



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Commission Members: *Lindsay Matts-Benson (Chair), Karen Beckman (Vice-Chair), Audrey Arneson (Youth), Joseph Arneson, Nick Boulton, Daryl Brown, David Dahlstrom, Chad Kooistra, Jamison Penny, Jessica Raygor*

(Any times listed are approximate – please note that items may be earlier or later than listed on the agenda)

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Receive Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the December 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 4. Business Items**
 - a. Provide Park Dedication Recommendation for 571 Roselawn Ave W.
 - b. Rosebrook Park Update, and Request for Commission Feedback
 - c. Review and Adopt Parks and Recreation Commission Goals
- 5. Other Business**
 - a. Departmental Updates
 - b. Other New or Relevant Communication Items
- 6. Adjourn**

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 7, 2025

ITEM: 3.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approval of the December 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Background

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of December 3, 2024. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Recommendation

Approve/amend meeting minutes of December 3, 2024.

Attachments

1. 12. Minutes - December 3

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
DECEMBER 3, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: A. Arneson, J. Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Dahlstrom, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.
ABSENT: Brown, Raygor.
STAFF: Johnson.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: J. Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Dahlstrom, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

Chair Matts-Benson relayed that Commissioner A. Arneson and J. Raygor would be arriving late to the meeting.

No public in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2024 MEETING

Commissioner Dahlstrom moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner J. Arneson seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: J. Arneson, Beckman, Dahlstrom, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Boulton.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) DISCUSS COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2025

The Commission reviewed the updated goals for 2025, based on the conversation held at the November 7, 2024, meeting. The Commission discussed the timing and responsibilities listed in the goals document.

Chair Matts-Benson suggested adding the option of inviting Rachel Boggs to present updates regarding volunteers as part of the volunteer goal.

Commissioner Penny requested that his name be included in the goal regarding park connectivity.

Chair Matts-Benson suggested adding participant survey responses and reviewing data from the new registration software once it is implemented, to align with the goal regarding equity.

Commissioner J. Arneson requested to be included in the Envision Roseville and Campus Master Plan goals.

Vice-Chair Beckman requested to be included in the Rosebrook Park planning and Autumn Grove Park planning.

Chair Matts-Benson requested to be added to the Campus Master Plan goal.

The Commission discussed the timing associated with the goals and agreed to revisit the document at future meetings.

b) **OVERVIEW OF PARKS AND RECREATION FRIENDS GROUPS**

Staff introduced the history of Friends Groups in Roseville, noting the groups' long-standing role in supporting Roseville Parks and Recreation by advancing next-level initiatives. Additionally, the original genesis of these groups was as social clubs. They also advocate for and support community initiatives.

Having three Friends Groups is uncommon for a city of Roseville's size. Over the years, the Friends Groups have collectively invested \$5 million into Roseville.

- What are Friends Groups?
 - Non-profit
 - Volunteer driven organizations supporting parks and recreation systems
 - Supplement municipal efforts with fundraising, advocacy, and project support
 - Promote, preserve, and enhance public spaces
- Why are they important?
 - Fundraising and financial support
 - Volunteer contributions
 - Community advocacy
 - Long-term vision, engagement, and sustainability
- Roseville Central Park Foundation
 - Established: 1964
 - Mission: To develop, enhance, and promote Central Park

- Vision: Maintaining Central Park as a premier urban green space for recreation and nature
- Fundraising initiatives: Partners Club (late September), Park bench program, Arboretum Celebration Walk
- Key past projects:
 - Harriet Alexander Nature Center
 - Muriel Sahlin Arboretum Building
 - Central Park volleyball courts
- Recent projects:
 - Arboretum pathways
 - Arboretum lights
 - Amphitheater improvements
- Friends of Roseville Parks
 - Established: 1969
 - Mission: To support Roseville's 30+ parks ensuring vibrant spaces for future generations.
 - Focus: Beautifying and improving parks through fundraising and community engagement.
 - Signature Events: Tapped and Uncorked, Designer Handbag Bingo (spring and fall)
 - Historical Projects: Inclusive playground, fireplaces in the park buildings, slide at Unity Park, annual funding for Central Park boulevard flowers
 - Recent/Future Projects: Donation for mosaic cairns at Harriet Alexander Nature Center, \$75,000 contribution to Lexington Park Playground (2025), puppet wagon upgrades
- Friends of the OVAL Foundation
 - Established: 2005
 - Mission: To promote, maintain, and improve the John Rose MN OVAL and Roseville Skating Center.
 - Focus: Supporting recreational and competitive skating opportunities while enhancing this unique facility.
 - Annual O&M contribution
 - Has been active in the promotion of the OVAL
 - Financial Investments: Over \$580,000 for maintenance and \$129,000 for promotion and events
 - Community Support: Maintains the SKATETHEOVAL website and webcams
 - Recent Projects: Revitalized the iconic OVAL tree lights, pledged \$40,000 for a new scoreboard (2025), revenue sharing (\$17,451), contributed in 2023 to offset operating expenses
- Challenges Facing Friends Groups
 - Age and attrition

- Societal changes
 - Decline in volunteer availability due to busier lifestyles
 - Other avenues for social interaction
- Need for greater digital engagement and outreach
- Evolving expectations of community involvement
- Perception that Friends Groups are solely fundraisers
- Increasing competition for fundraising
- Staff capacity to support
- Belief that the Parks System is in good shape
- Opportunities for Growth
 - Raising awareness through community campaigns and events
 - Engaging younger generations and diverse volunteers
 - Strengthening partnerships with the City and local businesses
 - Leveraging technology for fundraising and advocacy

Commissioner Dahlstrom suggested adding support for Friends Groups to the 2025 Commission Goals.

The Commission discussed ways to acknowledge the work of Friends Groups in Roseville and explore opportunities to advocate for them in the future.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- A copper wire theft occurred in Central Park. Measures are being taken to repair the damage and mitigate the potential for future thefts.
- The Natural Resources Management Plan has been approved by the City Council.
- The full-time position to support 50% Forestry and 50% Natural Resources was approved by the City Council. This position will replace the current 50% Forestry role.
- In the most recent election, the maintenance facility referendum passed, but the license and passport center referendum did not. The City Council is evaluating options on how to move forward.
- The "Light the OVAL" initiative has successfully restored the holiday lighting around the OVAL.
- Wayfinding signs have been approved by the City Council to highlight major attractions in Roseville, including its parks.
- Cookies and Cocoa with Kris Kringle at the Cedarholm Community Building on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00am-12:00pm.
- Holiday Craft Fair at Roseville City Hall on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (10:00am-4:00pm) and Sunday, December 8, 2024 (12:00pm-4:00pm).
- Open Mic Night at Cedarholm Community Building on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm.
- The OVAL will have expanded Holiday Hours for public skating.

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

6. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 7, 2025

ITEM: 4.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Provide Park Dedication Recommendation for 571 Roselawn Ave W.

Background

The City has received preliminary documents for a proposed subdivision that is planned for 571 Roselawn Ave W. The proposal is to subdivide the parcel that currently contains one residential home into two, to allow for the possible development of a residential lot in the future. The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The cash amount for the one additional unit would be \$4,250. The required land amount would be 10% of 0.53 acres or 0.053 of an acre.

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. For reference and guidance, your packet includes:

- Park Dedication Ordinance
- City Parks and Facilities map
- Parcel site map
- Preliminary plat map
- Specific guidance from the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, including the constellation map and goals and policies related to Parks and Open Space acquisition.

The applicant has stated a preference of cash-in-lieu of land for the development.

The role of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to review the proposed development in relation to the parks and recreation system plans and goals; and to make a recommendation on whether the City should accept land, cash, or a combination, to satisfy the Park Dedication requirement.

Recommendation

Due to the small size of the potential land dedication, and its location, staff recommends the acceptance of cash to satisfy the park dedication requirement.

The Commission shall make a motion to confirm their recommendation of cash, land, or a combination of both, based on the needs and goals of the parks and recreation system.

Attachments

1. 571 Roselawn Park Dedication Attachments

The City Ordinances as it pertains to Park Dedication is as follows:

1103.06: PARK DEDICATION:

A. Authority: Minnesota Statutes 462.358, subdivisions 2b and 2c permits the City to require dedication of park land, or cash in lieu of land, as part of the subdivision process in order to fulfill its plans for recreational facilities and open spaces. The City Council, at its discretion, will determine whether park dedication is required in the form of land, cash contribution, or a combination of cash and land. To properly use this authority, the City will base its determination on existing development, the need created by the proposed development, and the plans and policies of the City embodied by the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, Pathways Master Plan, and Comprehensive Plan.

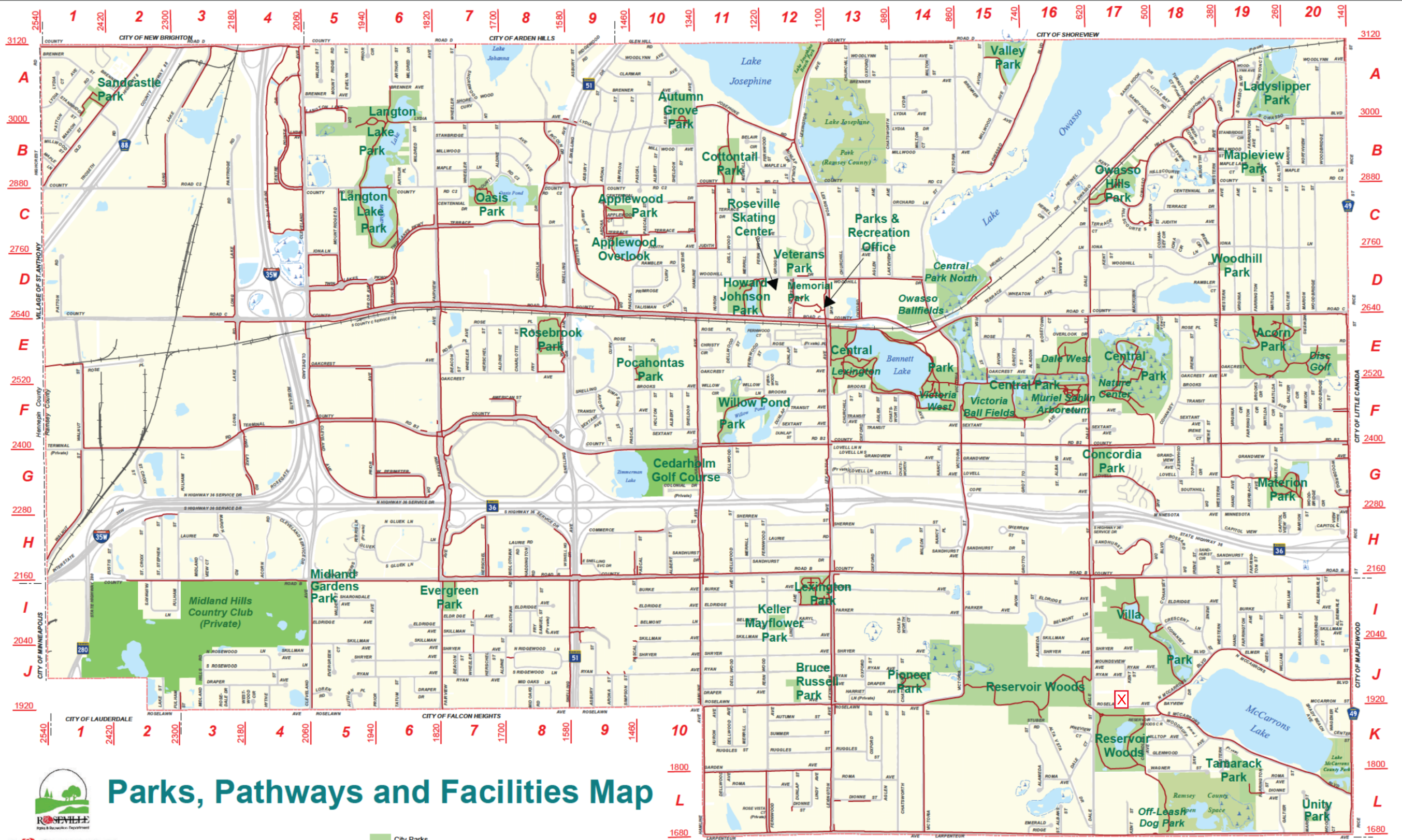
B. Condition to Approval: Park dedication will be required as a condition to the approval of any subdivision, plat, replat or lot split. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall recommend, in accordance with Statute and after consulting the approved plans and policies noted herein, either a portion of land to be dedicated to the public, or in lieu thereof, a cash deposit given to the City to be used for park purposes, or a combination of land and cash deposit.

C. Park Dedication Amount: The portion of land to be dedicated in all areas shall be 10%. Park dedication fees shall be reviewed and determined annually by City Council resolution and established in the fee schedule in Chapter 314 of this Code, and the fee shall be paid as part of the Development Agreement required in Section 1102.05 of this Title.

D. Utility Dedications Not Qualified: Land dedicated for required pathways, street right-of-way or utilities, including drainage, does not qualify as park dedication.(Ord. 1530, 7/10/2017)

FEES

Park Dedication fees are set annually by resolution of the City Council as part of the fee schedule. Currently, the amount is set at \$4,250 per unit. For non-residential, the fee is calculated as 10% of the fair market value of the property.



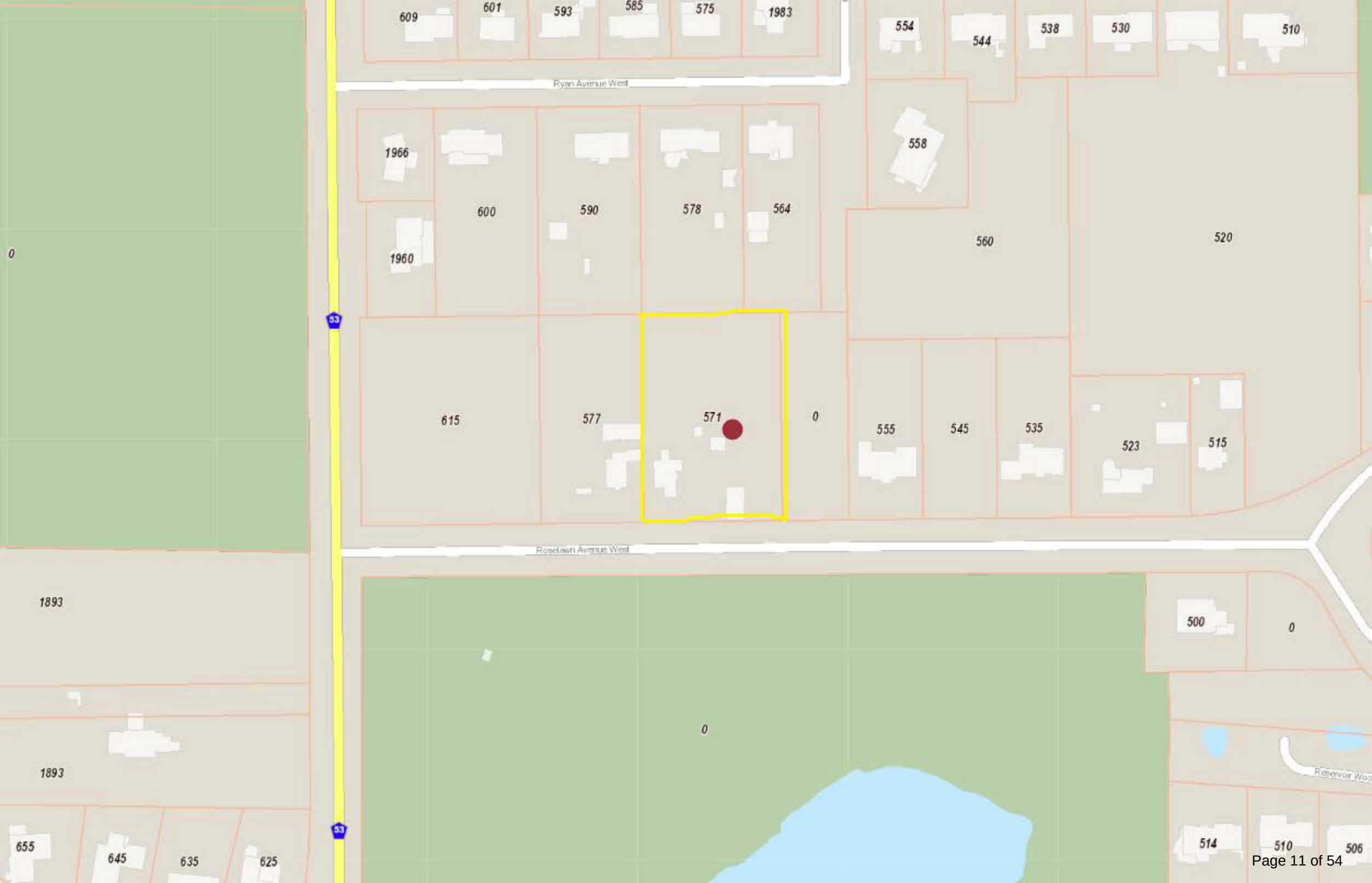
Parks, Pathways and Facilities Map



Disclaimer: This map is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This map is a compilation of records, information and data located in various city, county, state and federal offices and other sources regarding the area shown, and is to be used for reference purposes only. The City does not warrant that the Geographic Information System (GIS) data used to prepare this map are error free, and the City does not represent that the GIS data can be used for engineering, planning or any other purpose requiring accurate measurement of distance or direction or precision. In the depiction of geographic features, if errors or discrepancies are found please contact 651-762-7644. The preceding disclaimer is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 320A, Section 21.0000, and the user of this map acknowledges that the City shall not be liable for any damages and expressly releases all claims and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all claims brought by third parties which arise out of the use or access or use of data provided.



Data Sources:
* Ramsey County GIS (8/4/18)
* City of Roseville Engineering Department



PRELIMINARY PLAT OF "SWEENEY ADDITION"

ADDRESS: 571 ROSELAWN AVENUE WEST, ROSEVILLE, MN
PID#132923230092
FOR: EDWARD SWEENEY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Montgomery's Lake View Addition to St. Paul, Ramsey County, lying West of the East 52.00 feet of said Lot 1,
TOGETHER WITH that part of vacated Carlisle Avenue, accruing thereto, by reason of the vacation thereof, per Document Numbers A05013540 & A05035390.

BENCHMARK

Ramsey County Benchmark No. 9165
Elevation = 903.352 (NAVD88)

AREA CALCULATIONS

TOTAL LOT = ±46,421 sf (±1.06 acres)

ZONING

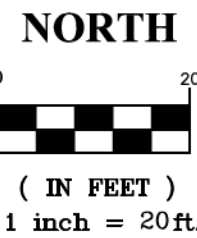
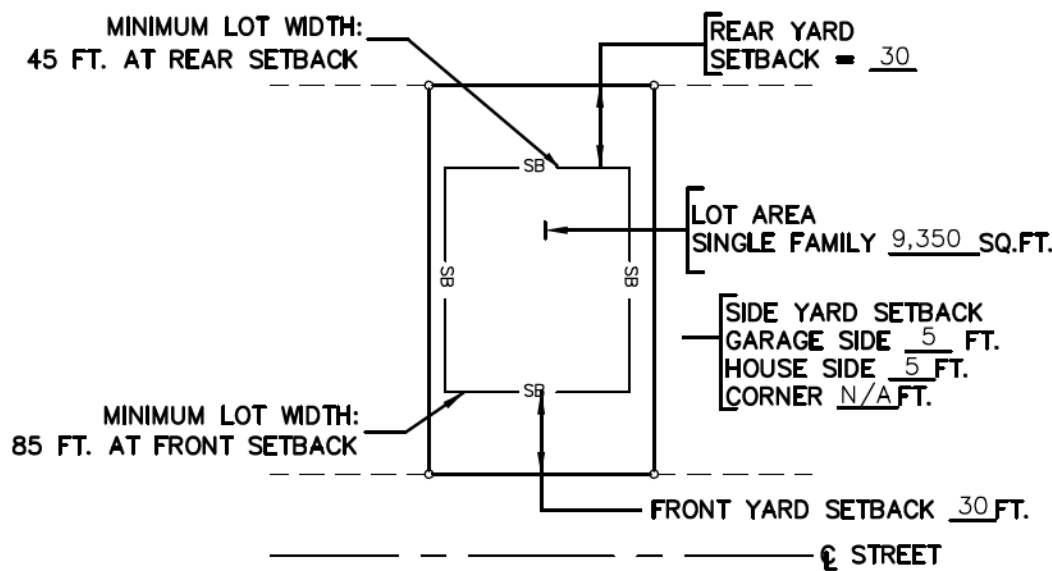
EXISTING ZONING: LDR-1
PROPOSED ZONING: LDR-1

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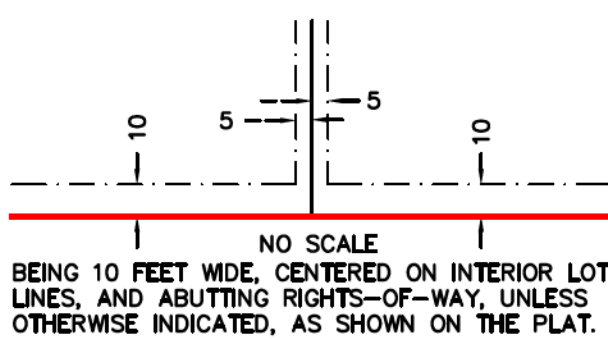
LOT DATA



LEGEND

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- DENOTES IRON MONUMENT FOUND
- ⊕ DENOTES MISCELLANEOUS MANHOLE
- ⊞ DENOTES TELEPHONE BOX
- ⊙ DENOTES SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
- ⊛ DENOTES STORM SEWER MANHOLE
- DENOTES CATCH BASIN
- ⊕ DENOTES FIRE HYDRANT
- DENOTES OVERHEAD WIRE
- DENOTES EXISTING RETAINING WALL
- DENOTES WATERMAIN
- DENOTES SANITARY SEWER
- DENOTES STORM SEWER
- DENOTES CONCRETE
- DENOTES BITUMINOUS
- ⊞ DENOTES TELEPHONE BOX

DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS SHOWN THUS:



SITE DATA

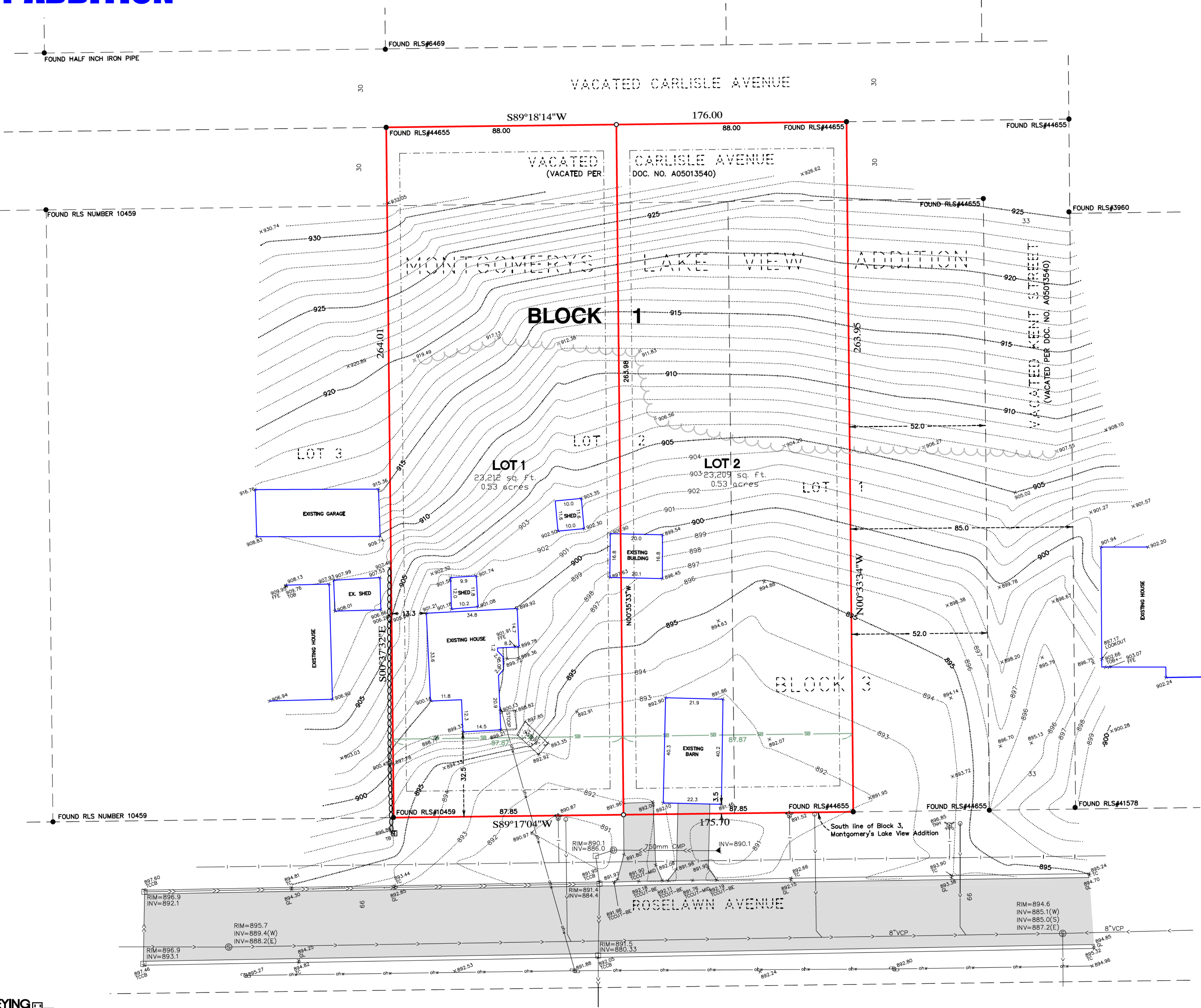
TOTAL SITE AREA 46,421 sq. ft.
TOTAL LOT AREA 46,421 sq. ft.
TOTAL NUMBER OF LOTS 2
AVERAGE LOT 23,210 sq. ft.
SITE DENSITY 1.88 lots/acre

GENERAL NOTES

- Bearings shown hereon are based on NAD83-2011.
- Elevations shown are based on NAVD88 datum.

I hereby certify that this plan, survey or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

JOSHUA P. SCHNEIDER
Date: 12-5-24 Reg. No. 44655 JOB #23119
ACRE LAND SURVEYING
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Goal 2

Parks Development, Redevelopment, and Rehabilitation

Provide a high-quality, financially sound system of parks, open spaces, trails, and waterways that meets the recreation needs of all city residents, offers a visual/physical diversion from the hard surfacing of urban development, enhances our quality of life, and forms an essential part of our community's identity and character.

Policy 2.1: Evaluate and refurbish parks, as needed, to reflect changes in population, age, and diversity of residents, recreational activities preferred, amount of leisure time available, and best practice designs and technologies, and asset management strategies.

Policy 2.2: Orient parks and programs equally to youth activities that focus on community building activities teaching them life-long skills, and exposing them to a variety of recreation experiences, and to adult activities which accommodate adults' needs for wellness and provide a range of social interaction opportunities.

Policy 2.3: Focus parks on passive and active recreational activities and activities that take advantage of the unique natural features. Pursue opportunities for incorporating art and cultural programs, which enrich citizens' mental and emotional well-being, as a complement to primary

physical focus of parks and recreation programs.

Policy 2.4: Organize all parks and facilities so that a component is provided for informal, non-programmed activities—those open to anyone in the community, at any time.

Policy 2.5: Maintain parks and open space according to the standards outlined in the Park Maintenance Manual which recognizes that levels of service must be provided based on the intensity of use and purpose of the site.

Policy 2.6: Use innovative methods for park and facility improvements that offer lower lifecycle costs, even if the initial cost is higher. Develop park and recreation facilities that minimize the maintenance demands on the City by emphasizing the development of well-planned parks, high-quality materials and labor-saving maintenance devices and practices.

Policy 2.7: Promote and support volunteerism to encourage people to actively support Roseville's parks and open spaces.

Policy 2.8: Encourage the preservation of features in parks considered to be of historic or cultural value, especially those features that do not conflict with other park uses and activities. Consider the potential of historic landscapes in parks, including agricultural landscapes or features. Work to perpetuate those landscapes and other features of historic or cultural significance when they are identified through recognized investigations.

Goal 3

Parks and Open Space Acquisition

Add new parks and facilities to achieve equitable access in all neighborhoods, accommodate the needs of redeveloping areas, and meet residents' desires for a range of recreation opportunities serving all ages, abilities, and cultures.

Policy 3.1: Ensure that no net loss of parkland or open space occurs during alterations or displacement of existing parkland and open space. If adverse impacts to parkland or open space take place, ensure that mitigation measures include the acquisition of replacement parkland of equal or greater size and value.

Policy 3.2: As areas of Roseville evolve, and properties undergo a change of use and/or density, land should be dedicated to the community for park purposes to ensure adequate park facilities for those new uses.

Policy 3.3: Determine potential locations and acquire additional park land in neighborhoods and constellations that are lacking adequate parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 3.4: Determine locations for new park and recreation facilities in redevelopment areas as part of the redevelopment process and use the park dedication process to acquire appropriate land.

Policy 3.5: Make continued effective use of the Park Dedication Ordinance. Park land dedication will be required when land is developed or redeveloped for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes. Review annually park dedication requirements in order to ensure that dedication regulations meet statutory requirements and the needs of Roseville.

Policy 3.6: Use park dedication funds to acquire and develop new land in addition to other funding sources.

Policy 3.7: Acquire properties necessary to implement adopted park concept plans and in Roseville's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and consider other additions based on needs identified in the sector or constellation concept. Acquire land on a "willing seller" basis unless otherwise determined by the City Council.

Goal 4 Trails, Pathways, and Community Connections

Create a well-connected and easily accessible system of parks, open spaces, trails, pathways, community connections, and facilities that links neighborhoods and provides opportunities for residents and others to gather and interact.

Policy 4.1: Develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive and integrated trails, pathways, and community connections system plan for recreation and transportation uses, including separate facilities for pedestrians, and bicyclists (including off-road unpaved trails for bikers and hikers that offer new challenges while protecting resources).

Policy 4.2: Develop, adopt, and implement a Trails Management Program (TMP).

Policy 4.3: Advocate the implementation of community parkways on the County Road C and Lexington Avenue corridors to accommodate pedestrian and bicyclist movement and inclusion of community character and identity features.

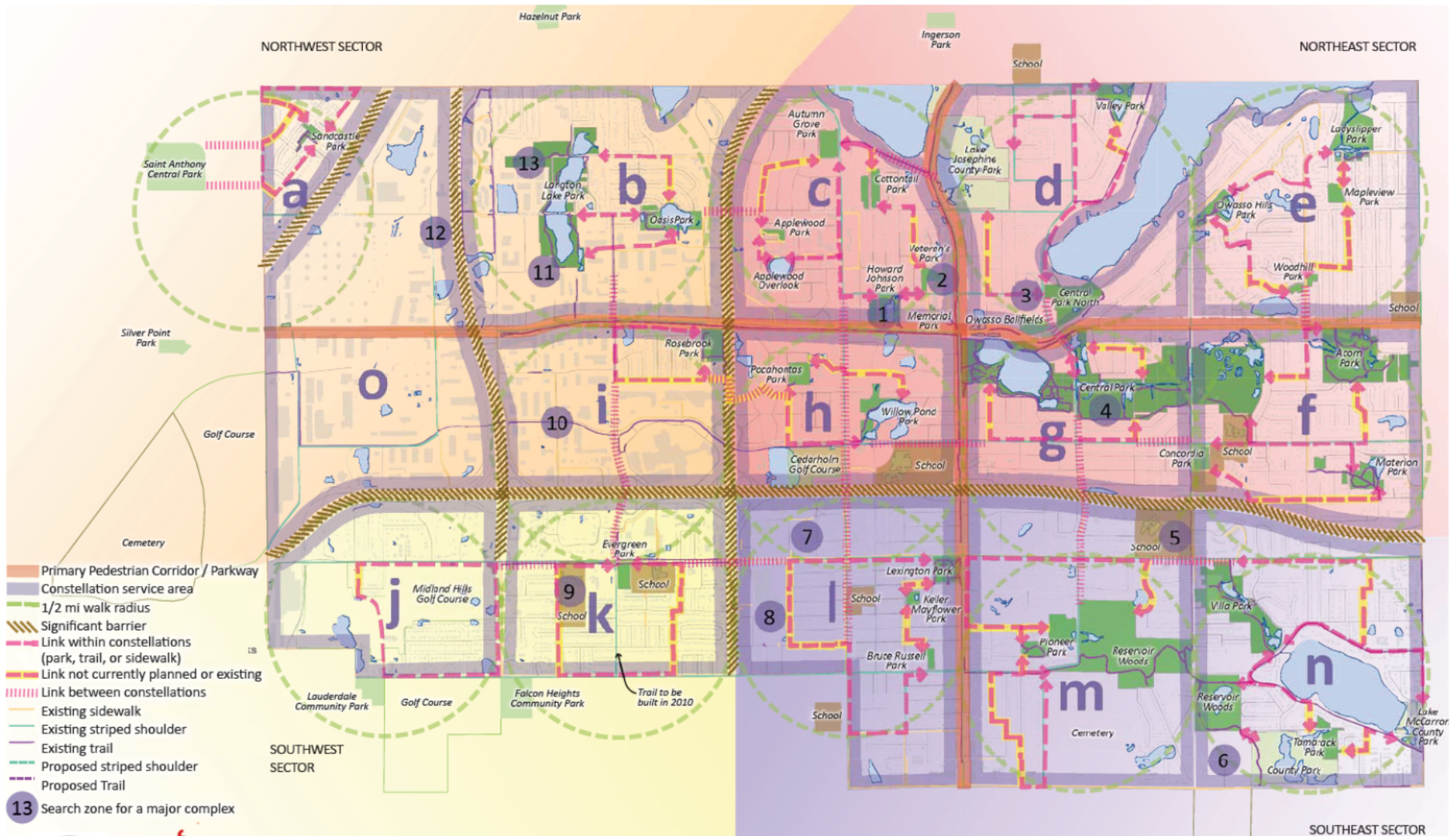
Policy 4.4: Maintain the trail and pathway system through all seasons.

Policy 4.5: Make the park system accessible to people of all abilities.

Policy 4.6: Align development and expansion of non-motorized trails, pathways, community parkways, and other routes with the need to provide connections to and within parks, to open spaces, recreation facilities, and key destinations, as well as between neighborhoods, constellations, and sectors.

Policy 4.7: Educate the public on the advantages and safe use of non-motorized trails, pathways, and community parkway connections.

Policy 4.8: Develop clear and communicative signage and kiosks for wayfinding.



The master plan organizes Roseville's parks and recreation system on a pattern of constellations and sectors as a way of delivering parks and recreation services and opportunities more directly to neighborhoods. This pattern suggests that parks within walking distance of a resident's home will serve the majority of their parks and recreation needs, while they may also serve some key needs for the whole of the Roseville community.

parks, including agricultural landscapes or features. Work to perpetuate those landscapes and other features of historic or cultural significance when they are identified through recognized investigations.

Goal - Parks and Open Space Acquisition

Add new parks and facilities to achieve equitable access in all neighborhoods, accommodate the needs of redeveloping areas, and meet residents' desires for a range of recreation opportunities serving all ages, abilities, and cultures.

Strategies:

- Ensure that no net loss of park land or open space occurs during alterations or displacement of existing park land and open space. If adverse impacts to park land or open space take place, ensure that mitigation measures include the acquisition of replacement park land of equal or greater size and value.
- As areas of Roseville evolve, and properties undergo a change of use and/or density, land should be dedicated to the community for park purposes to ensure adequate park facilities for those new uses.
- Determine potential locations and acquire additional park land in neighborhoods and constellations that are lacking adequate parks and recreation facilities.
- *Determine locations for new park and recreation facilities in redevelopment areas as part of the redevelopment process, and use the park dedication process to acquire appropriate land, prioritizing the purchase of properties adjacent to current park land.
- Make continued effective use of the Park Dedication Ordinance. Park land dedication will be required when land is developed or redeveloped for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes. Review annually park dedication requirements in order to ensure that dedication regulations meet statutory requirements and the needs of Roseville.
- Use park dedication funds to acquire and develop new land, in addition to other funding sources.
- Acquire properties necessary to implement adopted park concept plans and in Roseville's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and consider other additions based on needs identified in the sector or constellation concept. Acquire land on a "willing seller" basis unless otherwise determined by the City Council.

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 7, 2025

ITEM: 4.b.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Rosebrook Park Update, and Request for Commission Feedback

Background

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a 20-year plan to replace City assets once they have outlived their useful life. As the Commission has discussed, assets are replaced based on time (expected life), current condition, and need.

In 2025, two key items at Rosebrook Park (2590 Fry St.) are identified for replacement: the wading pool (installed in the late 1970's) and the playground (installed in 2000). Both assets are at or beyond the end of their useful life. In the 2025 CIP, \$500,000 has been allocated for the pool replacement and \$165,000 for the replacement of the playground.

In late 2023, in anticipation of these improvements, staff preliminarily proposed the concept of installing a splash pad in lieu of a wading pool, adding parking to the site, and replacing the playground. A complete summary of the proposal is available in the attached Request for Council Action from October 23, 2023 (attachment 1). In the time since the concept, staff have conducted a neighborhood meeting regarding the proposal, issued a survey about the proposal, collected feedback at neighborhood events, and learned more about pricing and options.

A neighborhood meeting was held on December 13, 2023, to discuss the proposal. Invitations were sent to more than 500 residents within walking distance of the park. The meeting was attended by 17 residents. In general, the neighborhood was excited about the prospect of adding a splash pad but somewhat concerned about it bringing additional traffic to the already heavily used park. Some residents asked staff to explore whether there was a way to have a combined pool and splash pad option, or the cost difference between a splash pad and wading pool. In addition to the proposed modifications, the residents asked staff to explore the possibility of adding trail lights to the bituminous path that encircles the park, and to explore adding more parking to the north parking lot.

Following the initial meeting, staff developed a survey to allow a broader group of users to submit their feedback. The results of that feedback are included (attachment #2). In general, there is a relatively even split between those who would like a splash pad and those who would like a wading pool - with strong feelings on both sides. There is consensus that the playground is badly in need of upgrades.

Over the past year, staff have further explored options for water features, the addition of lighting, and parking.

For water features, a more refined estimate suggests that a modern wading pool could cost approximately \$1.5 million. However, a simpler, more basic version might be installed for closer to \$1 million. A recirculating splash pad that fits on the site could likely be purchased and installed for \$500,000.

Preliminary estimates are that lighting can be added to the park for \$70,000. Parking (the addition of 35 stalls) could be added to the south side of the park for an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000. Additional parking on the north side appears to be unfeasible due to the placement of utilities.

Given the information gathered, it appears that the following approaches could be considered:

- Move forward with a splash pad, playground, and additional parking on the south side of the park.
- Replace the playground in its current location in 2025, and delay the replacement of the wading pool until additional funding can be identified. Note - this could leave the park without a water feature for several years.

Staff hope to determine a final approach in the coming months, engage the community regarding the specific design, and begin construction in either late 2025 or early 2026.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission provide feedback on the proposed elements, including the type of water feature, additional lighting, and expanded parking, to finalize plans for the Rosebrook Park upgrades.

Attachments

1. Request for Council Action for Rosebrook Park, 2023
2. Rosebrook Park Survey Responses

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date:

10/23/2023

Item No.:

7.e.

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description:

Discuss Possible Site Plan Modifications and Upgrades to Rosebrook Park

Background

Rosebrook Park is an 8-acre park located at the corner of County Road C and Snelling Avenue, but only accessible by vehicle via Fry Street. The park contains two full-size lighted soccer fields, tennis courts, a gathering building with exterior bathrooms (opened in 2015), a mid-sized playground, and a 50 by 30 foot wading pool. It is identified as a “community park” in the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, meaning that it has recreational opportunities that will be of interest to the whole community, as opposed to primarily the immediate neighbors.

Over the next two years, Rosebrook Park has two larger amenities identified for replacement in the City’s 20 year Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

- The Rosebrook playground was installed in 2000 and was first planned for replacement in 2021, but has been deferred due to condition and staff capacity. The playground is now at a point where replacement is necessary, as plastic and metal components are beginning to fail and parts can no longer be acquired for replacement. A recent repair to a slide required the staff to plastic-weld a non-standard piece to the existing slide to keep it operational. The playground has begun to receive lower (although still passing) grades on our quarterly playground safety inspections. It is identified for replacement in 2024 with a planned budget of \$165,000.
- The wading pool, currently the City’s only water-play feature, dates back to at least the early 1970s and still has many of its original components. It is well beyond its expected useful life of 20 to 30 years. In 2009, and again in 2016, significant crack patching was undertaken to keep the pool in usable condition (both were known to be short-term fixes). These cracks have begun to reemerge and new cracking has developed in the 50-plus year old concrete. City maintenance staff manually patches the pool each spring, but the cracks are becoming too large to be repaired.

This summer the pool had a small leak which resulted in regular water loss, and cracking that cannot be patched was discovered in the recirculating pipes. The pool’s sand-based filtration system is original and is well beyond its useful life. In recent years, when parts have failed, staff have had to utilize private secondary markets (such as eBay) to find parts from other decommissioned pools. However, as the

years pass, these parts become more difficult to locate, more expensive to purchase, and less effective over time.

The pool is at a point where short-term fixes are no longer viable and a decision will need to be made about how to move forward. We hope to be able to get the pool back on line next summer for a final season, but each year becomes more and more challenging. The Capital Improvement Program identifies \$500,000 for the pool in 2025.

In addition to the asset replacement, changes in park usage and new development in the neighborhood has recently spurred a conversation regarding a perceived lack of parking at the park.

When long-term assets come up for replacement, prior to beginning the replacement process, it is best practice to pause and review the whole park to ensure that like-for-like asset replacement makes the most sense for the long-term planned usage of the park and to identify any other opportunities that can be leveraged in the process of asset replacement. In this case, it appears that the combination of these two projects over the next couple of years could present a unique opportunity to review the southern portion of Rosebrook Park. This broader analysis ensures that at minimum, the two projects are coordinated in construction and aesthetics and, at maximum, a somewhat significant revision of the Rosebrook Park site plan.

One option that has been considered for many years at Rosebrook Park is replacing the wading pool with a splash pad. Additional analysis shows that installing a splash pad instead of the pool could allow for a modified site plan that would allow additional parking, and move the play areas further from the Fry Street (Attachment 1).

On a citywide level, a splashpad is one of the most commonly requested amenities the City does not have in the parks and recreation system. Splash pads typically require infrastructure such as changing rooms and waterline access, which Rosebrook Park currently has, and which could be leveraged to install a splashpad more affordably than can be done at many other site in the City.

At this point, consideration has only been undertaken at the staff level. In the coming months, staff plans to meet with the neighborhood to discuss the project and proposed modification. From there, depending on feedback, staff would begin to develop a possible new site plan for the park and begin implementation.

A process could include:

- Neighborhood meeting to discuss possible modifications to the site plan, and installation of a splash pad instead of a wading pool (late 2023/early 2024)
- Site plan, estimated budget, and project timeline formalized (2024)
- Request for Proposal issued for vendor(s)
- Engagement meetings (two or three) with neighbors to develop a detailed plan for the play elements (summer/fall 2024)
- Construction (likely 2025)

Depending on the final scope of this project, it may make sense to pair this larger project with other 2024/25 CIP projects (for example, the Lexington Park Playground) to attract more competitive proposals.

Policy Objectives

This project is consistent with the City's policy of replacing aging and poorly-condition-rated assets in a planned manner that is consistent with the City's asset management and Capital Improvement Plan.

Review of the site plan is consistent with Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Policy 6.2: to assess community needs and desires for the use of existing community facilities...and improved space while making park improvements.

Racial Equity Impact Summary

Staff will ensure that an equity impact analysis is undertaken as part of the development of this project.

Budget Implications

The CIP includes \$165,000 for replacement of the Rosebrook Park Playground (2024) and \$500,000 for replacement of the Rosebrook Wading Pool (2025). Additional renovations, including the addition of parking, could be funded using park dedication funds that have been contributed from development in this area.

Staff Recommendations

Receive presentation and provide feedback to staff regarding the proposed project and engagement process.

Requested Council Action

Receive presentation and provide feedback to staff regarding the proposed project and engagement process.

Prepared by: Matthew Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director

Attachments: 1. Concept DRAFT
2. Presentation

Rosebrook Park

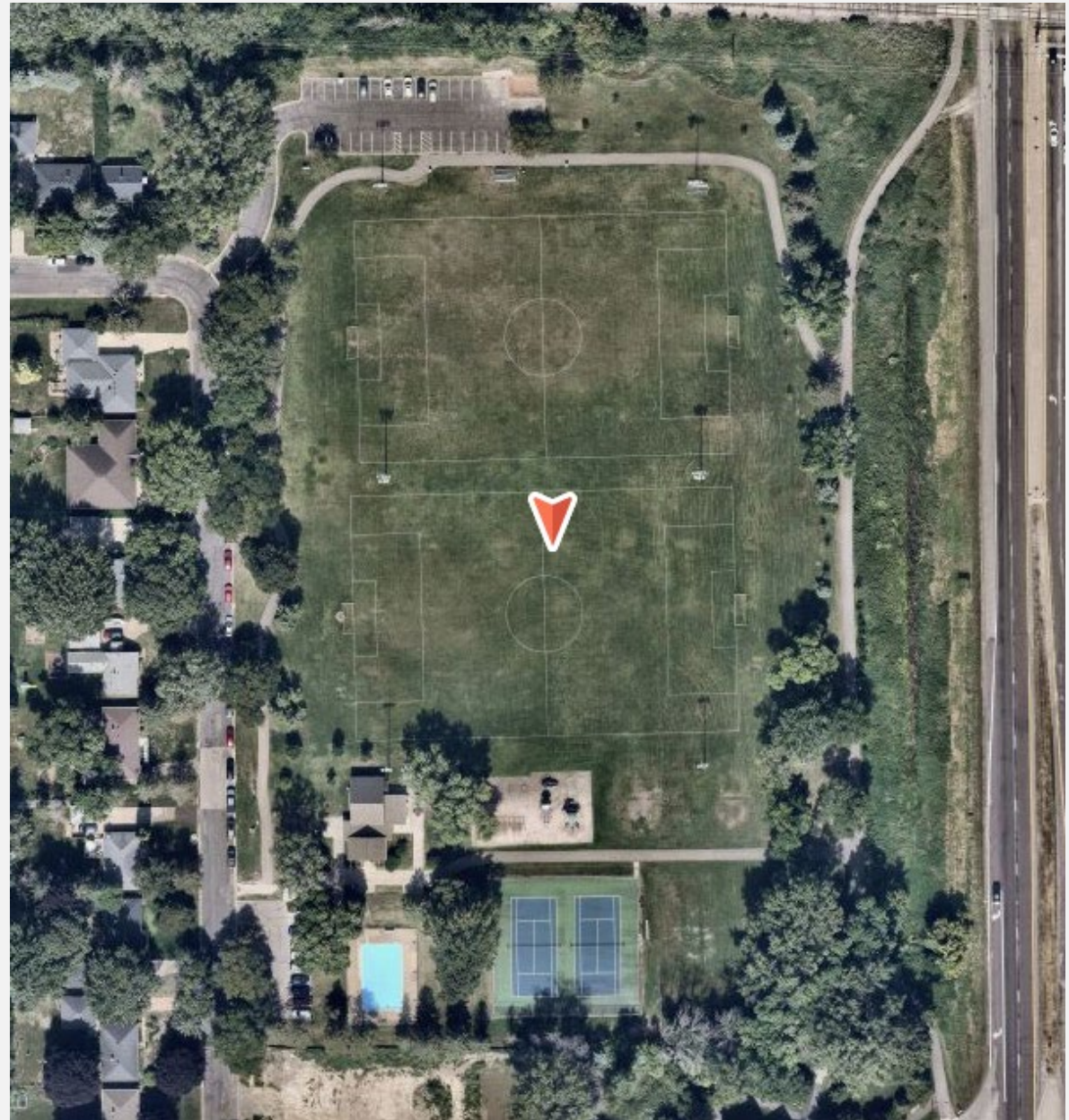
Rough Draft Concept Idea

Attachment 1



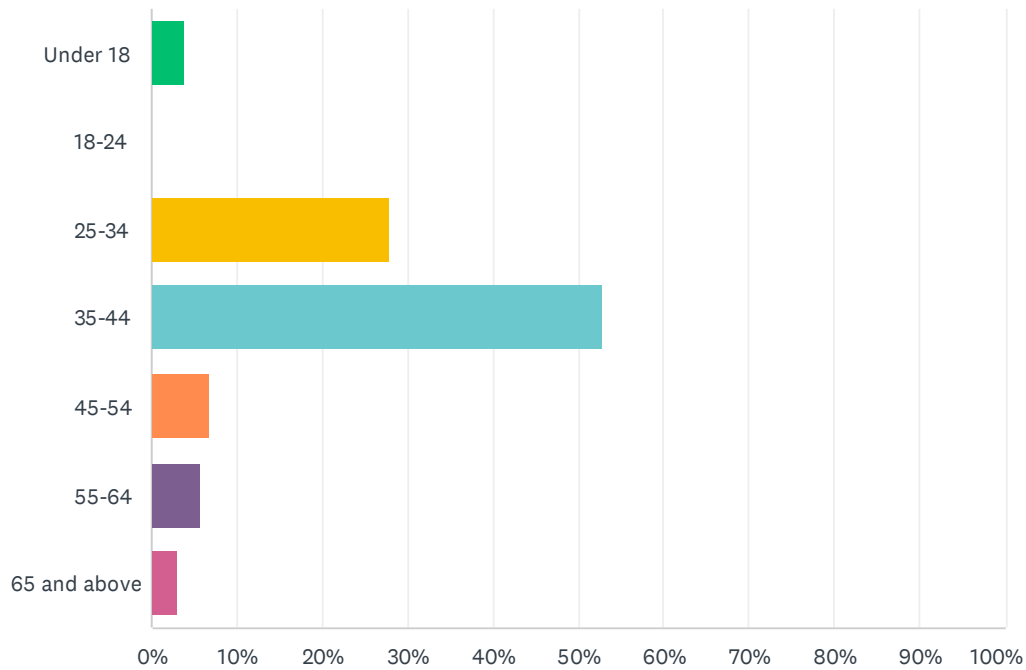
Rosebrook Park Site Plan

Current Site



Q1 What is your age group?

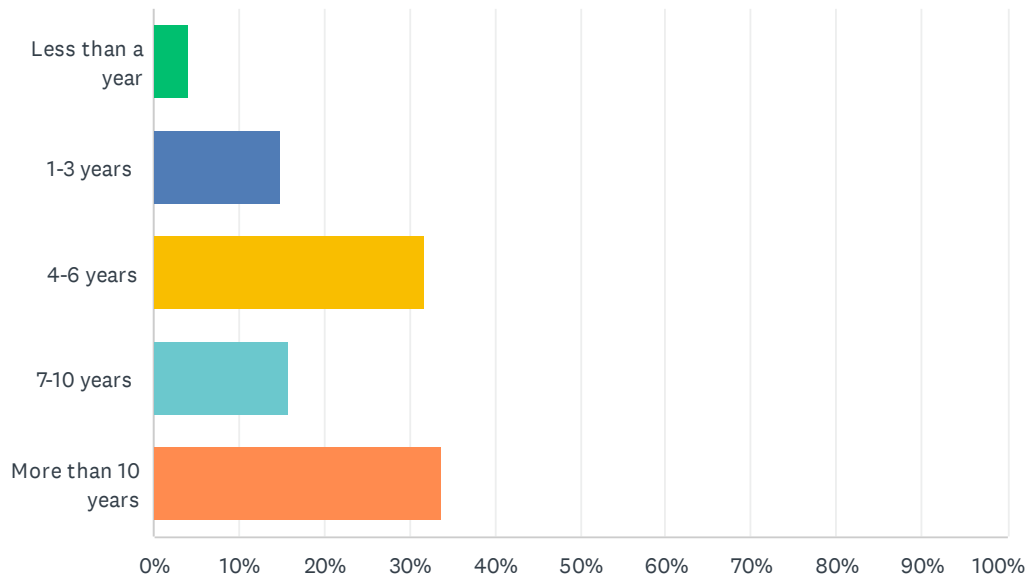
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	3.85%	4
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	27.88%	29
35-44	52.88%	55
45-54	6.73%	7
55-64	5.77%	6
65 and above	2.88%	3
TOTAL		104

Q2 How long have you lived in Roseville?

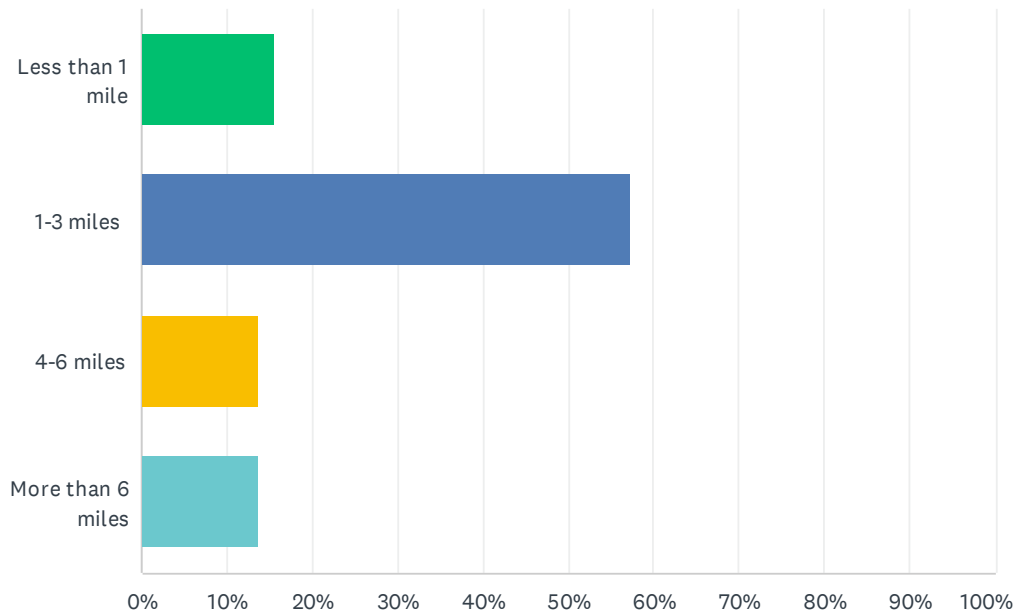
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	3.96%	4
1-3 years	14.85%	15
4-6 years	31.68%	32
7-10 years	15.84%	16
More than 10 years	33.66%	34
TOTAL		101

Q3 How close do you live to Rosebrook Park?

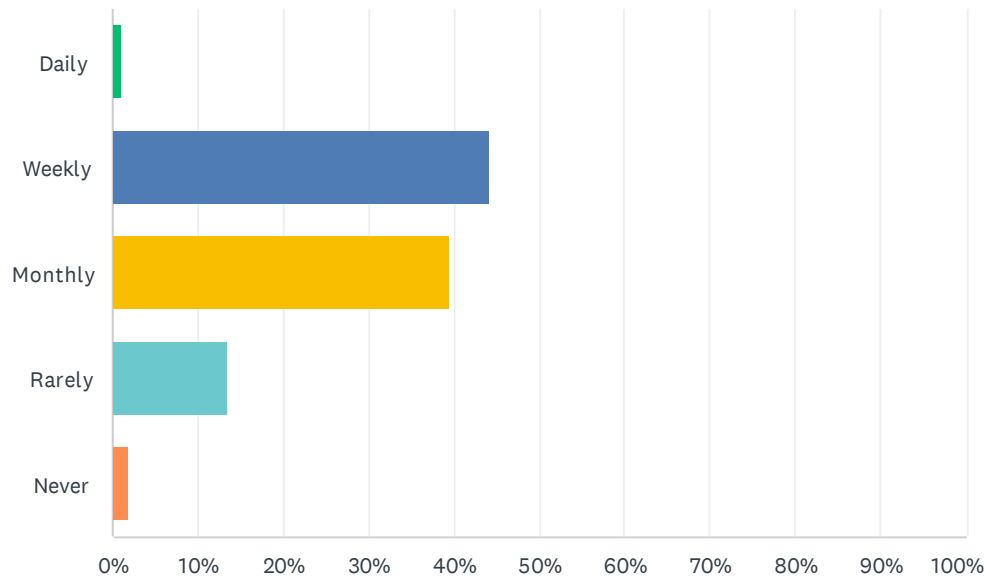
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 mile	15.53%	16
1-3 miles	57.28%	59
4-6 miles	13.59%	14
More than 6 miles	13.59%	14
TOTAL		103

Q4 How often do you typically visit Rosebrook Park?

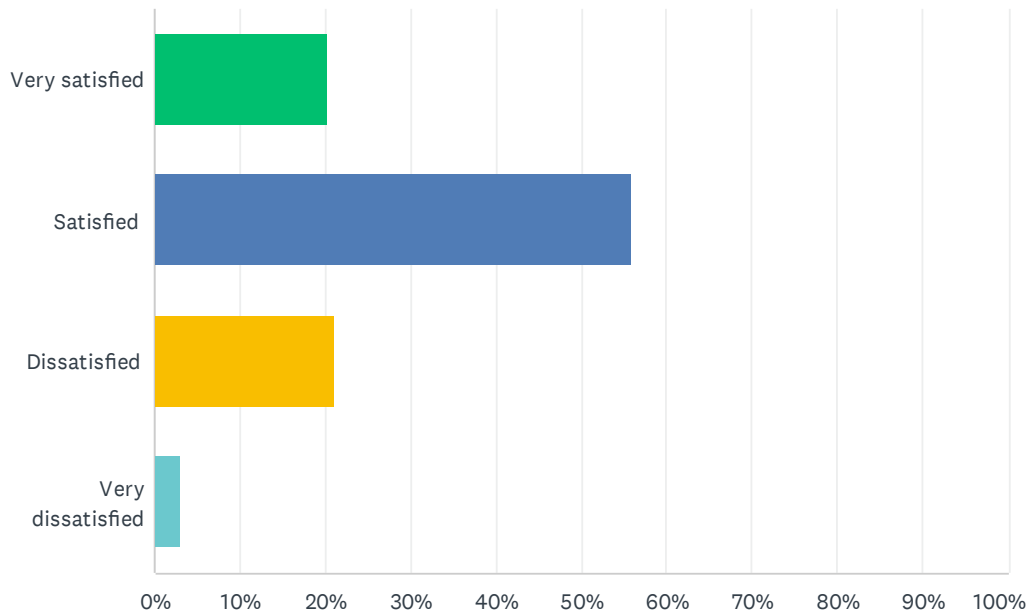
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	0.96%	1
Weekly	44.23%	46
Monthly	39.42%	41
Rarely	13.46%	14
Never	1.92%	2
TOTAL		104

Q5 How satisfied are you with the current state of Rosebrook Park overall?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	20.19%	21
Satisfied	55.77%	58
Dissatisfied	21.15%	22
Very dissatisfied	2.88%	3
TOTAL		104

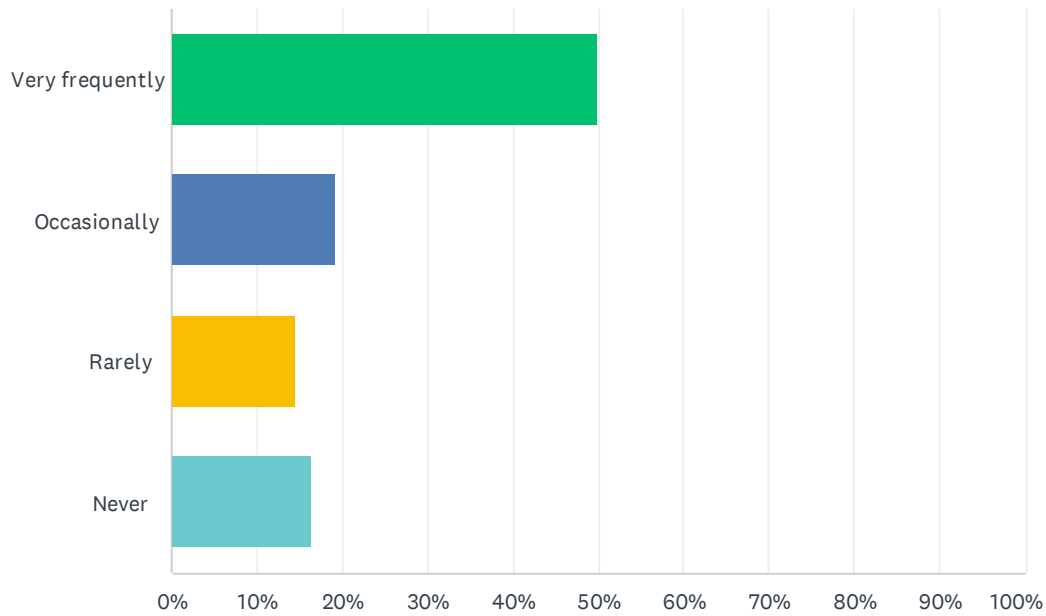
Q6 If you answered the previous question dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, please tell us what about the park contributes to that feeling.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Parking is often an issue and the playground equipment is in poor condition.	9/12/2024 3:42 PM
2	The playground equipment is somewhat outdated, and the lack of parking can be frustrating!	9/12/2024 3:33 PM
3	It needs some updates for sure	9/12/2024 2:58 PM
4	Parking is very challenging for Sunday night soccer and any other high usage times. Also, the condition of the soccer fields is not great, with ongoing ruts and holes that become mud pits after rain.	9/1/2024 11:45 PM
5	I have grandchildren. We have enjoyed the wading pool, but the playground could use a refresh.	8/22/2024 9:36 AM
6	Pool needs work and equipment out of date	8/14/2024 7:29 PM
7	Aging facility	8/14/2024 7:29 PM
8	Playground update is needed	7/29/2024 6:51 AM
9	Parking	7/13/2024 1:57 PM
10	I've never visited. The playground seems small and not sure I have a use for the little pool. But I like that there appears to be a lot of shade.	7/1/2024 12:52 PM
11	N/A	6/26/2024 7:05 PM
12	Not enough activities	6/26/2024 7:03 PM
13	The outdated playground and shortage on parking.	6/23/2024 8:48 PM
14	It feels outdated compared to other local parks. Parking is inconvenient, the play structure is smaller, and more shaded seating would be nice. My kids generally ask to go to other parks instead	6/21/2024 8:07 AM
15	Drainage at this park is a problem. The playground area is often muddy. There are thistles growing in the playground area, as well. The playing fields are also often so muddy that scheduled events there are cancelled for days after a rainfall. This is unfortunate because it's the only park with a wading pool, the new park building is nice, location is great, walking paths are useful, and when it's dry it's a very nice destination.	6/12/2024 12:45 AM
16	Old facilities	6/7/2024 1:26 PM
17	Wants new upgrades and unique. Been while since have done wading pool but use to frequently now never.	6/4/2024 3:19 AM
18	A better parking lot would be great and playground relocation	6/3/2024 8:02 PM
19	The parking issues and water drainage.	5/30/2024 7:33 AM
20	The state of the playground	5/17/2024 1:38 PM

Q7 How often do you use the current wading pool?

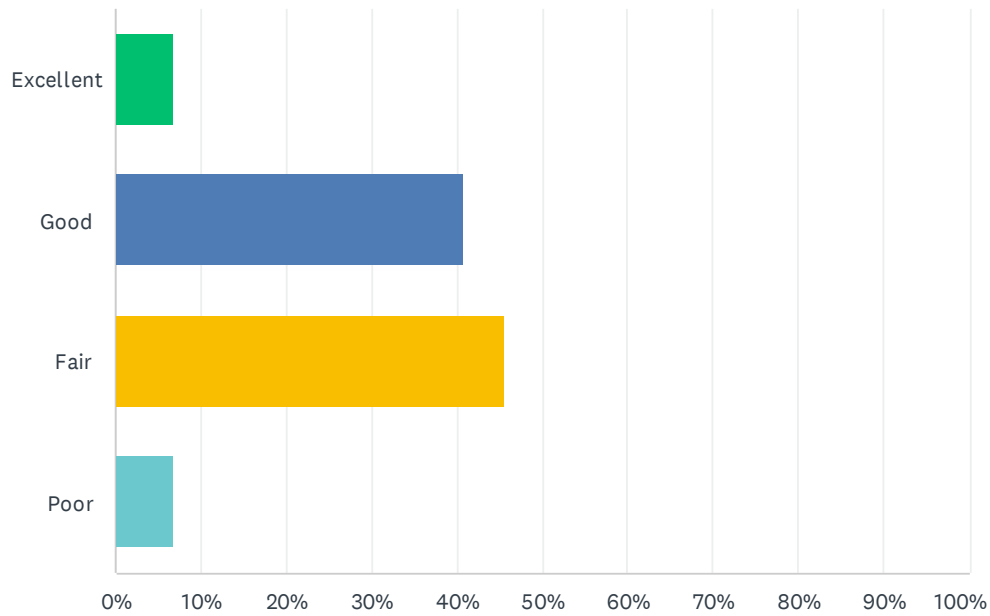
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very frequently	50.00%	52
Occasionally	19.23%	20
Rarely	14.42%	15
Never	16.35%	17
TOTAL		104

Q8 What is your opinion of the existing playground?

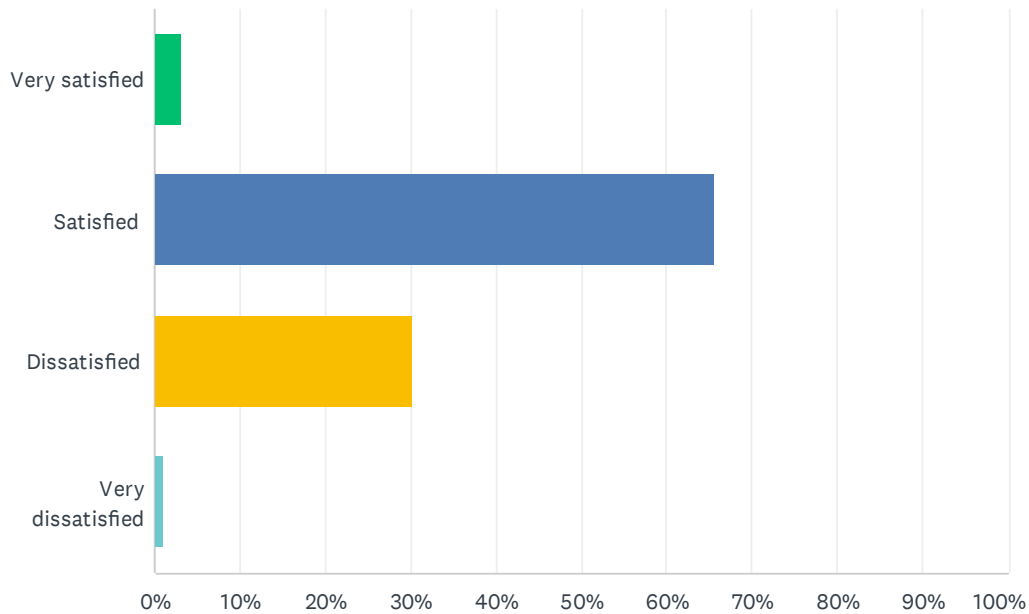
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	6.80%	7
Good	40.78%	42
Fair	45.63%	47
Poor	6.80%	7
TOTAL		103

Q9 How do you feel about the current lighting situation on the park trails?

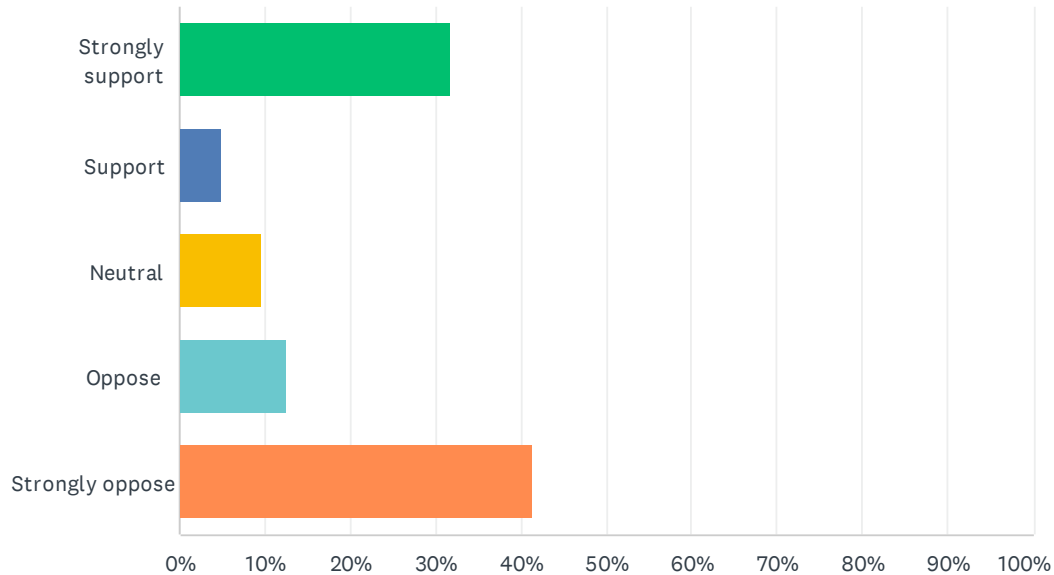
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	3.13%	3
Satisfied	65.63%	63
Dissatisfied	30.21%	29
Very dissatisfied	1.04%	1
TOTAL		96

Q10 On a scale from Strongly Support to Strongly Oppose, how do you feel about the replacement of the wading pool with a splash pad?

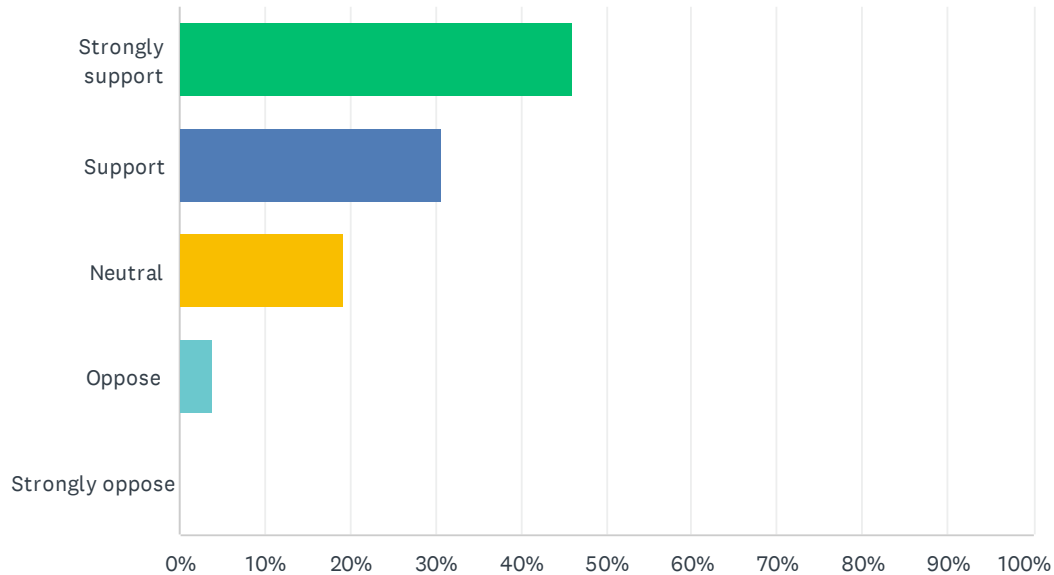
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	31.73%	33
Support	4.81%	5
Neutral	9.62%	10
Oppose	12.50%	13
Strongly oppose	41.35%	43
TOTAL		104

Q11 On a scale from Strongly Support to Strongly Oppose, how do you feel about the replacement of the playground with a new one:

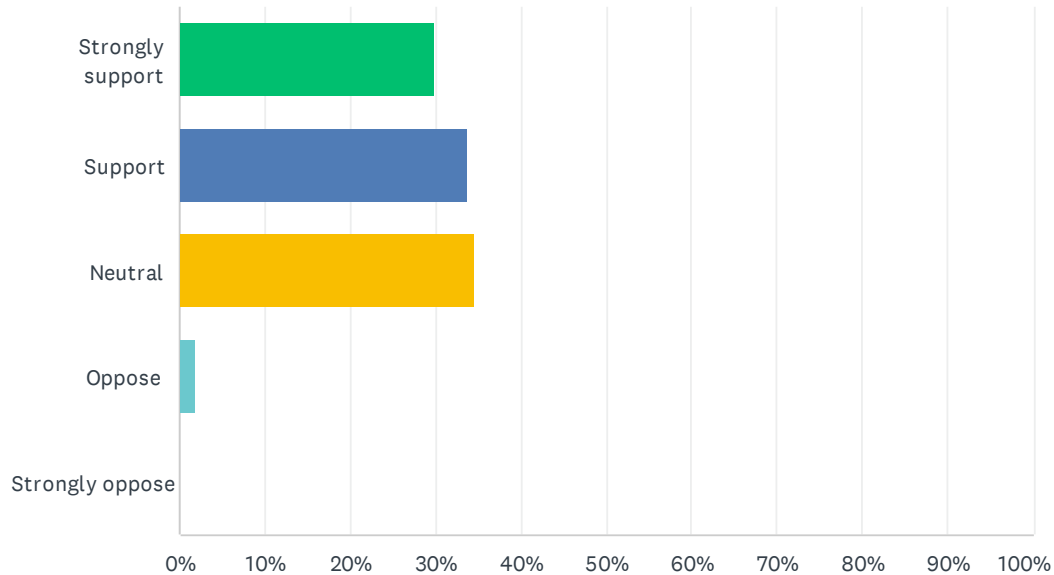
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	46.15%	48
Support	30.77%	32
Neutral	19.23%	20
Oppose	3.85%	4
Strongly oppose	0.00%	0
TOTAL		104

Q12 On a scale from Strongly Support to Strongly Oppose, how do you feel about adding trail lighting:

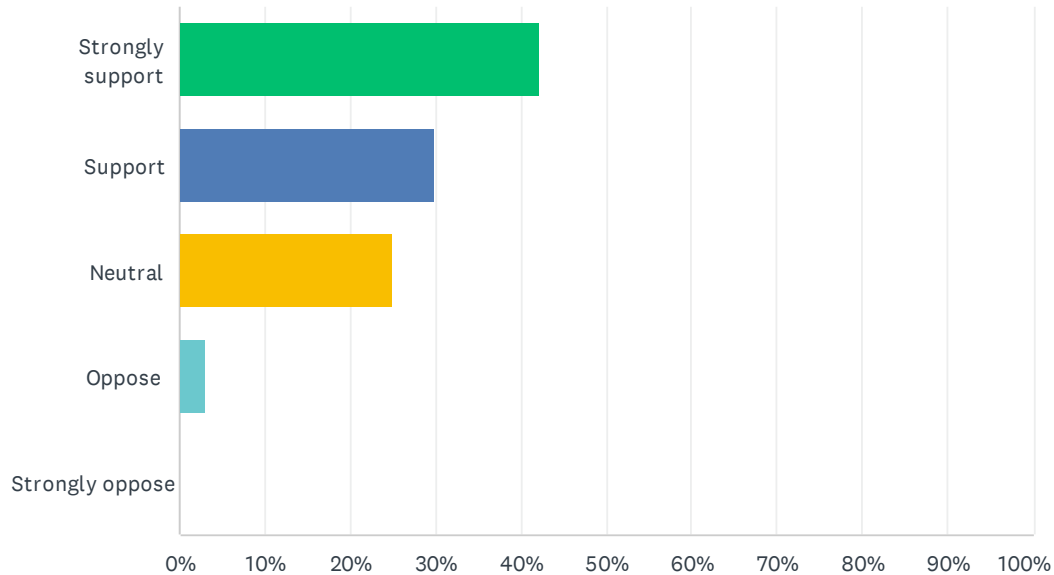
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	29.81%	31
Support	33.65%	35
Neutral	34.62%	36
Oppose	1.92%	2
Strongly oppose	0.00%	0
TOTAL		104

Q13 On a scale from Strongly Support to Strongly Oppose, how do you feel about adding parking near the park building:

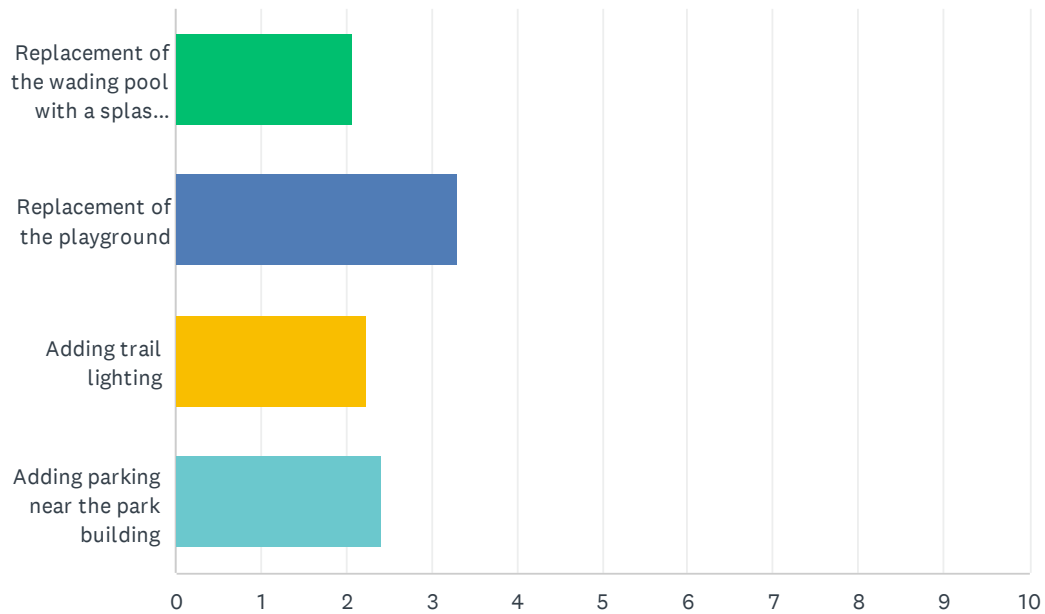
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	42.31%	44
Support	29.81%	31
Neutral	25.00%	26
Oppose	2.88%	3
Strongly oppose	0.00%	0
TOTAL		104

Q14 Prioritize the proposed changes.

Answered: 96 Skipped: 8



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Replacement of the wading pool with a splash pad	26.04% 25	11.46% 11	5.21% 5	57.29% 55	96	2.06
Replacement of the playground	44.79% 43	40.63% 39	14.58% 14	0.00% 0	96	3.30
Adding trail lighting	7.29% 7	26.04% 25	48.96% 47	17.71% 17	96	2.23
Adding parking near the park building	21.88% 21	21.88% 21	31.25% 30	25.00% 24	96	2.41

Q15 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the improvement of Rosebrook Park?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The wading pool is such a special treasure for Roseville! Splash pads are everywhere and not nearly as unique or fun for the kids. I truly love bringing my children of all ages!	12/13/2024 7:04 PM
2	A splash pad would be wonderful!	9/12/2024 3:42 PM
3	A splash pad would be wonderful! The wading pool is nice but a splash pad would be more accessible to younger children	9/12/2024 3:33 PM
4	Thanks for making improvements!	9/12/2024 2:58 PM
5	Would really love to see the wading pool stay. I feel like there are splash pads everywhere.	9/9/2024 1:09 PM
6	This is one of the only wading pools around and it would be very sad to see it gone. There are other options already relatively close for splash pads.	9/4/2024 1:51 PM
7	Keep the wading pool please!!!! It's amazing! Kids LOVE IT! There are splash pads on every corner, but I haven't found a wade pool like this around!	9/3/2024 1:24 PM
8	Thank you for requesting input. Improving the parking situation, the lighting and the soccer fields would be wonderful!	9/1/2024 11:45 PM
9	Please don't replace the wading pool with a splash pad! There are plenty of splash pads in the suburbs but only know of this wading pool outside of Minneapolis. It is a gem and we would be so sad to see it go!	8/31/2024 1:07 PM
10	If there is a splash pad could there still be a wading pool as well?	8/22/2024 9:36 AM
11	We LOVE the wading pool! It is unique and perfect for our kids. There are already so many splash pads in the cities but a free wading pool is one of a kind! Please leave it!!	8/21/2024 9:49 AM
12	The wading pool is the only one anywhere near this area and I know many people who would be sad to see it go. There are splash pads everywhere and this pool is used frequently. We use the wading pool every week in the summer and my kids love it! It is a big topic of conversation at the pool this summer about how people don't want it replaced with a splash pad. Please consider keeping the wading pool as it is very popular and a great addition to the area.	8/19/2024 11:30 AM
13	Our favorite feature of Roseville! My kids and grandkids love it! Thank you	8/14/2024 7:44 PM
14	Great job and great investing!	8/14/2024 7:34 PM
15	There are plenty of splash pads around the city and almost no wading pools like this one. Splash pads are hard for kids that are sensitive to water in their face which is why this pool is so unique and better for these reasons.	7/30/2024 3:07 PM
16	We love the pool! We'd love to see it remain	7/29/2024 8:34 AM
17	Can you do both the pool and splash pad?	7/29/2024 6:51 AM
18	The wading pool is a fairly unique, and therefore valuable, feature.	7/27/2024 1:27 PM
19	Keep a pool!!!! Splash pads aren't nearly as fun or enjoyable for kids!	7/24/2024 1:36 PM
20	We come to this park specifically for the wading pool feature, my kids love it. Our suggestion would be an upgrade to the wading pool but not to get rid of it entirely, that would be really sad.	7/20/2024 7:52 AM
21	Wading pool is way better for the kids-more to do than a splash pad	7/13/2024 5:56 PM
22	We love the wade pool! No drama. Splash pads are everywhere, wade pools are more unique.	7/13/2024 5:16 PM

If the wade pool gets a refresh, that would be great but please keep it a wade pool. If it had a zero depth entry that would be kind of cool for babies. My kiddos are older now, but for the next gen it would be cool.

23	Updating the wading pool and including new splash pad features would be infinitely better than scrapping the wading pool altogether. Seeing a plan to include both would be most ideal for this area of the Metro!	7/13/2024 4:34 PM
24	Please keep the wading pool!	7/13/2024 1:57 PM
25	Please don't remove the wading pool! It is very helpful for families in the area with small children.	7/13/2024 1:46 PM
26	Please do not replace the wading pool with a splash pad. The wading pool is a really great place for families with younger kids to come, especially low-income families who do not have access to larger swimming pools. Thank you!	7/13/2024 1:42 PM
27	As a parent I really like the wading pool versus splash pad at most other parks these days. Current pool could be updated and improved but I like the wading pool basic structure as it allows for more to play and creative play	7/13/2024 8:26 AM
28	I feel the playground is so far off from the everything I grew up with the old playground when it was on the other side when they moved it near the tennis courts it feels so isolated	7/12/2024 7:13 AM
29	We love the wading pool. There aren't many in the area that are just shallow water and we would be so sad to lose it.	7/8/2024 8:38 PM
30	I feel like Roseville is one of the only larger cities with no splash pad and it would be great to have one closer to us.	7/1/2024 12:52 PM
31	Splash pad!! Thanks!	6/26/2024 8:17 PM
32	Both wading pool and splash pad	6/26/2024 7:13 PM
33	wading pools are a rarity, there are many splash pads in the twin cities.	6/26/2024 1:57 PM
34	Better maintained soccer fields with surfaces free from holes, bare spots and uneven surfaces to improve the safety of play on those fields.	6/26/2024 10:52 AM
35	I have been coming to this wadding pool since I was a kid! I love bringing my kids here as it's a great depth and nice location. Not many pools around so this has always been a family fav!	6/23/2024 8:48 PM
36	Accessible playground equipment like some of the features at Central Park Victoria! While that park is excellent, it would be wonderful go have more than one option for mobility challenged kids and families	6/21/2024 8:07 AM
37	There are other splash pads relatively close by but not other wading pools. The wading pool is a unique feature to this park and removing it would be a detriment to the community. I strongly suggest maintaining the wading pool and replacing the playground.	6/15/2024 5:19 PM
38	Don't get rid of the pool	6/14/2024 7:35 AM
39	I would love to see the wading pool stay but with a zero depth entry area and splash features, similar to many of the Minneapolis public wading pool upgrades.	6/12/2024 12:45 AM
40	We frequent Rosebrook Park to play at the playground, use the wading pool, use the park building, and for extra curriculars. Our child's soccer practices frequently get cancelled/moved due to poor drainage at the Rosebrook fields when it rains. Is there some way to improve the drainage for rainwater runoff? Also, it seems there is plenty of space at the end of the park opposite the building to add additional parking if not directly next to the park building or in addition to.	6/12/2024 12:35 AM
41	Wants the inclusive adaptive zip line.	6/4/2024 3:19 AM
42	The wading pool is a favorite for my kids. It's perfect for all ages and we look forward to going each Summer.	6/3/2024 11:54 PM
43	No	6/3/2024 8:02 PM
44	Please don't replace the wading pool with a splash pad! It's so vital to have a no cost option for safe swimming with little kids	5/30/2024 6:24 PM

45	I have visited the wading pool for years with my children and now with grandchildren. It would be an extreme loss and heartbreaking to not have this wading pool to enjoy. Thank you	5/30/2024 5:26 PM
46	The wading pool is perfect for very young children and feels much less intimidating than a splash pad, which is why we seek it out. My kids are 8 months and 2 years old. We have plans to be at the wading pool almost every week this summer! The small size and the lack of a lifeguard make it really appealing for a short visit with babies & toddlers precisely because it doesn't draw a raucous crowd like a bigger pool and splash pad setting might. My main feedback might be more spots for families to leave their things - such as benches - near the wading pool, and maybe an easier way to move between the wading pool and the playground.	5/29/2024 11:25 PM
47	Please do not replace the wading pool with a splash pad. There are so many splash pads in the area but very few wading pools. I went to this pool multiple times a week as a kid and now my three children love going to the wading pool as well. If this was made into a splash pad, my family would be devastated!	5/29/2024 4:28 PM
48	Please please please don't get rid of the wading pool! There are lots of splash pads to visit, but this is the only wading pool! It's such a positive draw to the park! Such a great option for small kids to sit in and cool down while older siblings play close by! Please please reconsider a splash pad!	5/29/2024 1:59 PM
49	Please do not get rid of the wading pool - I love going there with my little ones!!! It has been one of our highlight summer spots since moving to Roseville!	5/29/2024 1:28 PM
50	The wading pool is one of the last on the East metro! It is a great spot for little ones! I would strongly oppose the "upgrade" of it to a splash pad. Put your money in a new playground	5/29/2024 9:47 AM
51	Love the wading pool as a unique spot for little swimmers! I would only want a splash pad if it had a zero depth entry that went to the depth of the wading pool. It would be nice to see some more options for seating and shade at the current wading pool.	5/29/2024 9:43 AM
52	Please please please don't replace the pool with a splash pad! They are the worst. We look forward to and cherish our summer days at the wading pool with our many friends of young children. It is so hard to find something similar and it was wonderful for young children. Splash pads are terrible. Kids get freezing cold because they are not submerged in water, they slip and fall because the environment promotes running since there's no real water to play in. There are many splash pads around and we intentionally avoid them. I know many of my friends feel the same way.	5/28/2024 1:40 PM
53	We love the wading pool	5/27/2024 2:37 PM
54	Add volleyball courts or basketball courts	5/21/2024 7:10 PM
55	We love the wading pool, please don't replace it	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
56	We love the wading pool. It is unique, there are other with splash pads. Please wading pool and add shades.	5/17/2024 4:08 PM
57	Please don't take away the pool for the kids!	5/12/2024 12:46 PM
58	Please do not remove the wading pool. There are so many splash pads across the metro area but having this wading pool is what makes us unique.	5/6/2024 2:06 PM
59	There are a lot of splash pads near Roseville, but not many wading pools. We use the wading pool as a way for our young kids to float in the water so we'd love to keep it as a wading pool instead of a splash pad.	5/2/2024 3:50 PM
60	The wading pool is a unique draw to Rosebrook for my with my young children. It is am awesome and free place for them to safely practice floating and being in water, taking what they learn from swimming lessons out into the real world. There are so few free and accessible wading pools in the suburbs and I would be sad to lose the one we can walk to.	5/2/2024 3:37 PM
61	Thank you for this work! Perhaps one of the tennis courts could be converted to a pickleball court?	4/29/2024 4:11 PM
62	We love the wading pool please do NOT get rid of it, we beg you. We have 2 little kids and we all love it so much. There are plenty of other splash pads in the community but this is the only wading pool in our area. Please please please don't replace it with a splash pad, we would be so sad. It's such a gift for us to be able to access a wading pool.	4/28/2024 6:38 PM

63	We would love to bring our grandchildren to this part as we did our children when they were young. We find the amenities very outdated if they were upgraded, we would definitely be back.	4/28/2024 3:46 PM
64	We love how much equipment there is at the playground. We would love to see continuation of a playground that can serve LOTS of kids and a wide range of ages. Lots of equipment and big equipment are critical. More parking also may help during summer practice times. We love the practice fields for our kiddos and often come to the park to play soccer ourselves.	4/27/2024 9:52 AM
65	Adding additional parking would be awesome so the street does not get so packed with cars. The wading pool is AMAZING!!! My child LOVES going there and swimming in the pool weekly if not more during the summer. There are so many kids I see there who feel more comfortable because there is a wading pool. They can enter the water at a safe height, and start to feel confident with being in a pool environment. To see this wading pool go away would be devastating for all of the young families and kids in roseville. It is a fun place to go in the summer, I could see adding a splash pad area next to the pool, but not completely getting rid of the wading pool.	4/26/2024 2:33 PM
66	Tennis courts need upgrading, would go more	4/25/2024 7:33 PM
67	Adding a net climbing structure or other similar structures to the playground	4/25/2024 6:33 PM
68	The quality of the soccer fields is poor. It would be great if they could either made more level and holes eliminated so the fields are safer. Otherwise, installing the fields like they did at Pamela Park in Edina would be a great option. I also support adding pickleball courts to this park. It would be wonderful to have another convenient place to play in Roseville.	4/25/2024 6:16 PM
69	Test	4/9/2024 2:02 PM

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 7, 2025

ITEM: 4.c.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Review and Adopt Parks and Recreation Commission Goals

Background

At the November and December 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, the Commission discussed goals for the next couple of years, including an updated format for the Commission's goals. At the December meeting, the Commission decided to forgo any formal action on the draft goals to allow commissioners additional time to review the goals and suggest potential updates.

The current draft commission goals are attached. Please review in advance of the meeting and be prepared to suggest any additions, updates, or changes.

Recommendation

Discuss the commission goals and, if appropriate, consider a motion to adopt the draft Parks and Recreation Commission Goals.

Attachments

1. Draft Goals

2025 Parks & Recreation Commission Goals

Goal	Action/Initiative	Timeframe	Commissioner Steward	Progress
Equity and Access				
Find ways to be visible in the community utilizing an "equity lens"	Short Term Goal: Continue to ensure that an equity lens and equity analysis is utilized when discussion parks projects and initiatives.	Ongoing	Matts-Benson	
	Long Term Goal: Identify gaps in the City's Parks and Recreation offerings that lead to underutilization by underrepresented populations and determine possible strategies for remediation.	1-3 years		
Understand residents' experiences with their local parks. Work to find historically underrepresented voices in the community.	Short Term Goals: Periodically review data and demographics (survey feedback, new recreation management software, etc.)	Ongoing		
	Identify methods for the City to capture better data on participation, and feasibility of implementation.	1 year, Ongoing	Matts-Benson, Beckman	
	Utilize equity lens when providing feedback regarding items that the commission reviews .	Ongoing		
	Commissioners make a conscious effort to formally AND informally engage with diverse individuals and perspective within the community and ensure that that feedback is shared and included. (Discover Your Parks, Conversations with Neighbors, Others...)	Ongoing		
	Long Term Goal: Identify gaps in the City's Parks and Recreation offerings that lead to underutilization by underrepresented populations and determine possible strategies for remediation.	1-3 years		
Engagement, Connection, and Access				
Continue to support and advise Parks & Recreation staff on already identified projects and potential opportunities.	Short Term Goal: Complete installation of a more inclusive play structure at Lexington Park	1 year	Matts-Benson	
	Review options for, and make a recommendation to staff and the City Council on planned improvements to Rosebrook Park including wading pool vs splash pad, increased parking, play structure replacement (etc)	1-2 years	Beckman	
	Plan for replacement of Autumn Grove Playground in the coming years including creation of a strategy for the development of AG South parcel, considering moving the playground, addition of irrigation, other ideas.	1-3 years	Beckman	
	Long Term Goal: Bring new ideas, projects or opportunities to the Commission for discussion and education.	Ongoing		
Find and support ways to get residents outdoors and connected to nature.	Short Term Goal: Develop a strategy and plan (including possible funding, and timing) to install adequate bike infrastructure in each park	1 year	Kooistra	
	Review the City's Community Garden Program. Determine if current plan/number of gardens is sufficient	1 year	Penny	
	Long Term Goal: Explore ways to encourage more connection to the Harriet Alexander Nature Center, Reservoir Woods and other natural/outdoor spaces	1-3 years	Raygor, Boulton	
Ensure that Volunteers and others wanting to Give Back are Connected to the Parks and Recreation System.	Short Term Goal: Periodically review how volunteers are used in the Parks and Recreation System (update from volunteer coordinator)	1 year, Ongoing		
	Determine ways in which volunteers may be currently underutilized and recommend plans (and required resources) to ensure their inclusion	2 years		
Support and grow the Roseville Central Park Foundation, Friends of Roseville Parks and Friends of the OVAL in their work in enhancing the Roseville Parks and Recreation System				

Natural Resources				
Focus on green spaces. Specifically, native animal habitat and climate change.	Short Term Goal: Ensure that sustainability/climate resilience is explicitly addressed when planning projects and initiatives.	Ongoing		
Support and participate in the Natural Resource initiatives of the Parks and Recreation Department (Natural Resource Stewardship Program, Accelerated EAB Project, etc.)	Short Term Goal: Support the implementation of the 2024 Natural Resources Management Plan through participating and feedback (ongoing)	Ongoing	Kooistra	
	Periodically review progress on Natural Resources Management, including benchmarks and tangible progress	1-2 years		
	Ensure adequate resources exist to continue progress on the 2024 Natural Resources Management Plan	Ongoing		
	Long Term Goal: Ensure long-term success/viability of investment already made in the Natural Resources Management program.			
Visioning and Planning				
Ensure Parks and Recreation is well represented in EnVision Roseville/Strategic Planning	Short Term Goal: Ensure that the Commission is kept up to date on the City's strategic plan.		Beckman, J. Arneson	
	Periodically review progress relevant initiatives within the strategic plan with the PRC to determine whether progress is being made.			
	Long Term Goal: Ensure that feedback that was received in EnVision Roseville is reflected in initiative planning.			
Campus Master Plan Project	Short Term Goal: Work to ensure that Parks and Recreation is factored into the Campus Master Plan and that there is thoughtfulness regarding the loss of Veterans Park.	1 year	J. Arneson, Matts-Benson	
	Receive updates and provide feedback on Parks and Recreation related items in the design process (Dance Studio, Storage Spaces, etc).	1-2 years		
	Long Term Goal: Ensure that Parks and Recreation and affiliated group storage needs are considered in long-term facility planning.	5 years plus		
Support Long Term Financial Stability	Short Term Goal: Provide feedback for/on how Friends groups can effectively support the Parks and Recreation Department	Ongoing		
	Develop strategies to effectively connect potential donors to areas of significant impact within the Parks and Recreation System (1-2 years)	1-2 years		
Land acquisition/planning	Provide input on land use related to the city's park system including providing feedback to staff and the City council regarding opportunities for potential acquisition or possible loss of parkland.	Ongoing		
Access/Connectivity	Short Term Goal: Monitor/Review bicycle plan that is currently under way	1 year		
	Identify opportunities for greater connectivity, safe passage into/out of parks, including funding sources	Ongoing	Penny	

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 7, 2025

ITEM: 5.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Departmental Updates

Background

At each Commission meeting, city staff provides updates on Parks and Recreation activities and projects.

Recommendation

Receive report and provide feedback.

Attachments

1. P&R Flyers - 1.7.25



OPEN MIC NIGHT

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

7PM October 17 ● November 21 ● December 19 7PM
January 16 ● February 20 ● March 20

Cedarholm
Community
Building
2323 Hamline
Ave N

Free Event
Open to all
ages and
abilities
Beverages for
sale

Call to sign up
the Monday
before the
event
651-792-7154

HARRIET ALEXANDER NATURE CENTER'S

WINTER OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1**

**10:00AM-4:00PM
DROP-IN ANYTIME**

FREE



**SNOWFLAKE HUNT
ANIMAL TRACKING**

CRAFTS

**OBSTACLE COURSE
AMBASSADOR ANIMALS**

CAMPFIRE

AND MORE!



**2520 DALE ST N
ROSEVILLE, MN 55113
CITYOFROSEVILLE.COM/HANC**





Family Open Basketball

Stay active this winter - drop in and shoot some hoops. Basketballs are provided. Dates are subject to change due to special events.

In case of cancellations due to weather conditions, visit cityofroseville.com/parks and check the Alerts Box. Schedule subject to change.

Call 651-792-7006 for more info or visit our website for updates, www.cityofroseville.com/parks

Winter / Spring 2025 **Schedule Subject to Change!**

Saturdays				
Session	Dates	Time	Individual	*Family
January	Jan. 4	3:30p-5:00p	\$4	\$10
January	Jan. 11, 18, 25	5:30p-7:00p	\$4	\$10
February	Feb. 8	5:30p-7:00p	\$4	\$10
February	Feb. 15, 22	3:30p-5:00p	\$4	\$10
March	Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	3:30p-5:00p	\$4	\$10
April	Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26	3:30p-5:00p	\$4	\$10

No Session February 1

>Cash only (no credit cards)

***Family Fees cover up to 4 family members.**

Additional members can be paid individually.

Brimhall Community Gym
1744 County Road B West
Roseville, MN 55113

Park & enter doors on the North
side of the building (bus lot)



Roseville Parks and Recreation
2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville MN 55113 651-792-7006
cityofroseville.com/parks



Roseville Pickleball

Pickleball, a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, is an exciting sport to play! Six courts are available at Brimhall Community Gym, 1744 County Road B West. Wooden paddle racquets and plastic poly balls will be provided (limited supply). Visit usapa.org for more information on rules and equipment.

All adults (18+) welcome, [see details on levels of play](#). No pre-registration taken, just drop in. Discount pass available at gym: 10 sessions for \$45 (please bring check to purchase pass).

Open Drop-In Doubles Play, players rotate. Limited to first 48 participants per session.

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Winter/Spring Schedule 2025

Saturday Morning 9am to 11:30pm			Sunday Morning 8am to 10:30am		
Session	Dates	Price	Session	Dates	Price
January	4	\$5	January	5, 12, 19, 26	\$5
February	15, 22	\$5	February	2, 9, 16, 23	\$5
March	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$5	March	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$5
April	5, 12, 19, 26	\$5	April	6, 13, 27	\$5

Saturday Afternoon 2pm to 4:30pm			Sunday Beginner/Novice 11am to 1:30pm		
Session	Dates	Price	Session	Dates	Price
January	11, 18, 25	\$5	January	5, 12, 19, 26	\$5
February	8	\$5	February	2, 9, 16, 23	\$5
			March	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$5
			April	6, 13, 27	\$5

Saturday Afternoon 12pm to 2:30pm		
Session	Dates	Price
January	4	\$5
February	15, 22	\$5
March	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$5
April	5, 12, 19, 26	\$5

Beginner/Novice sessions are available to New or Less Skilled players only (3.0 rating or below). Please choose the session that best fits your skill level.
[See IFP rating description form for details.](#)

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LEARN TO SPEEDSAKTE

REGISTER TODAY!
(651) 792-7006



DATE: JANUARY 9-FEBRUARY 13

DAY: TUESDAY

TIME: 5:30-6:30PM

COST: RV RES \$85, NON RES \$95

Love to skate fast? Then speedskating may be the sport for you. (Ages 8+). For children under 8 who can skate independently, please call 651-792-7121. Adults are also welcome to join this introductory program to learn speedskating basics in a fun setting with experienced coaches and skaters.



Harriet Alexander Nature Center

Sprouts

EARLY CHILDHOOD NATURE PROGRAMS

Sprouts programs encourage family learning and help foster early childhood connections with nature. Through art, stories, activity stations, and outdoor explorations, children will learn natural science, use motor skills, practice colors, shapes, and more. A snack is included.

10-11:30AM on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays
Choose just one time, or come one day each month.

Winter 2025 Themes

January 8, 9, 10: Frozen Fun

February 5, 6, 7: Valentine for the Birds

March 5, 6, 7: A Seed Indeed

AGES 1-5
WITH ADULT
PARTNER

**For more information and
registration:
651-792-7006**



Maple Saplings

EARLY CHILDHOOD NATURE PROGRAMS

Embark on a sweet journey! This series offers young explorers the chance to learn all about maple syrup and the trees that make it possible. Each session will feature a hands-on element of the syrup process and additional activities such as stories, crafts, and snacks.

**AGES 2-6
WITH ADULT
PARTNER**

10-11:30AM on Wednesdays

Choose just one time, or come one day each month.

January 15 - Sweet Syrup: Taste real maple syrup and make fluffy pancakes together! Little chefs will enjoy mixing, flipping, and savoring their tasty creations.

February 19 - Tap, Tap, Tap!: Explore how to tap trees and collect sap. Discover what trees do all winter and try out your own drilling and tapping skills!

March 19 - Boiling Magic: Watch the magic unfold as we boil sap into syrup, turning it from clear liquid into a delicious treat!

**For more information
and registration:
651-792-7006**



Enchanted Forest

**Harriet Alexander Nature Center
Spring Break Camp**

Ages 6–12

**March 10–14
9am–4pm**



Activities

Search for mystical creatures

Practice herbology

Create a village for forest nymphs

Make your own potions

And more!

Details and Registration



651-792-7006



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Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 7, 2025

ITEM: 5.b.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Other New or Relevant Communication Items

Background

At each commission meeting, city staff provides updates on city activities and projects ongoing within the city that pertain to Parks and Recreation activities.

Recommendation

Receive report and provide feedback.

Attachments

None