

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
JANUARY 7, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No public in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING

Commissioner Penny moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kooistra seconded.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Brown.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) PROVIDE PARK DEDICATION RECOMMENDATION FOR 571 ROSELAWN AVE. W.

Staff reviewed the purpose, process, and options to satisfy Park Dedication with the Commission.

The meeting addressed a proposal for 571 Roselawn Ave. W. that would subdivide the parcel currently containing one residential home into two parcels to allow for potential future residential development. The project qualifies for Park Dedication, with the cash contribution for the additional unit set at \$4,250. Alternatively, the required land dedication would be 10% of the total 0.53-acre parcel, equating to 0.053 acres. The proposed development is located within Constellation M of the Parks and Recreation system. No specific plans for parkland development currently exist for this area.

To provide context and guidance for the review, the meeting packet included several supporting documents: the Park Dedication Ordinance, the City Parks and Facilities map, the parcel site map, the preliminary plat map, and guidance from the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. This guidance encompassed constellation maps, goals, and policies related to parks and open space acquisition. The applicant expressed a preference for fulfilling the Park Dedication requirement through a cash-in-lieu contribution rather than dedicating land.

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed potential land-use options in close proximity to Reservoir Woods Park.

Commissioner Kooistra suggested installing a sign to indicate nearby parking options for Reservoir Woods Park.

Commissioner A. Arneson moved to recommend cash (\$4,250), in lieu of land, to satisfy Park Dedication for 571 Roselawn Ave. W. to the City Council. Commissioner Brown seconded.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

b) ROSEBROOK PARK UPDATE, AND REQUEST FOR COMMISSION FEEDBACK

Two major items at Rosebrook Park (2590 Fry St.) are scheduled for replacement in 2025: the wading pool, installed in the late 1970s, and the playground, installed in 2000. The wading pool has surpassed its useful life and faces several issues, including cracked piping in the recirculation system, cracks on the pool floor, and an outdated filtration system.

The community has engaged in discussions about whether to replace the wading pool or install a splash pad instead. Key considerations for deciding between the two options include:

- Splash pads are one of the most commonly requested amenities.
- Splash pads are more inclusive and accessible than traditional pools.
- Splash pads present a lower drowning risk.
- A splash pad was proposed for Rosebrook Park in the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan.
- Splash pads typically serve a wider age range compared to small wading pools.
- A splash pad costs approximately 50% less than a wading pool.

To gather feedback, staff organized a neighborhood meeting on December 13, 2023, inviting over 500 residents living near the park. The meeting was attended by 17 residents, who expressed excitement about the possibility of adding a splash pad but raised concerns about

increased traffic in the already busy park. Attendees also suggested exploring a combined pool and splash pad option or examining the cost difference between the two. Additional suggestions included installing trail lighting around the park, expanding parking options, and maintain green space.

Following the neighborhood meeting, staff distributed a survey to gather broader feedback. The results revealed an even split between residents who preferred a splash pad and those who favored a wading pool, with strong opinions on both sides. There was, however, consensus on the need for playground upgrades.

Staff provided updated cost estimates for the proposed improvements at Rosebrook Park. A modern wading pool with splash amenities is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 million, while a simpler version could be constructed for around \$1 million. Installing a recirculating splash pad would cost about \$500,000.

Additional proposed improvements include trail lighting, estimated at \$70,000, and parking lot expansions. Expanding the parking lot near the park building is estimated at \$200,000, while expanding the lot near the soccer fields would cost approximately \$300,000.

The CIP has allocated \$500,000 for the wading pool replacement and \$165,000 for the playground replacement. Other potential funding sources include Park Dedication Funds and grant opportunities.

Based on the information gathered, staff recommended the following scope and funding:

- Replace the playground - \$200,000
- Install splash pad - \$450,000
- Replace the current pool location with 30-35 additional parking spots - \$200,000
- Add trail lighting on the east side of the park - \$70,000
 - Estimated Project Total: \$920,000
 - Funded via:
 - \$670,000 in 2025 CIP
 - Up to \$250,000 in Park Dedication
 - Reduce Park Dedication impact if potential grants are secured

Chair Matts-Benson asked whether the water from the splash pad runs continuously. Staff explained that the water operates on a timer and is activated by a push-button system when in use.

The Commission also discussed parking, liability, and potential amenity options for Rosebrook Park. Commissioner J. Arneson suggested using angled parking to increase the number of available spaces. Staff responded that they would research the feasibility of this option.

Chair Matts-Benson asked about the locations of other splash pads in surrounding communities. Staff responded that they would compile a list of splash pads within the vicinity of Roseville. She also suggested exploring splash pad water features that would accommodate youth of all ages.

The Commission discussed potential options to address the concerns of community members who preferred retaining a wading pool. Staff explained that if the wading pool were to be replaced, it would most likely need to remain in its current location to utilize the existing pool system infrastructure.

Commissioner J. Arneson suggested the possibility of adding overflow gravel parking.

Commissioners Penny, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Beckmann, and J. Arneson expressed support for the splash pad option, citing its greater equity, safety, cost-effectiveness, and longer lifespan.

Commissioner A. Arneson suggested displaying historical photos and information about the wading pool inside the park building as a tribute to the amenity if it is replaced with a splash pad.

Commissioner J. Arneson suggested the possibility of offering tribute bricks for purchase at the park.

Commissioner Brown recommended that, if the splash pad option is chosen, significant marketing efforts be made to inform the community about the change and the reasons behind it.

Commissioner J. Arneson moved to recommend to the City Council the replacement of the wading pool at Rosebrook Park with a splash pad. Commissioner Penny seconded.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

c) REVIEW AND ADOPT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION GOALS

At the November and December 2024 meetings, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed goals for the next several years, including an updated format for presenting these goals. During

the December meeting, the Commission decided to delay formal action on the draft goals, allowing commissioners additional time to review the document and propose potential updates.

The current draft of the Commission's goals was distributed for further review.

Vice-Chair Beckman moved to adopt the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals as written. Commissioner J. Arneson seconded.

Commissioner Kooistra requested that his name be added to the following goals: the Natural Resources Goals, focusing on green spaces, and the Engagement, Connection, and Access Goals, focusing on volunteerism. Commissioners Penny and A. Arneson also requested to be added to the Engagement, Connection, and Access Goals, focusing on volunteerism. Chair Matts-Benson requested that her name be added to the Visioning and Planning Goal, focusing on receiving updates and providing feedback on Parks and Recreation items as they pertain to the Campus Master Plan Project.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- The Holiday Craft Fair at Roseville City Hall took place on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm) and Sunday, December 8, 2024 (12:00 pm – 4:00 pm). Over 2,400 visitors attended the two-day event.
- Cookies and Cocoa with Kris Kringle was held at the Cedarholm Community Building on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, with over 240 kids and adults attending.
- The New Year's Eve on Ice event at the Skating Center had 2,300 community members participate.
- Outdoor skating rinks opened but unfortunately had to close due to weather.
- Open Mic Night at Cedarholm Community Building on Thursday, January 16 at 7:00pm.
- The upcoming Candlelight Snowshoe event at Cedarholm Golf Course will be weather-dependent.
- The MLK Day volunteer event on Monday, January 20, will involve seeding at Reservoir Woods and Villa Park, with brunch to follow at the Cedarholm Community Building.
- Interviews for a full-time position supporting 50% Forestry and 50% Natural Resources will soon take place. This position will replace the current 50% Forestry role.
- The City Council will discuss the Campus Master Plan at their meeting on Monday, January 13.
- The proposal for a new recreation management software vendor will be going to the City Council in late January or early February.

b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION ITEMS

6. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant