Daytime and evening adult softball
- The Muriel Sahlin Arboretum pathway project is nearing completion. This project was paid for by the Central Park Foundation.
- Arbor Month Tree Planting volunteer event on Saturday, May 6, 2023.
- Flower planting along Lexington in Central Park on Saturday, May 20, 2023.
- The citywide garage sale will be June 1, 2023-June 3, 2023. The 2023 map will be available beginning May 27 at City Hall & on the city website.
- Tree Trust is partnering with the City of Roseville to provide 300 trees to Roseville property owners. The trees must be planted on private property and will be awarded via a lottery. Sign-up to be entered into the lottery at: [Treecovery](#).

- Roseville Parks and Recreation is still hiring seasonal employees.
- The planning process for the .79-acre parcel at 2381 County Road B will begin at a meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (6:30-8:30) at Annpétu Téča Education Center.

6) **OTHER**

The Commission discussed doing a park tour in lieu of a future Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant