



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Commission Members: Lindsay Matts-Benson (Chair), Karen Beckman (Vice-Chair), Audrey Arneson (Youth), Luci Botzek, Nick Boulton, Bryan Donaldson, Jayne Harris, Chris Her, Mia Huntley (Youth), Chad Kooistra, Jamison Penny.

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

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approve Agenda**
3. **Receive Public Comment**
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes
5. **Business Items**
 - a. Roseville Skating Center Operational Review
 - b. Rosefest 2026 Overview
 - c. Electric Vehicle Charging in Parks and Recreation
6. **Commission Direction on Member Initiated Agenda Items**
 - a. List of Commissioner Suggested Topics
7. **Other Business**
 - a. Departmental Updates
 - b. Other New or Relevant Communication Items
8. **Adjourn**

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 6, 2026

ITEM: 4.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approval of the December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Background

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of December 2, 2025. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Recommendation

Approve/amend meeting minutes of December 2, 2025.

Attachments

1. 12. Minutes - December 2

- 41 **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**
- 42 a) **CONSIDER THE CONVERSION OF CENTRAL PARK VICTORIA TENNIS COURTS**
- 43 **TO SHARED USE PICKLEBALL/TENNIS COURTS**
- 44 • **Background and Context**
- 45 ○ Pickleball has been one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States for more
- 46 than 15 years.
- 47 ○ Community demand for additional pickleball courts continues to increase.
- 48 ○ In 2016, Roseville striped the Evergreen Park courts for dual use; the courts were
- 49 converted to six full-time pickleball courts in 2022.
- 50 ○ The Evergreen Park pickleball courts now rank among the most heavily used
- 51 amenities in the park system and are often at or over capacity.
- 52 • **Community Need and Community Input**
- 53 ○ Ongoing community requests for additional pickleball courts, including courts in new
- 54 and different locations.
- 55 ○ Noise is typically the most significant challenge when siting new pickleball courts.
- 56 ■ Best practice guidelines suggest a minimum separation of approximately 200
- 57 feet from residential homes.
- 58 ■ Some recommendations suggest separations of up to 400 feet, depending on
- 59 site conditions.
- 60 • **Tennis in Roseville**
- 61 ○ Tennis participation continues to grow, though at a slower rate than pickleball.
- 62 ○ Depending on the source, there are currently a roughly equivalent number of
- 63 pickleball and tennis players nationwide.
- 64 ○ Roseville’s tennis courts are well used across the park system.
- 65 • **Courts in Roseville**
- 66 ○ Acorn Park – 2 tennis courts
- 67 ○ Autumn Grove Park – 2 tennis courts
- 68 ○ Sandcastle Park – 1 tennis court
- 69 ○ Howard Johnson Park – 2 tennis courts
- 70 ○ Bruce Russell Park – 1 tennis court
- 71 ○ Rosebrook Park – 2 tennis courts
- 72 ○ Keya Park – 2 tennis courts
- 73 ○ Central Park (Victoria) – 2 tennis courts
- 74 ○ Anpétu Téča Education Center – Courts available through a shared-use agreement;
- 75 currently showing structural issues and in need of evaluation
- 76 ○ Evergreen Park – 6 pickleball courts
- 77 • **Central Park Victoria Courts Overview**
- 78 • Two existing tennis courts are scheduled for refurbishment in 2026.
- 79 • The site has strong existing infrastructure, including:
- 80 ○ Ample parking

- 81 ○ Permanent (non-portable) restrooms
- 82 ○ Court lighting
- 83 ● The distance from the court edge to the nearest residence is approximately 515 feet.
- 84 ● The courts are currently well used for tennis, requiring thoughtful consideration before any
- 85 conversion or changes to striping.

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87 The Commission discussed the differences in noise levels between pickleball and tennis. Staff
88 noted that the decibel levels for both sports are similar. The Commission also discussed potential
89 locations for future pickleball courts.

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91 ● Shared Use Impacts
 - 92 ○ Additional striping would allow both tennis and pickleball use.
 - 93 ○ Courts would not be converted to full-time pickleball use.
 - 94 ○ The shared-use model would allow flexible scheduling and multi-use programming.
 - 95 ○ Potential impacts to tennis users may include:
 - 96 ■ Visual clutter or user confusion
 - 97 ■ Increased competition for court time
 - 98 ○ Temporary pickleball nets would be required.
 - 99 ○ Additional signage and clearly defined rules may be needed to support shared use.
- 100 ● Consideration Summary – Pros
 - 101 ○ Addresses strong and growing community demand for pickleball.
 - 102 ○ Central location with strong existing infrastructure.
 - 103 ○ Significant buffer distance from nearby residences reduces potential noise conflicts.
 - 104 ○ Lower-cost option compared to constructing new courts.
- 105 ● Consideration Summary – Cons
 - 106 ○ Potential impacts to tennis play quality and consistency.
 - 107 ○ Increased usage may require management measures such as signage or scheduling
 - 108 controls.
 - 109 ○ Possibility of neighborhood concerns despite the substantial buffer distance.

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111 Staff reiterated the importance of collecting community feedback prior to making any changes.
112 The Commission discussed the orientation and potential layout options for a shared-use court at
113 Central Park–Victoria.

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115 Vice-Chair Beckman asked whether the proposed shared-use courts could have any impact on
116 wildlife. Staff noted that they are not aware of any data suggesting an impact but stated they
117 would look further into the issue and share any findings if available.

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119 Commissioner Penny asked whether there are any City-owned indoor facilities that could
120 potentially be used or converted to provide indoor pickleball options, beyond existing private

121 facilities in Roseville. Staff responded that indoor pickleball is currently offered at Brimhall
122 School; however, no additional City-owned indoor options are being pursued at this time.

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124 The Commission discussed other potential locations for pickleball courts, including City park
125 parking lots and the OVAL. Staff noted that grading challenges at these sites present concerns, as
126 the surfaces are not flat. While multiple locations have been evaluated, staff indicated that the
127 OVAL would be the most feasible option for a pilot program.

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129 Commissioner Donaldson noted that the proximity of the picnic shelter to the proposed courts
130 should be considered as part of the planning process.

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132 The Commission also discussed potential parking limitations associated with adding pickleball
133 courts, as well as layout options for shared pickleball and tennis courts.

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135 Staff clarified that the next step in the process would be community engagement planned for this
136 spring, allowing residents and users to provide input on any proposed changes.

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138 **b) ROSEBROOK PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

139 Staff provided an overview of the community outreach completed to date and the feedback
140 received. Outreach efforts included community meetings, surveys, and engagement at
141 community events. Feedback gathered through these efforts informed the development of a
142 proposal that was subsequently presented to the City Council.

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144 On January 7, 2025, the Commission recommended that staff proceed with a 2026 project that
145 includes the following improvements:

- 146 • Replacement of the wading pool with a splash pad
- 147 • Replacement of the outdated playground
- 148 • Addition of trail lighting
- 149 • Addition of parking near the park building

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151 On February 24, 2025, the City Council approved moving forward with the project and its
152 associated budget. Since that time, staff have conducted additional engagement opportunities,
153 including tabling at a Discover Your Parks event on August 6 and hosting two neighborhood
154 meetings on October 28 and November 12. Neighborhood feedback helped inform the specific
155 design of the splash pad and playground and reaffirmed the overall site concept. With
156 engagement now complete, staff and consultants have finalized the design for the Rosebrook
157 Park renovations.

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159 The proposed design includes parking for approximately 30 vehicles (an increase from the site's
160 original five spaces), an expanded pathway into the park, resurfaced tennis courts, a new splash

161 pad to replace the wading pool, a fully ADA-inclusive playground, and trail lighting throughout
162 the park pathways.

163 The Commission reviewed renderings of the proposed playground, splash pad, and park
164 furnishings. Staff requested feedback on whether picnic tables with umbrellas or a larger shade
165 structure would be preferred in the area between the playground and splash pad.
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167 The project is anticipated to be bid in early 2026 for major construction components, including
168 the parking lot and concrete work, with construction beginning in the spring or summer.
169 Installation of the playground and splash pad will follow completion of the construction phase.
170 The anticipated project completion date is summer 2026.
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172 Commissioner Botzek asked about the purpose of the conservation grant awarded to the project.
173 Staff explained that the City received a \$200,000 climate resilience conservation grant to support
174 the installation of a water reuse system for the splash pad, as well as to help fund additional
175 shade features.
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177 Commissioner Kooistra noted a preference for larger shade structures at playgrounds rather than
178 smaller table umbrellas, based on his family's experience using similar facilities.
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180 **c) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS CENTER UPDATE (STANDING AGENDA**
181 **ITEM)**

182 The City of Roseville has entered into an agreement with LHB Architects to serve as the
183 architect for the License and Passport Center, Dance Studio, and Maintenance Center projects.
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185 The City will utilize Kraus-Anderson as the Construction Manager to oversee project
186 deliverables.
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188 Semi-weekly meetings are currently being held with the architects, construction manager, and
189 City staff as the design process progresses.
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191 Applications for the Community Advisory Group are now being accepted, with the group's first
192 meeting anticipated in mid-January 2026. Chair Matts-Benson will serve as the Parks and
193 Recreation Commission's representative on the Advisory Group.
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195 **6. COMMISSION DIRECTION ON MEMBER INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

196 **a) LIST OF COMMISSIONER SUGGESTED TOPICS**

197 Staff noted that they have compiled a list of previous agenda items raised by Commissioners and
198 will work to address these topics in upcoming meetings.
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200 The Commission and staff discussed potential next steps for evaluating skate park options,
201 including reviewing comparable amenities, exploring new or alternative designs, and considering
202 how a skate park would fit within the broader park system and align with Roseville’s Strategic
203 Plan.

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205 Commissioner Botzek noted that the City is currently developing its first Climate Equity Action
206 Plan and suggested adding a future agenda item to allow the Commission to receive updates on
207 the advisory team’s work related to this effort.

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209 Commissioner Kooistra suggested that future community engagement be considered to gather
210 input on the open space at Autumn Grove Park.

211 212 7. OTHER BUSINESS

213 a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- 214 • Multiple proposals have been received from contractors for the feasibility study of a non-
215 traditional pathway within the Aldine Street right-of-way. Staff indicated that a strong
216 candidate has been identified. The project is anticipated to be completed following snowmelt
217 this winter or in the spring to allow for a full-scale analysis.
- 218 • The John Rose Minnesota OVAL has opened and experienced strong attendance. Staff
219 thanked the Friends of the OVAL Foundation for hosting a winter kick-off event featuring
220 discounted skating, promotional items, and opportunities for the public to learn more about
221 the Foundation. Staff noted the event was very successful.
- 222 • FOR Parks hosted its Designer Handbag Bingo fundraising event on November 8 at the
223 Cedarholm Community Building.
- 224 • The Central Park Foundation recently held a quarterly meeting.
- 225 • Cookies and Cocoa with Kris Kringle will take place on December 6 at the Cedarholm
226 Community Building. Pre-registration is required for this event.
- 227 • The Holiday Craft Fair will be held December 6–7, 2025, with hours from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00
228 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- 229 • A Natural Resources volunteer event is scheduled for December 20 at Materion Park, where
230 volunteers will assist with buckthorn removal.
- 231 • The winter holiday skating schedule for the Roseville Skating Center and the John Rose
232 Minnesota OVAL has been published.
- 233 • Outdoor skating rinks are anticipated to open on December 20, weather permitting.
- 234 • A community engagement meeting for Autumn Grove Park is anticipated to be announced in
235 mid-January 2026, with the meeting expected to take place later that month.
- 236 • Winter activity brochures will be delivered to homes in the coming days. Staff noted that the
237 brochure features an updated look and layout and welcomed feedback on the changes.

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b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Chair Matts-Benson commended staff on the successful rollout of the new Recreation Management Software, Dash. She noted that the transition was well communicated and stated that the implementation appeared to go very smoothly.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant

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Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: January 6, 2026

ITEM: 5.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Roseville Skating Center Operational Review

Background

Periodically, the Parks and Recreation Commission receives an overview of operational areas within the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff will present an overview of operations at the Roseville Skating Center, which encompasses the Roseville Ice Arena, the John Rose MN OVAL, and the banquet space. Staff will discuss recent operational successes, as well as upcoming challenges related to the facility and programs.

Recommendation

Receive the presentation and provide feedback.

Attachments

None

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ITEM: 5.b.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Rosefest 2026 Overview

Background

Staff are well into planning Rosefest 2026, the City's annual community celebration. This year's event will begin on Monday, June 22, with the Rosefest Parade and conclude on Sunday, June 28.

As in past years, the largest day of Rosefest will be Saturday, June 27. Planned activities include the Run for the Roses, Rosefest Golf Tournament, Porsche Car Show, and Party in the Park (featuring inflatables, vendors, and a headline live music performance), culminating with the annual fireworks display.

In addition to returning events, staff are planning several new activities for 2026, including a skateboarding event, a junior golf tournament, and a grass volleyball tournament. Staff will provide an overview of the tentative Rosefest 2026 schedule and discuss the overall philosophy guiding event planning this year, including balancing long-standing traditions with new offerings and ensuring broad community appeal.

Staff are providing this update to inform the Commission of the Rosefest 2026 plan and to invite general feedback to help guide future planning efforts, including the mix of events and overall community focus.

Recommendation

Receive presentation, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Attachments

None

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ITEM: 5.c.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Electric Vehicle Charging in Parks and Recreation

Background

At the request of the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff will provide a general overview of the City of Roseville's current approach to electric vehicle (EV) charging. At this time, the City does not own or operate any public EV charging stations. However, City policy and ordinances require EV-ready infrastructure to be installed as part of certain new private developments and redevelopment projects, consistent with broader sustainability and long-term infrastructure goals.

Staff will provide an overview of how EV charging can relate to Parks and Recreation, including potential costs, opportunities, and insights gained from communities that have been early adopters of EV charging.

Recommendation

Receive presentation, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Attachments

None

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DATE: January 6, 2026

ITEM: 6.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: List of Commissioner Suggested Topics

Background

Attached is the current list of commissioner-recommended discussion topics. Items that the Commission wishes to discuss may be placed on a future agenda by a majority vote.

Items requiring staff preparation will be prioritized based on Commission feedback, resource availability, and alignment with the Parks and Recreation departmental strategic action plan.

Recommendation

Review list, provide feedback, and recommend new items.

Attachments

1. Commissioner Suggested Topics

Commissioner Requested Items			
Subject	Commissioner	Tentative Date	
EV Charging	(Penny)	1/6/2026	
Autumn Grove South	(Her)	Following Engagement (Jan 2026)	
Permanent Skate Park	(Boulton)		
Forestry Update	(Donaldson)	Feb-26	
Climate Change	(Harris)		
Community Gardens	Joint Meeting/Penny		
Budget	Joint Meeting	11/5/2025	x
Bike Racks/Infrastructure	Joint Meeting/Boulton		
Pickleball Courts	Joint Meeting	12/2/2025	Ongoing

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ITEM: 7.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. 1.6.26 - Meeting Flyers



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ITEM: 7.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