

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
FEBRUARY 6, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Beckman, Boulton, Brown, Matts-Benson, Raygor, Ybarra.

No public in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 2, 2024 MEETING

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Beckman, Boulton, Brown, Matts-Benson, Raygor, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

Staff relayed to the Commission that longtime staff member John Corazzo passed away over the weekend in a car accident.

a) DISCUSS NAMING PROCESS FOR NEW PARK AT 2381 COUNTY ROAD B

Staff gave an overview of the history, location, and final preferred concept for the new park located at 2381 County Road B.

Staff reviewed the basic policy principles for naming new parks. The primary principles of the policy include:

- Natural habitat
- Geographic location

- Non-descript terms
 - Acronyms or joining of two word, names or activities
- Significant contribution

Staff provided recent park naming examples (Unity Park, Midland Gardens Park, and Keya Park) and potential ways to gather name recommendations (website survey, social media, city newsletter, mail).

The Commission discussed a possible timeline for the park naming process and a potential processes to collect name recommendations.

The following items were agreed upon, by the Commission, to collect potential name suggestions for the new park at 2381 County Road B:

- Direct electronic communication to those who have already participated in the new park process
- Localized communication to neighbors in close proximity to the new park
- Signs located in the park
- Webpage update to gather new name suggestions

Staff noted that an update of the suggested new names would be provided to the Commission at the March, 2024 meeting.

b) DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF VETERANS PARK

From 2020 through 2022, the City conducted a Master Plan Study to identify solutions for addressing the current and future spatial needs for City support facilities including City maintenance (both parks and public works), public safety, and the license center. The final approved plan calls for a new maintenance facility (which would support both parks and public works) to be constructed where Veterans Park is currently located. The City is currently pursuing funding to begin the detailed design and ultimately construction of the facility.

Staff provided an overview of how Veterans Park is currently used:

- 3.6 Acre Park
- Current Uses (programmed)
 - Youth softball
 - Fall soccer program
 - Senior softball
 - Some youth programming
- Non-programmed:

- Playground
- Half-court basketball
- Green space

Staff shared some preliminary approaches that could be considered to mitigate some of the impact related to the loss of the park:

- Consolidate/relocate
 - Reduce the total number of parks throughout Roseville's park system and relocate any necessary amenities. This option could potentially restrict future growth.
- Small amenity replacement near site
 - Potentially acquire smaller parcels that are located near the current park

The Commission discussed locations of potential parcels that could be acquired.

- Large parcel strategy
 - Identify a large parcel to develop a new park
 - Currently a lack of remaining large parcels
 - Would have to identify funding for when an opportunity becomes available
- Shared use space with Roseville School District
 - Potential with land adjacent to Parkview School

The Commission discussed and shared their appreciation of this potential idea.

- Amenity Upgrades:
 - Add field lighting (longer play)
 - Artificial turf (more play without damage) earlier season
 - Re-planning/modernizing existing space needs at other parks
 - Develop underutilized parcels

The Commission discussed underutilized parcels and the challenges of parking availability near parkland.

Commissioner Raygor mentioned the idea of potentially adding a dog park on underutilized parkland.

Commissioner Brown asked about Valley Park and suggested that the baseball field may be underutilized at this park. Staff acknowledged that parking can be a concern at the park.

The Commission agreed that exploring multiple options would be best, as this could ensure flexible options that would meet the current and future park needs of the community.

c) **SWOT ANALYSIS OF PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM**

The Commission agreed to reflect on the SWOT analysis over the next month and bring their thoughts to the March, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

- The city has received the Active Transportation Program Planning Grant. The grant allows an opportunity for the city to further develop its active living non-vehicular transportation plan. Staff anticipates there will be a public component to the grant and invited a member of the Commission to participate in the process. Staff noted that they will be providing further information in the coming days.
- The Spring/Summer brochure will be in homes the final week of February. Program registration will open March 5.
- The pickleball courts at Evergreen Park and the Cedarholm Golf Course were able to open and will remain open as weather permits.
- The Sweetheart Dance will be on February 23 at the Roseville Skating Center from 6:15-8:15p.m. Children ages 3-12 (with adult) are invited to attend this fun event!
- The March, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be the final meeting for Commissioners Baggenstoss and Ybarra. Staff encouraged anyone interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission to apply for the open positions.

b) **OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION AND UPDATE ITEMS**

6. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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