



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, March 3, 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 February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
5. **Business Items**
 - a. Forestry and Natural Resources Update (Commissioner Initiated)
 - b. Autumn Grove Playground Engagement Summary and Request for Feedback
 - c. Maintenance and Operations Center Update (Standing Agenda Item)
 - d. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
 - e. Appointment Of Ethics Commission Representative
6. **Commission Direction on Member Initiated Agenda Items**
 - a. List of Member-Initiated Items
7. **Other Business**
 - a. Departmental Updates
 - b. Other New or Relevant Communication Items
8. **Adjourn**

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: March 3, 2026

ITEM: 4.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approval of the February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Background

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of February 5, 2026. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Recommendation

Approve/amend meeting minutes of February 5, 2026.

Attachments

1. 2. Minutes - February 5, 2026

1 **ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
2 **MEETING MINUTES FOR**
3 **FEBRUARY 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.**
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5 **PRESENT:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra,
6 Matts-Benson, Penny.
7 **ABSENT:** Botzek.
8 **STAFF:** Freihammer, Haider, Johnson.
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10 **1. ROLL CALL**
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12 **Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her,
13 Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.
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15 **2. APPROVE AGENDA**
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17 Commissioner Penny moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Beckman
18 seconded.
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20 **Roll Call**

21 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-
22 Benson, Penny.

23 **Nays:** None.

24 **Abstain:** None.
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26 **3. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT**
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28 No general public comment.
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30 **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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32 Commissioner Her moved to approve the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes.
33 Commissioner Harris seconded.
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35 **Roll Call**

36 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Penny.

37 **Nays:** None.

38 **Abstain:** Matts-Benson, Kooistra.
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41 **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

42 a) **PARK DEDICATION RECOMMENDATION - 0 LOT AT BRENNER AVE. AND**
43 **CHATSWORTH ST. N.**

44 Staff provided background information on Park Dedication requirements and the ways in which
45 qualifying development projects may satisfy those requirements. Staff also reviewed the role of
46 the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is to evaluate proposed developments in relation to
47 the City's parks and recreation system plans and goals, and to make a recommendation on
48 whether park dedication should be satisfied through the acceptance of land, cash, or a
49 combination of both.

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51 Staff reviewed the location of a proposed subdivision at the corner of Brenner Avenue and
52 Chatsworth Street North. The proposal would subdivide a currently unoccupied parcel into two
53 lots, allowing for the potential development of two residential homes. The project qualifies for
54 Park Dedication, the cash amount for the two additional units would be \$8,500 and the required
55 land dedication would equal 10% of the 0.50-acre parcel, or approximately 0.05 acres.

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57 The proposed development is located within Constellation M of the Parks and Recreation
58 System. Staff noted that there are no specific parkland plans currently identified for this area.
59 The Commission discussed the relatively small size of the potential land dedication and
60 expressed the opinion that a cash dedication would be more advantageous in this case.

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62 Chair Matts-Benson moved to recommend cash in lieu of land to the city Council to
63 satisfy the Park Dedication for the proposed subdivision at 0 Lot at Brenner Ave. and
64 Chatsworth St. N. Commissioner Harris seconded.

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66 **Roll Call**

67 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-
68 Benson, Penny.

69 **Nays:** None.

70 **Abstain:** None.

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72 Staff asked whether the Commission would be open to allowing staff discretion for small park
73 dedication parcels that are not directly adjacent to existing parks, so that these straightforward
74 items would not need to be brought before the Commission. Staff noted this approach may be a
75 more efficient use of time.

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77 The Commission agreed that they would be comfortable with small, straightforward parcel
78 dedications not being brought forward for Commission review and expressed trust in staff's
79 judgment to elevate any items that would warrant additional consideration.

80 Staff noted that they would draft proposed language reflecting this approach for consideration by
81 the City Council.

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83 **b) PROPOSED KEYA PARK PATHWAY LAYOUT**

84 Public works director Jesse Freihammer joined the Commission to discuss the proposed Keya
85 Park pathway layout.

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87 • Pascal Street Issues
 - 88 ○ Numerous complaints from residents over the years
 - 89 ▪ Speeding
 - 90 ▪ Visibility
 - 91 ▪ Close Calls
 - 92 ○ Requests for all way stop at Pascal/Brooks
- 93 • Pascal Street Pilot Project
 - 94 ○ Current Conditions
 - 95 ▪ 32' wide street
 - 96 ▪ 2 way stop control of Brooks
 - 97 ▪ 25 mph vertical curve hill creates slight issues
 - 98 • Due to gas main hill cannot be lowered
 - 99 ▪ 300 ADT
 - 100 ▪ 85 percentile speed for Pascal is 22.6-24.9 MPH
 - 101 ▪ No documented crash history
 - 102 ○ Pilot Project
 - 103 ▪ Installed for 6 weeks in the fall
 - 104 ▪ Goal was to demonstrate narrowing the street and providing a dedicated spot
105 for pedestrians
 - 106 • Hoped to see reduction speed
 - 107 • Speed reduction inconclusive
 - 108 ▪ Received lots of feedback
 - 109 ▪ Both support and opposition to changes

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111 Staff reviewed the three sidewalk construction options considered for the project, along with the
112 past and anticipated project schedule. To date, the pilot project, neighborhood meeting, and
113 review and recommendation by the Public Works, Environment & Transportation Commission
114 (PWETC) have been completed.

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116 The next steps include a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission, followed
117 by consideration by the City Council.

- 120 • Pascal/Keya Recommendations
- 121 ○ PWETC
- 122 ▪ Did not provide a recommendation on a layout
- 123 ▪ Recommended an all-way stop be added at Brooks/Pascal intersection
- 124 ○ Public Works Staff Recommendation to Council
- 125 ▪ Recommend going with option 3 to install sidewalks behind the curb with no
- 126 changes to Pascal St.
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128 The Commission and staff discussed a range of project considerations, including the potential
129 use of a roundabout, parking restrictions, biking on shared-use pathways, four-way stop
130 concerns, sidewalk maintenance responsibilities, pathway connectivity, and crosswalk placement
131 and usage. Staff noted that parking would not be permitted on the hill and would instead be
132 relocated adjacent to the park.

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134 Commissioner Boulton raised a concern that a short or disconnected pathway segment could
135 present a safety issue for children, particularly if users transition from a protected pathway
136 directly onto the street without clearly recognizing the change in safety conditions.

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138 **J. Hines, 2496 Pascal St.**

139 J. Hines asked the Commission to consider how an accident is defined and questioned whether
140 any accidents have occurred at the intersection. It was noted that the concept of a “close call” is
141 subjective, and based on personal experience, the cost of the project was not viewed as justified.
142 J. Hines also emphasized that stop signs are universally recognized and understood by drivers.

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144 **T. Baker, 2496 Pascal St.**

145 T. Baker, who lives near the proposed project, expressed concerns about narrowing the street. It
146 was noted that the roadway is frequently used by larger vehicles such as school buses and
147 garbage trucks, and that the proposed bump-out could create new challenges. Despite concerns
148 about vehicle speed, no accidents were reported in the area. Based on this experience, T. Baker
149 questioned whether the cost of street narrowing is justified when more cost-effective and less
150 permanent options may be available to address speeding.

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152 Support was expressed for the addition of a sidewalk, provided that the street width is maintained
153 to allow for the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

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155 **T. Foreman, 2490 Pascal St.**

156 T. Forman stated that, in their view, funding has not yet been identified for how the three
157 proposed project options would be financed. T. Forman also noted that documentation had
158 previously been requested to support the claim that narrowing the street would reduce vehicle
159 speeds and stated that, to date, this information has not been provided. It was expressed that,

160 from T. Forman’s perspective, this claim appears to be an assumption unless supported by
161 statistical analysis.

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163 T. Forman questioned the stated 85th percentile speed range of 22.6–24.9 mph for Pascal Street,
164 noting that, based on personal observation, vehicles frequently travel at speeds exceeding 30
165 mph. Clarification was requested by T. Forman regarding whether the four-way stop is being
166 considered as a separate fourth option or as a modification of Option #3 that would include both
167 a sidewalk and a four-way stop.

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169 T. Forman noted that there are currently no sidewalks throughout the neighborhood and stated
170 that this condition has been valued during 27 years of residency. T. Forman also questioned why
171 speeding concerns could not be addressed through enforcement rather than physical roadway
172 changes. Additionally, T. Forman requested that decision-makers who are unfamiliar with the
173 area drive the corridor to better understand existing conditions and why, in their opinion, the
174 addition of a short sidewalk segment would not address the stated concerns.

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176 Staff responded to questions raised by community members regarding the proposed project
177 options. Staff explained that roadway narrowing, if pursued, would be funded through pavement
178 management funds, while the addition of a sidewalk would be funded through pathway funds.
179 Staff noted that the PWETC recommended a four-way stop option to the City Council. However,
180 staff clarified that they are not recommending the four-way stop option at this time. Staff also
181 noted that a four-way stop could be incorporated into any of the proposed options if directed.

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183 The Commission asked about the use of speed bumps to address speeding concerns. Staff
184 responded that the City of Roseville does not utilize speed bumps, as they can cause vehicle
185 noise and vibration, require additional maintenance, and often result in only temporary speed
186 reduction, with drivers slowing briefly and then accelerating.

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188 The Commission also asked about the justification for narrowing the roadway to reduce vehicle
189 speeds. Staff explained that current urban roadway design standards emphasize narrower road
190 widths as an effective traffic-calming strategy. Staff noted that historically, many Roseville roads
191 were built at widths of approximately 32 feet, while newer roadways are typically designed at
192 approximately 26 feet. Staff added that narrower roadways reduce maneuverability, which
193 generally results in lower vehicle speeds.

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195 The Commission and staff discussed marked crosswalks and pavement markings, parking
196 located adjacent to the park rather than on the hill, connections to the proposed improvement,
197 and the recommended project options.

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199 Commissioner Donaldson moved to recommend an all-way stop at Pascal Street and
200 Brooks Avenue, with parking permitted on the east side of Pascal Street, to the City
201 Council. Chair Matts-Benson seconded the motion.

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203 Commissioner Penny suggested adding additional signage to alert drivers that an all-way
204 stop and/or park area are approaching.

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206 Chair Matts-Benson moved to amend the motion to recommend an all-way stop at Pascal
207 Street and Brooks Avenue, including exploring additional notification signage indicating
208 an approaching all-way stop/park area, with parking permitted on the east side of Pascal
209 Street except on the hill, to the City Council. Commissioner Penny seconded the motion.

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211 **Roll Call**

212 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-
213 Benson, Penny.

214 **Nays:** None.

215 **Abstain:** None.

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217 c) **COMMUNITY GARDENS OVERVIEW (COMMISSIONER-INITIATED ITEM)**

218 Deon Haider, staff supervisor for the Community Garden Program, joined the Commission to
219 provide an overview of the program.

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221 • Garden at Oasis Park

222 ○ 120 15' x 20' plots

223 ○ Gardeners may register for a double plot

224 ○ 82 gardeners in 2025

225 ○ Registration priority order:

226 ■ Returning gardeners

227 ■ Roseville residents

228 ■ Broader community

229 ○ Features:

230 ■ Tillage in spring and fall

231 ■ Water access and hoses

232 ■ Compost delivery

233 ■ Annual meeting with educational resources

234 ■ Selection of free seeds and plants through MN Green

235 ○ Wide variety of plants and growing methods

236 ■ Only organic inputs allowed

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- 239 • Patton Road Pilot Project
 - 240 ○ Located on Ramsey County Land
 - 241 ○ Previously managed by Every Meal
 - 242 ○ 20 4' x 20' 1-foot raised beds
 - 243 ▪ Mulched paths
 - 244 ▪ 15 gardeners in 2025
 - 245 ○ Features
 - 246 ▪ Onsite composting station
 - 247 ▪ Drip irrigation
 - 248 ▪ Some trellises
 - 249 ▪ Fenced
 - 250 ▪ Communal shed with gardening tools
 - 251 ▪ No-till
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- 253 • Maintenance, Cost, and Operational Impacts
 - 254 ○ 20-30 hours of staff time to till/grid (spring & fall)
 - 255 ○ Periodic compost drops
 - 256 ○ Weed control (plots and neighbors)
 - 257 ○ Irrigation – Patton Road
 - 258 ○ Total maintenance ~ 60-70 hours per year
 - 259 ○ Management – 1-2 hours per week/set-up
- 260 • Feedback and Future Consideration
 - 261 ○ Revision to plot swap and double plot process
 - 262 ○ Gardener concerns
 - 263 ▪ Weed management, pest control, tillage, infrastructure removal, theft,
 - 264 accessibility
 - 265 ○ Future considerations
 - 266 ▪ Signage, regular educational information, tillage, fencing, fully accessible
 - 267 garden beds

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269 The Commission discussed the Community Garden Program as a valuable and successful

270 amenity. Commissioners noted potential challenges related to future program expansion and

271 expressed support for proposed revisions to the plot swap and double-plot processes.

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273 Staff noted that registration for garden plots and additional information can be found at

274 cityofroseville.com/2081/Community-Garden-Plots.

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278 d) **DISCUSS PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE NATURE PLAY ADDITION AT THE**
279 **HARRIET ALEXANDER NATURE CENTER**

280 Staff relayed that over the past several years, the City of Roseville has made significant
281 investments in the Harriet Alexander Nature Center (HANC) to enhance the visitor experience,
282 improve facilities, and strengthen its role as a community destination for nature learning and
283 stewardship. These investments have included mosaic cairns, new interpretive signage, updated
284 building siding, and new exterior signage.

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286 While the HANC grounds offer a wide variety of experiences, staff noted that a frequently
287 requested amenity from visitors and families is a nature playground. A nature playground is a
288 play space designed around natural elements such as rocks, trees, and plants. Staff reviewed the
289 benefits of nature play, including supporting healthy child development, fostering connections to
290 the outdoors, encouraging creativity and flexibility, and helping to offset some of the adverse
291 impacts of technology use. Staff also shared examples of local nature play areas, noting that
292 designs can vary but typically promote creative play, exploration, and appropriate risk-taking
293 through a combination of natural and manufactured features.

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295 Staff stated that the recommended next step is to engage a consultant to develop a site plan that
296 evaluates potential locations, scale, environmental impacts, accessibility, and cost. The planning
297 process would also include stakeholder engagement with current and potential HANC users,
298 program participants, Natural Resource volunteers, Central Park schools, and donors.

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- 300 • Funding plan
 - 301 ○ Initial study – Estimated around \$10,000-\$15,000
 - 302 ▪ Funded by Central Park Foundation
 - 303 ○ Very preliminary estimates of \$700,000 to \$1 million
 - 304 ○ Implementation Funding Partners
 - 305 ▪ Central Park Foundation Preliminary Pledge of \$100-\$200K
 - 306 ▪ FOR Parks Preliminary Pledge of \$100-\$200k
 - 307 ▪ Apply for Grant Funding (50% of the total cost, up to \$500,000)
 - 308 ▪ John Robertson-Smith donation of \$250-\$500K
 - 309 ○ Not anticipating city funds for initial implementation
 - 310 ○ City would assume responsibility for ongoing operations and maintenance costs,
311 as well as eventual asset replacement.
 - 312 ▪ Capital Improvement Program (replacement cost)
 - 313 • 15% at 10 years, 100% at 20 years
 - 314 • Maintenance of one to two hours per week (irregular)
 - 315 • Ideally would continue to add program maintenance support at
316 HANC to reflect the trends

318 Staff shared a very preliminary and tentative timeline for the project, noting that construction
319 could begin in 2027 or 2028.

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321 The Commission expressed support for the concept of a nature play space at HANC, noting it
322 would be a unique and valuable addition to the park system. The Commission discussed potential
323 locations for the play space, opportunities for programming that could utilize a nature play area
324 at HANC, and considerations related to cost and long-term replacement timelines.

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326 Commissioner Boulton recommended that staff review The Gathering Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma,
327 during the planning process as a source of inspiration for unique nature play concepts. Chair
328 Matts-Benson also recommended exploring The Gnome Homes at Camp Heritage in Lino Lakes
329 as a potential model for creative nature play features.

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331 Youth Commissioner Arneson moved to recommend that staff continue pursuing a
332 potential nature play addition at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Commissioner
333 Penny seconded the motion.

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335 **Roll Call**

336 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-
337 Benson, Penny.

338 **Nays:** None.

339 **Abstain:** None.

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341 e) **MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS CENTER UPDATE (STANDING AGENDA**
342 **ITEM)**

343 Chair Matts-Benson shared that a recent community engagement stakeholder meeting was held
344 to involve the community early in the process and allow for initial brainstorming. Staff noted that
345 preliminary design sketches will be available soon and that the project timeline remains on track.

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347 6. **COMMISSION DIRECTION ON MEMBER INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

348 a) **LIST OF COMMISSIONERS SUGGESTED TOPICS**

349 The Commission reviewed the list of previously suggested topics.

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351 Commissioner Kooistra suggested adding a discussion regarding a potential Community Center
352 to the list. Staff noted that engaging with the City Council would be an appropriate first step to
353 determine whether there is interest in pursuing this option.

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355 Commissioner Boulton suggested adding Reservoir Woods to the list for future discussion
356 related to erosion control and pathway planning at the park.

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358 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

359 a) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

- 360 • The Natural Resources Volunteer Event held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day drew more than
- 361 40 volunteers who participated in winter seeding despite temperatures reaching -26 degrees.
- 362 • The first community engagement meeting for the Autumn Grove playground replacement
- 363 was held and attended by more than 20 participants.
- 364 • The Harriet Alexander Nature Center Open House is scheduled for Saturday, February 7,
- 365 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 366 • The Sweetheart Dance will take place on Friday, February 20, from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the
- 367 Olympic Room at the Roseville Skating Center. Pre-registration is required for this event.
- 368 • The Spring/Summer program brochures will be mailed to households during the last week of
- 369 February, with registration opening on March 3.
- 370 • The 2025 Parks and Recreation Annual Report has been completed and a copy was provided
- 371 to Commissioners. Staff noted that the report will also be available on the City website and
- 372 promoted through social media.

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

375 Chair Matts-Benson noted that elections for Commission Chair and Vice-Chair will take place at

376 the March 2026 Commission meeting.

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378 **8. ADJOURN**

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380 Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

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382 Respectfully Submitted,

383 Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: March 3, 2026

ITEM: 5.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Forestry and Natural Resources Update (Commissioner Initiated)

Background

The City of Roseville continues to advance implementation of its Natural Resources Master Plan and Urban Forestry initiatives as integral components of the Parks and Recreation System. Over the past year, the City has made significant progress in both areas, including:

- Substantial completion of Phase 1 of the Accelerated EAB Program
- Receipt of more than \$700,000 in grant funding
- Began implementation of the 2025 Natural Resources Master Plan

At the Commission's request, staff will present the Commission with:

- A brief overview of recent accomplishments in Natural Resources and Forestry.
- An update on the next phase of the Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer Program.
- A forward-looking summary of plans, priorities, and anticipated challenges in forestry and natural resources over the next 12 months.

Recommendation

This item is for discussion and informational purposes. Staff welcome Commission feedback and guidance as Natural Resources and Forestry efforts continue to evolve.

Attachments

None

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DATE: March 3, 2026

ITEM: 5.b.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Autumn Grove Playground Engagement Summary and Request for Feedback

Background

Due to its age, condition, and usage patterns, the Autumn Grove Park playground is scheduled for replacement in fall 2026. As discussed with the Commission at its November 2025 meeting, concept planning completed as part of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan identified the potential long-term relocation of the playground closer to the park building. Such a relocation would require adjustments to other park elements and revisions to the overall site layout.

In addition, the Autumn Grove south parcel (acquired in 2014) does not currently have an adopted park master plan. While funding is not presently allocated for full development of the south parcel, staff believes it is important to understand community preferences for the site prior to making changes to the north parcel that may have long-term planning implications.

On January 23, 2026, staff conducted the first public engagement meeting regarding this project (meeting minutes attached). Several themes emerged during that discussion:

- Strong support for replacing the playground.
- Concerns regarding the current playground location, particularly related to safety, convenience, and relationship to the building.
- Interest in preserving natural or unprogrammed spaces within the park.
- Moderate concern regarding overall site intensity and perceived busyness.
- Strong support for the bicycle pump track, along with interest in future growth opportunities.
- Desire for additional walking trails or a defined walking loop.

While there was broad interest in relocating the playground closer to the building, participants also acknowledged that such a change would require trade-offs, including potential impacts to existing amenities.

Based on the received feedback, staff is exploring the potential to broaden the scope of this project beyond simple playground replacement to include modifications to the north parcel layout to improve overall park cohesion and functionality, and the development of a preliminary master plan for the south parcel to guide future decision-making.

Staff will present potential phasing approaches, funding considerations, and planning implications at the meeting.

At this stage, staff is seeking Commission input and policy-level guidance on:

- The appropriateness of broadening the project scope to include broader site modifications.
- The value of developing a preliminary master plan for the south parcel in advance of future capital

investment.

- The balance between neighborhood preferences, operational impacts, and long-term system planning.

Commission feedback will help guide staff in refining the project scope before returning with a more detailed design and funding strategy.

Recommendation

Receive presentation, provide feedback.

Attachments

1. Autumn Grove Playground Meeting Number One Minutes

**Autumn Grove Playground Engagement Meeting
January 21, 2026**

- Staff presented a project overview, defining the scope of this project as the playground replacement, but wanting to ensure that the project is “future facing.”
- Staff showed the “old” master plan, and there was broad consensus that it doesn’t meet the current neighborhood needs.
- Staff conducted a park planning activity. Some broad things that emerged were:
 - Keep pump track
 - Keep rink
 - Preserve open space
 - More shade / trees
 - More seating
 - Native plants -> peace and quiet
 - Accessibility
 - Noise concerns
 - Avoid overdevelopment/over-programming
 - Walking paths (a loop preferred)
 - Some concern about splash pads/dog parks. However, some explicit support for a dog park
 - People are concerned about the oak trees and want to see them prioritized

- Some BIGGER general ideas that were shared:
 - Expansion of the pump track and possibly creating a bike park received broad support
 - Tree preservation was very important
 - Do not put specialized athletic fields on the south parcel.
 - Find a way to incorporate nature, native plants, etc...
 - Some feeling that some space shall be left mowed, but flexible for informal use like ultimate frisbee.

- Staff asked about the playground location, as it was at one point intended to move.
 - There was broad consensus that it should be moved due to safety concerns (related to Hamline).
 - Some neighbors mention that they rent other park buildings in the City because the AG playground is too spread out from the building.

- Consultant showed two playgrounds

Autumn Grove Playground Engagement Meeting
January 21, 2026

- There was broad consensus that playground concept #2 was generally preferred.
- A broad desire to not duplicate other playgrounds
- Some questions about zip lines
 - Staff mentioned that they take up a lot of room, and a lot of budget.
 - There is also concern as they do exist elsewhere in the city.

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ITEM: 5.c.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Maintenance and Operations Center Update (Standing Agenda Item)

Background

At each meeting throughout the planning and construction process, staff will provide updates on the progress of the Maintenance and Operations Center.

Recommendation

Receive update, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Attachments

None

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DATE: March 3, 2026

ITEM: 5.d.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Background

Per City Code, the election of officers occurs at the last meeting preceding the end of regular terms of appointment. This is the time to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. The election may occur by voice vote or secret ballot depending on the Commission's wishes.

Recommendation

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission.

Attachments

None

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DATE: March 3, 2026

ITEM: 5.e.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Appointment Of Ethics Commission Representative

Background

The City Ethics Commission is made up of representatives from each of the City's advisory commissions, including one from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Boulton has served in this role over the past year and will provide a summary of the commission's duties. This is a standing agenda item each year.

Chapter 207 of the City Code (Attachment A) identifies the scope and duties of the Ethics Commission.

Recommendation

Discuss and appoint a representative to the Ethics Commission.

Attachments

1. City Code 207 - Ethics Commission

CHAPTER 207 ETHICS COMMISSION

SECTION:

207.01: Establishment and Membership

207.02: Scope, Duties and Functions

207.01: ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP:

There is established an ethics commission of the City which shall consist of one member from each City Advisory commission and which shall be subject to Chapter 201 of the City Code. (Ord. 1498, 4/11/2016)

The ethics commission shall hold an annual meeting and otherwise meet on an as-needed basis or when an ethics complaint is filed.

207.02: SCOPE, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The duties and functions of the Commission shall be as follows:

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters involving any ethics code adopted by the City Council.
- B. Administer any ethics code adopted by the City Council.
- C. Perform other duties and functions or conduct studies as specifically directed or delegated by the City Council. (Ord. 1338, 6-12-2006) (Ord. 1481, 07-20-2015)

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: March 3, 2026

ITEM: 6.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: List of Member-Initiated Items

Background

Recommendation

Attachments

1. List of Member-Initiated Items

Commissioner Requested Items			
Subject	Commissioner	Tentative Date	
EV Charging	(Penny)	1/6/2026	x
Autumn Grove South	(Her)	3/3/2026	
Permanent Skate Park	(Boulton)		
Forestry Update	(Donaldson)	3/3/2026	
Climate Change	(Harris)		
Community Gardens	Joint Meeting/Penny	2/5/2026	x
Budget	Joint Meeting	11/5/2025	x
Bike Racks/Infrastructure	Joint Meeting/Boulton		
Pickleball Courts	Joint Meeting	12/2/2025	Ongoing
Community Center	(Boulton - Others)		Need to check with City Council
Reservoir Woods			

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: March 3, 2026

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. 3.3.26 - Meeting Flyers

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [*RVParksCommission](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact Parks and Recreation Commission
Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 4:19:13 PM

Contact Parks and Recreation Commission

Please complete this online form and submit.

Subject: natural play area

Contact Information

Name: roger b hess jr

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip: 55113

How would you prefer to be contacted? No need to contact me
Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information in the fields below.

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern

commission member,

i hope you have had a chance to see the recently constructed natural play area at pioneer park in little canada. they did a wonderful job - even created an all rock splash pad!

take care,
roger
roger hess jr

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OVAl CLOSING FOR THE SEASON
LAST DAY: SUNDAY MARCH 1

ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Arts @ the Oval

Annual Festival of Fine Arts & Fine Crafts

MARCH 14, 2026

10 AM - 4 PM

ROSEVILLE SKATING CENTER

Free and open to the public

2661 Civic Center Drive | Roseville, MN 55113

651-792-7006 | cityofroseville.com/parks



Scan for list of participating artists



ROSEVILLE
Parks & Recreation

TAPPING TIME

DROP IN ANY TIME, STAY AS LONG AS YOU WISH AND LEARN ABOUT THE PROCESS OF TURNING TREE SAP INTO DELICIOUS MAPLE SYRUP!

EXPERIENCE THE MAPLE SYRUP PROCESS!

- HANDS-ON ACTIVITY STATIONS
- MAPLE SYRUP AND TREATS FOR PURCHASE
- WINTER TREE ID TOURS

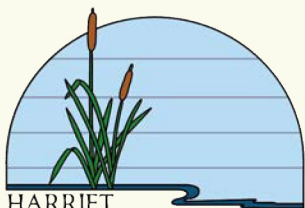
FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES



**ALSO FEATURING
A NATURE GOODS MARKET
WITH MAPLE SYRUP AND
OTHER LOCAL PRODUCTS**

MARCH 28, 10AM-2PM

MARCH 29, 12PM-4PM



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**2520 N. Dale Street, Roseville
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SPRING GYMNASTICS 2026

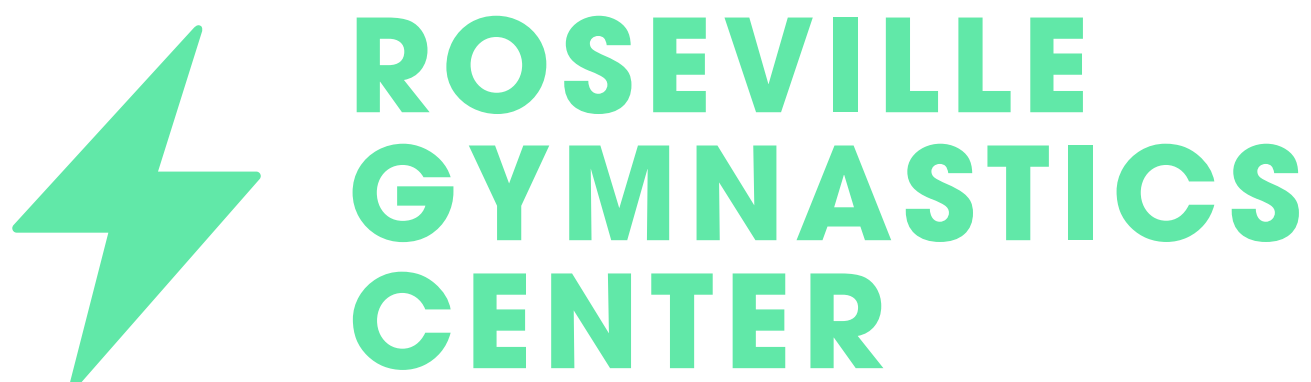
MARCH 23 - MAY 16

REGISTRATION OPENS BY GROUPS BELOW:
 ROSEVILLE RESIDENTS - TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD
 2026 WINTER PARTICIPANTS - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
 GENERAL REGISTRATION - THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

PRESCHOOL (AGES 3-5)

BEGINNER I	MON	4:30-5:15 pm
	TUES	5:45-6:30 pm
	WED	4:45-5:30pm
	WED	6:45-7:30 pm
	SAT	9-9:45 am
BEGINNER II	MON	5:30-6:15 pm
	TUES	4:45-5:30pm
	WED	5:45-6:30 pm
	SAT	10-10:45 am
INTERMEDIATE	MON	6:30-7:30 pm
	SAT	11 am-12 pm
ADVANCED	TUES	6:45-7:45 pm

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



INSTRUCTIONAL (AGES 6-13)

BEGINNER I	MON	4:30-5:30 pm
	TUES	4:45-5:45 pm
	THUR	6:15-7:15 pm
	SAT	10:45-11:45 am
BEGINNER II	MON	5:45-7 pm
	WED	4:30-5:45 pm
	SAT	12-1:15 pm
INTERMEDIATE I	THUR	4:30-6pm
	SAT	9-10:30 am
INTERMEDIATE II	TUES	6-7:30 pm
	WED	6-7:30 pm
ADVANCED I	SAT	9-10:30 am
ADVANCED II	TUES	6-8pm



P: 651-792-7006
A: 1238 W. County Road B2 attached to the HS
E: RosevilleGymnastics@cityofroseville.com
W: www.cityofroseville.com/parks

SPROUTS

SPRING 2026 SESSION

Build a love of nature with hands-on science, art, and fun!

10AM-11:30AM | WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, OR FRIDAY
AGES 2-6 WITH ADULT PARTNER

APRIL

APRIL SHOWERS

Look for puddles, experiment with water sounds, and learn how rain helps plants and animals.

MAY

HAPPY HOPPERS

Leap into the world of frogs and toads! Listen for their sounds in the marsh and meet our ambassador toad.

JUNE

GREEN AND GROWING

Feel bumpy bark and soft leaves, explore plant parts, and learn the different ways plants grow.

Wednesdays: Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3

Thursdays: Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4

Fridays Apr 3, May 8, Jun 5

3 MONTH SERIES

\$46 Roseville resident, \$51 other

SINGLE DATE

\$17 Roseville resident, \$20 other



Discounts apply for siblings.
Scholarships available.
Registration opens March 3

HANC



Junior Camps

HANC | Ages 4-6 | Mon-Wed | 9-11:30AM

Not quite ready for a full camp? Take part in all the fun in a condensed version designed specifically for young campers.

Nature Play

Jun 15-17 | \$91, RV Resident \$83
Mix up a mud pie, dig in the sand, build a shelter, and let your imagination run wild! With a mix of free play and thoughtful staff guidance, we'll explore and play with the wonders of nature. Campers will build basic outdoor skills, develop curiosity towards nature, and expand their senses.

Preschool Chefs

Jun 29-Jul 1 | \$101, RV Resident \$93
Explore cooking skills like measuring, mixing, following a recipe, and tasting new foods! We will have fun with food, learn about good nutrition, and discover the "nature" in our food. Get your little ones ready for silly snacks, crafty food creations, nature lessons, and more!

Mystical Creatures

Jul 6-8 | \$91, RV Resident \$83
What if the nature center was home to dragons, fairies, and unicorns? Play make-believe with us as we explore a magical mystical wonderland. We'll search for creature signs, build tiny habitats, and use our senses to connect with the natural world.



Harriet Alexander Nature Center

Summer Camps

Activities, animals, adventures, and more!

Summer registration opens March 3



cityofroseville.com/hanc

651-791-7012

naturecenter@cityofroseville.com



Scholarship information
Inclusion services





Full-Day Camps

Paws and Claws

Aug 10-14 | \$312, RV Resident \$298
Join us for a paws-itively wild week exploring the fascinating world of mammals. Campers will embark on hands-on adventures, including building beaver dams, creating their own mammal mash-ups, and playing predator-prey games.

Wildcraft Academy

Aug 17-21 | \$312, RV Resident \$298
The doors of Wildcraft Academy are open! Join your house of fellow adventurers for a week of rotating classes in potions, herbology, astronomy, and other magical arts. Go on quests, complete exciting challenges, and create your own magical tools.

Nature Navigators

Aug 24-28 | \$312, RV Resident \$298
Complete challenges, earn stamps, and unlock the title of Nature Navigator! From tracking wildlife to plant scavenger hunts, each day is full of fun and discovery. Learn to identify our local flora and fauna and become a true champion of the environment.

Day in the Life

Aug 31- Sep 4 | \$312, RV Resident \$298
Spend each day living like a different animal! Practice communicating scent messages like insects, or move silently like a carnivore to stalk your prey. Dig, hide, leap, and forage through hands-on games and team challenges to discover how different animals move, survive, and experience the world.

Half-Day Camps

From Trash to Treasure

Villa | Ages 6-10 | Jun 29-Jul 2 | 1-4PM | \$166, \$156 RV Res
Experiment with color, texture, and construction as we transform recycled objects into art.

Campfire Cooking

HANC | Ages 8-14 | Jul 6-10 | 1-4PM | \$199, \$187 RV Res
Cook up some outdoor fun! From campfire basics to gourmet cuisine, we'll have a blast cooking and tasting.

Reel Fun Fishing

Lake Bennett | Ages 7-11 | Jul 20-24 | 9AM-12PM | \$190, \$178 RV Res
Cast, bait, and identify local fish! Plus, play games and try other activities focused on aquatic life. Equipment provided.

Create a Creature!

Villa | Ages 6-10 | Jul 27-30 | 1-4PM | 166, \$156 RV Res
Spend the week creating your very own fantasy creatures, invent their backstories, and design trading cards to share with friends.

Adventure Scouts

Villa | Ages 6-12 | Aug 3-6 | 1-4PM | \$166, \$156 RV Res
Campers will hike nearby trails, discover hidden natural spaces, and learn how to be confident, curious explorers.

Art in Nature

Villa | Ages 6-12 | Aug 10-13 | 1-4PM | \$166, \$156 RV Res
We'll try out a variety of different techniques, experiment with natural mediums like leaves and sticks, and learn about different artists who have been inspired by nature.

Full-Day Camps

HANC | Ages 6-12 | Mon-Fri | 9AM-4PM

Nature's Mini Mysteries

Jun 22-26 | \$312, RV Resident \$298
From little lichens to petite pollinators, this camp is all about the small things in nature. Peer into microhabitats, dissect a seed, watch water life under a microscope, mold a miniature model, and build a tiny nature collection throughout the week.

Guardians of the Mystic Marsh

Jul 13-17 | \$312, RV Resident \$298
The Mystic Marsh needs you! A mysterious Shadow Slime is wilting plants and confusing the animals, and only brave Guardians can stop it. Follow magical clues, explore hidden trails, and work with your friends to track the slime, protect the creatures, and save the marsh!

Nature's Kitchen: MN Harvest

Jul 27-31 | \$327, RV Resident \$313
What makes Minnesota's climate and landscape so good for growing food? Find out as we discover some of Minnesota's top crops. Each day will feature a different recipe and a different locally-grown food with hands-on cooking and delicious tastings.

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: March 3, 2026

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