



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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

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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 March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes
5. **Business Items**
 - a. Review Parks and Recreation 2026-2027 Strategic Workplan
 - b. Review and Consider Updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals
 - c. Maintenance and Operations Center Update (Standing Agenda Item)
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: April 7, 2026

ITEM: 4.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approval of the March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Background

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of March 3, 2026. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Recommendation

Approve/amend meeting minutes of March 3, 2026.

Attachments

1. 3. Minutes - March 3, 2026

1 **ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
2 **MEETING MINUTES FOR**
3 **MARCH 3, 2026 6:30 p.m.**
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5 **PRESENT:** Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley,
6 Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

7 **ABSENT:**

8 **STAFF:** Johnson, Olson, Taylor.
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10 **1. ROLL CALL**
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12 **Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her,
13 Huntley, Matts-Benson, Penny.
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15 **2. APPROVE AGENDA**
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17 Commissioner Her moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Harris
18 seconded.
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20 **Roll Call**

21 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, 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 Penny moved to approve the February 5, 2026 meeting minutes.
33 Commissioner Arneson seconded.
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35 **Roll Call**

36 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Boulton, Donaldson, Her, Huntley, Matts-Benson, Penny.

37 **Nays:** None.

38 **Abstain:** Botzek, Harris.
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41 **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

42 a) **FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE**

43 Parks Superintendent Jim Taylor introduced Zoe Olson, Natural Resources Stewardship and
44 Forestry Supervisor, who has been with the City for approximately six months. Olson provided
45 an overview of the City’s Forestry and Natural Resources programs and recent efforts.
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47 Olson noted that the City manages approximately 340 acres of woodland, prairie, and wetland
48 areas. Natural resource management efforts are a collaborative process involving City staff,
49 maintenance teams, consultants including Stantec, contractors, and volunteers.
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51 Staff provided a recap of the Natural Resources Master Plan, noting that initial efforts began in
52 2012 as part of the Parks Renewal Program. The first Natural Resources Master Plan was
53 launched in 2014 and implemented through 2023, with a focus on removing invasive species and
54 improving overall ecological quality. An updated Master Plan was completed at the end of 2024,
55 introducing updated vision, goals, policies, and best management practices based on new field
56 assessments.
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58 Staff also highlighted that the City was awarded a \$500,000 CPL Grant, which will support
59 implementation efforts from fall 2025 through spring 2028.
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61 Staff outlined key implementation strategies, including:

- 62 • Refining previously restored areas to ensure long-term sustainability
- 63 • Prioritizing larger restoration areas early to allow for future evaluation
- 64 • Sequencing projects to maximize the limited growing seasons within the grant period
- 65 • Integrating volunteer efforts strategically to complement contractor-led work
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67 An example of implementation at Materion Park was provided, where approximately 9.5 acres
68 are being actively managed due to buckthorn regrowth and inconsistent native seed
69 establishment. Staff reviewed recent and planned restoration activities, including contractor
70 work, volunteer events, and future treatment and monitoring efforts.
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72 Since the Master Plan implementation began, staff reported:

- 73 • Over 250 volunteer hours contributed
- 74 • Awarding a grant contract to Stantec
- 75 • Planning efforts spanning 23 parks and approximately 170 acres of natural areas
- 76 • Completion of 33 acres of restoration work during the current winter season
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81 Staff reviewed the primary policy goals of the Natural Resources Master Plan, including:
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- 83 • Preserving, restoring, and maintaining natural resources as integral components of the
84 park system
 - 85 • Promoting community involvement in natural resource management
 - 86 • Prioritizing both short- and long-term planning and strengthening partnerships
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88 Staff also identified ongoing challenges, including building on past restoration successes,
89 engaging new volunteer audiences, and improving communication and storytelling efforts.
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91 Forestry program updates were also provided, including two primary focus areas:

- 92 • Diseased and Hazard Tree Management, with most removals completed by contractors
 - 93 • The Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Program, which is entering Phase 3
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95 Staff noted that Phase 3 of the EAB program is supported by a \$250,000 Met Council
96 Community Tree Planting Grant and will focus on the removal and replacement of
97 approximately 200 hazardous ash trees located along trails and near park amenities. The program
98 includes partnership with Tree Trust for removals and plantings, as well as volunteer planting
99 opportunities.
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101 Staff noted that Phase 3 efforts will prioritize areas including Tamarack, Reservoir Woods,
102 Pioneer, Willow Pond, Rosebrook, Oasis, Langton Lake, Applewood, and Applewood Overlook,
103 with a focus on census blocks that rank high in social vulnerability or land surface temperature.
104 Replacement trees will be planted to fill canopy gaps in both parks and boulevard areas.
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106 Staff also provided an update on the annual public tree sale, noting that the City will host its 5th
107 annual sale in 2026. Approximately 150 trees are sold annually at \$40 per tree, with the program
108 now funded through the Tree Preservation Fund. The City continues to partner with Tree Trust
109 for distribution. The sale opened online on March 1, with distribution scheduled for June 6.
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111 Staff reviewed next steps, including ongoing inspection and restoration work, continued watering
112 of newly planted trees, and maintaining the gravel bed nursery. Mid- to long-term challenges
113 include wood storage, continued pursuit of grant funding, updated Urban Forestry Master Plan,
114 integration with broader natural resource efforts, and addressing hazards from private trees.
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116 The Commission discussed how they can support these efforts, including volunteering, helping
117 share information, and continuing community conversations.
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119 Commissioner Harris confirmed that staff will be coordinating with other City departments and
120 groups on overlapping or aligned projects.

121 The Commission and staff discussed the public tree sale, including pricing, availability of
122 planting guidance, and whether outcomes of trees planted on private property are tracked. Chair
123 Matts-Benson noted the importance of communication efforts to engage younger residents and
124 encourage interest in trees and natural resources.

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126 Additional discussion included invasive species such as jumping worms, historical tree removals,
127 the pace of ash tree replacement, and the types of native or near-native species being planted.
128 Staff noted that species are selected from the City's approved tree list and that buckthorn
129 management continues to be a priority.

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131 Commissioner Donaldson asked about the replacement of non-EAB trees removed due to age or
132 storm events. Staff noted that funding is available within the Park Improvement Program (PIP)
133 for tree replacement; however, due to the significant number of trees being planted through the
134 Accelerated EAB Program, not all removed trees are replaced immediately to ensure proper care
135 and establishment of newly planted trees.

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137 Commissioner Penny suggested providing new Roseville homeowners with information on
138 available resources for maintaining and caring for trees on their property.

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140 Staff concluded by noting that the City has been very fortunate to receive grant funding. Staff
141 emphasized that these awards are the result of strong support from the Commission, City
142 Council, and residents, and reflect the City's demonstrated success as responsible stewards of
143 natural resources.

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145 Chair Matts-Benson noted that Commissioner Kooistra joined the meeting.

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147 **b) AUTUMN GROVE PLAYGROUND ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR**
148 **FEEDBACK**

149 Staff provided an overview of the planned Capital Improvement Program (CIP) updates for
150 Autumn Grove Park, which include playground replacement, resurfacing of tennis courts,
151 amenity updates (including picnic tables), and the addition of new pathways.

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153 Staff noted that a 2010 concept plan for the park was developed but was never implemented. As
154 part of the current process, staff is exploring the potential to broaden the scope of this project
155 beyond simple playground replacement to include modifications to the north parcel layout to
156 improve overall park cohesion and functionality, and the development of a preliminary master
157 plan for the south parcel to guide future decision-making.

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159 Staff shared engagement themes gathered from the community, which indicated strong support
160 for replacing the playground, along with concerns about the current playground location related

161 to safety, convenience, and proximity to the building. There was broad interest in relocating the
162 playground closer to the building, while also recognizing trade-offs associated with relocation.
163 Additional feedback included interest in preserving natural and unprogrammed spaces, support
164 for the bicycle pump track, and desire for additional walking trails or a defined walking loop.
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166 Staff presented multiple concept options for the site, each with varying approaches to playground
167 location, pathway connections, and site layout. The Commission discussed the concepts in detail,
168 including considerations related to site use, preservation of ballfields, and potential elimination
169 of the hockey rink.
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171 Staff reviewed a preliminary budget for the project and noted that some concepts include
172 additional amenities that are currently unfunded. Staff indicated that Park Dedication funds could
173 potentially be used to support these additional items.
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175 Commissioner Harris asked why the hockey rink would need to be removed under certain
176 concepts if it is a movable feature. Staff responded that while lighting constraints could
177 potentially be addressed, the grading required for the rink would be too challenging to achieve.
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179 Chair Matts-Benson expressed support for taking a broader approach to the project and stated
180 support for utilizing Park Dedication funds. Commissioners generally agreed that investing Park
181 Dedication funds in this unique park space would be appropriate.
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183 The Commission discussed the future of the south parcel. Chair Matts-Benson emphasized the
184 importance of maintaining some non-programmed open space. Commissioner Boulton noted
185 community feedback suggesting the inclusion of workout equipment like what is available at
186 Central Park. Staff questioned whether there would be sufficient use to justify the cost of
187 workout equipment at a neighborhood park.
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189 Staff noted that, based on feedback received, they plan to check in with the City Council
190 regarding a potentially broader scope for the project and that updates would be provided as the
191 project scope and budget are further refined.
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193 Staff provided a general project timeline, noting that the playground is anticipated to be
194 completed in fall 2026, with pathways constructed in either 2026 or 2027, and overall project
195 completion anticipated in summer 2027.
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197 Commissioner Harris asked about potential safety concerns related to pathway connections
198 leading into a potentially busier parking area. Staff acknowledged this concern and noted it will
199 be further evaluated.
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201 Commissioner Her asked whether the hockey rink could be relocated to the north parking lot.
202 Staff responded that due to retained heat from the asphalt surface, ice cannot be reliably
203 maintained in that location.
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205 Staff also noted that additional playground replacement engagement meetings for Sandcastle
206 Park and Applewood Park are scheduled for the week of March 23.
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208 **c) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS CENTER UPDATE (STANDING AGENDA**
209 **ITEM)**

210 Staff provided an update on the Maintenance and Operations Center project, noting that space
211 needs are being reviewed to ensure all required functions are incorporated into the design.
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213 Staff discussed ongoing evaluation of Veteran’s Park as part of the broader site planning process,
214 including consideration of whether the existing ballfield remains appropriate for the space. Staff
215 noted that if the ballfield were to be removed, efforts would be made to relocate and replace it
216 elsewhere, as it is currently utilized by local fastpitch teams. Staff emphasized that any potential
217 changes to the park would include neighborhood engagement to gather input and incorporate
218 community feedback.
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220 Staff reviewed the current draft concept for the buildings and site layout, noting that designs
221 continue to evolve and are being updated regularly.
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223 Chair Matts-Benson provided additional context on the work of the advisory group, noting that
224 the group is collaborating on potential site layout options and building façade concepts.
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226 The Commission discussed the importance of ensuring that any park amenities removed from
227 Veteran’s Park are replaced. The Commission also discussed potential future uses for the park.
228 Chair Matts-Benson noted that a variety of creative ideas have been explored, with no specific
229 amenities identified at this time, though the inclusion of a play structure has been regularly
230 discussed due to the park’s proximity to high-density housing.
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232 **d) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**
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234 Commissioner Harris nominated Vice-Chair Beckman to serve as Chair of the Roseville
235 Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Matts-Benson seconded the nomination.
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237 **Roll Call**

238 **Ayes:** Arneson, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-
239 Benson, Penny.

240 **Nays:** None.

241 **Abstain:** Beckman.

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243 Commissioner Penny self-nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Roseville
244 Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair Matts-Benson the nomination.

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246 **Roll Call**

247 **Ayes:** Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Huntley, Kooistra,
248 Matts-Benson.

249 **Nays:** None.

250 **Abstain:** Penny.

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252 e) **APPOINTMENT OF ETHICS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**

253 Commissioner Boulton provided background information regarding the Ethics Committee
254 meetings(s) and training.

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256 Commissioner Botzek self-nominated for the position of Ethics Representative from the
257 Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission. Vice-Chair Beckman seconded the
258 nomination.

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260 **Roll Call**

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

263 **Nays:** None.

264 **Abstain:** Botzek.

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

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

269 The Commission reviewed the list of previously suggested topics.

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271 Vice-Chair Beckman suggested adding the Harriet Alexander Nature Center's proposed nature
272 play area to the list to allow for ongoing updates as the project progresses.

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274 Commissioner Boulton suggested adding Veteran's Park to the list to ensure the Commission
275 receives updates on any potential park changes.

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277 7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

278 a) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

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 - The John Rose MN OVAL closed for the season on March 1, 2026.

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- The John Rose MN OVAL was prominently featured in an international Honda television advertisement during the Olympic Games.
 - A meet and greet with four-time Olympic medalist Lee Stecklein is scheduled for March 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rose Room at the Roseville Skating Center.
 - The Sweetheart Dance was held on February 20 at the Roseville Skating Center, with 60 couples attending the sold-out event.
 - Summer program registration opened on March 3. Within the first 12 hours, approximately 1,900 registrations were completed, generating over \$178,000 in revenue. Staff noted that some issues were encountered with the new recreation software, which are currently being addressed with the developer.
 - Additional playground replacement engagement meetings for Sandcastle Park and Applewood Park are scheduled for the week of March 23. Staff confirmed that this information will be e-mailed to the Commission.
 - Arts at the OVAL is scheduled for March 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Olympic Room at the Roseville Skating Center.
 - The Tapping Time event will take place at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center on March 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and March 29 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

299 The Commission thanked Chair Matts-Benson for her time and service as Chair of the
300 Commission.

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302 **8. ADJOURN**

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304 Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m.

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306 Respectfully Submitted,
307 Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission

Agenda Item

DATE: April 7, 2026

ITEM: 5.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Review Parks and Recreation 2026-2027 Strategic Workplan

Background

As part of the Parks and Recreation Commission's annual goal-setting process, staff is providing an overview of the Department's 2026–2027 Strategic Workplan to ensure alignment between staff priorities and Commission goals.

The Strategic Workplan is intended as an internal document to guide the Department's efforts over the next two years by identifying key initiatives, timelines, and areas of focus that support implementation of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan and the City's Strategic Plan.

Staff will present an abridged overview of the Department's Strategic Workplan, organized around key focus areas, including:

- Planning and system-wide visioning efforts
- Capital investment and facility improvements
- Recreation programs and service delivery
- Partnerships and community engagement
- Operational efficiency and sustainability
- Organizational development and staffing

The purpose of this overview is to provide visibility into current and planned Department initiatives prior to the Commission's discussion of its goals for the upcoming year.

While the Department's workplan outlines staff-led priorities that reflect our goal of implementing the City's Strategic Plan, the Commission plays a critical role in:

- Providing guidance and feedback on major initiatives
- Identifying community priorities and emerging needs
- Ensuring alignment with community values, including equity and access
- Supporting long-term planning and visioning efforts

Recommendation

Following the presentation, the Commission will be asked to consider how its goals for 2026–2027 can best align with, support, and complement the Department's ongoing work.

Attachments

1. 2026-2027 Parks and Recreation Strategic Workplan Summary

TWO-YEAR STRATEGIC WORKPLAN SUMMARY



Developed: January 2026
Approved By: Matthew L. Johnson
Update Date: March 1, 2026

2026–2027 Strategic Workplan (Overview)

This overview highlights key strategic initiatives the Department is advancing over the next two years in alignment with the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan and the City’s Strategic Plan. Projects and initiatives are in various stages of development from the unfunded, unapproved “ideation” phase, to the fully funded and planned execution phase.

This plan is intended to outline a path forward, and therefore does not include the bulk of the day to day work that makes up the Department’s work.

This workplan is a living document and will continue to evolve over the two-year period to ensure alignment with City Council priorities and emerging community needs.

Planning and System Vision

Pursue Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Update

Goal:

Determine cost and process for a Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. Begin implementation process.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1

Success Indicator: A defined scope, budget, and timeline for a Master Plan update is established.

Central Park Master Plan Update

Goal:

Develop a process to update the Central Park Master Plan to reflect evolving community needs.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1

Success Indicator: A clear process and timeline for updating the Central Park Master Plan is approved.

Nature Center & Nature Play Expansion

Goal:

Explore development of a Nature Center Master Plan and potential nature playground to expand nature-based recreation opportunities.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1 – Thoughtfully planned, sustainable, and well-maintained parks and programs

Success Indicator: A concept plan and funding strategy are identified for nature play improvements.

Capital Investment and Facility Improvements

Capital Project Delivery

Goal:

Plan and implement over \$2 million in capital projects on time and within budget.

Strategic Alignment:

- Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure – Strategic investment in public assets

Success Indicator: Capital projects are completed on schedule and within approved budgets.

OVAL Lobby Improvements

Goal:

Evaluate and plan improvements to the OVAL lobby to better meet current uses and future user needs.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1

Success Indicator: A preferred design concept and funding approach are identified.

Skating Center Long-Term Facility Plan

Goal:

Develop a long-term capital and program improvement plan for the Skating Center.

Strategic Alignment:

- Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure Goal #1

Success Indicator: A phased improvement plan with cost estimates is developed.

Golf Course Facility Improvements

Goal:

Plan for updates to or replacement of the aging golf course maintenance facility.

Strategic Alignment:

- Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure Goal #1

Success Indicator: A defined plan and budget direction for the maintenance facility is established.

Recreation Programs and Service Delivery

Community Needs Assessment

Goal:

Conduct a community-wide recreation needs assessment to guide future planning and investment. Use data to right-size programming, so that bandwidth exists to explore new programs.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1

Success Indicator: A needs assessment is completed and results are incorporated into planning.

Dance & Wellness Studio Transition

Goal:

Develop and transition to a financially sustainable Dance and Wellness Studio that expands programming and community engagement.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1

Success Indicator: A transition plan is implemented and programming is successfully operating in the new space.

Youth Recreation Programs

Goal:

Maintain strong core youth programs while adapting offerings to meet changing community needs.

Strategic Alignment:

- Community & Equity – Accessible and inclusive recreation opportunities

Success Indicator: Programs maintain strong participation and adapt to identified community needs.

Partnerships and Community Connections

Update Community Gym Partnership

Goal:

The current community gym agreement ends in 2028; staff seek to establish a long-term agreement with ISD 623 for shared use of community gym facilities.

Strategic Alignment:

- Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure – Efficient and collaborative use of public assets

Success Indicator: A finalized agreement is developed with ISD 623.

Friends Group Support

Goal:

Strengthen partnerships with Friends Groups to enhance funding, engagement, and long-term sustainability.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1
- Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure Goal #1

Success Indicator: A shared plan or framework is established to support Friends Groups' sustainability.

Affiliated Group Relationships

Goal:

Improve coordination and partnerships with affiliated recreation providers to enhance service delivery.

Strategic Alignment:

- Parks & Natural Environment Goal #1
- Responsive Services – Strengthen trust through engagement

Success Indicator: Improved communication and new or expanded partnership opportunities are identified.

Operations and Sustainability

Park Operations Efficiency (Trash & Recycling)

Goal:

Evaluate and improve park waste collection systems for efficiency, safety, and service quality.

Strategic Alignment:

- City Operations Goal #1 – Improve efficiency through better systems and processes

Success Indicator: A preferred system approach is identified with a clear cost/benefit understanding.

Sustainable Operations (Fleet, Facilities, and Equipment)

Goal:

Develop a long-term plan to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in park operations.

Strategic Alignment:

- Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure Goal #3 – Support City sustainability goals

Success Indicator: A phased plan for reducing fossil fuel reliance is developed.

Custodial Operations Review

Goal:

Evaluate custodial services across facilities to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Strategic Alignment:

- City Operations Goal #1

Success Indicator: Opportunities for improved efficiency and service delivery are identified and prioritized.

Organizational Development and Workforce

Workforce Development & Organizational Strength

Goal:

Strengthen staff development, leadership capacity, and succession planning to support a high-performing organization.

Strategic Alignment:

- Organizational Excellence – Attract and retain a diverse, innovative workforce

Success Indicator: Measurable improvements in staff development, retention, or engagement are demonstrated.

Roseville Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: April 7, 2026

ITEM: 5.b.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Review and Consider Updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals

Background

With April being the first meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission term, it is a good opportunity to review and consider updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals. The goals were developed in March and April of 2025, and last reviewed in October, 2025.

As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals are intended to guide the Commissioner work for the next year. They may continue in a format similar to what was used last year (Attachment 1), or assume a different format.

Staff will present a review of the 2025 Goals, including updates on what has been accomplished.

Recommendation

Review 2025-2026 goals, provide feedback, and consider possible goals for the 2026-27 Commission year.

Attachments

1. 2025-26 Goals (Updates Through March 2026)

2025 Parks & Recreation Commission Goals (Commission Review Sept 2025)

Progress Updates through March 2026

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	Fee assistance and annual report information included in annual report. Demographic questions with dash. More inclusive playgrounds
	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		utilizing more creative engagement tools - Discover Your Parks for Rosebrook, neighborhood committee for Maintenance and Operation Center
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		Discover Your Parks engagement events.
	Identify methods for the City to capture better data on participation, and feasibility of implementation.	1 year, Ongoing	Matts-Benson, Beckman	Dash platform
	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		discussed master plan update
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	Completed
	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	Project design complete, contractors hired, implementation in spring/summer
	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	Completed planning, and initial design.
	Long Term Goal: Bring new ideas, projects or opportunities to the Commission for discussion and education.	Ongoing		Several commissioner initiated items have been discussed, nature play project

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	New Bike Racks Installed @ Central Park Lexington - still need to develop a phased plan
	Review the City's Community Garden Program. Determine if current plan/number of gardens is sufficient	1 year	Penny	Site visit, pilot program @ Hwy 88 under way, presentation to the Commission
	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	Boulton	Nature Playground
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	Kooistra, Penny, A. Arneson	Reviewed in 2025, and as part of Nat Resources in 2026
	Determine ways in which volunteers may be currently underutilized and recommend plans (and required resources) to ensure their inclusion	2 years	Kooistra, Penny, A. Arneson	
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.				Meeting scheduled in 2026. \$130,000 contributed in 2025, more pledged.
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	Kooistra	\$700,000 in grant fundng received in 2025, commission review in March
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	Received presentation, provided feedback March 26
	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		Grants received
	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,	Ongoing updates
	Periodically review progress relevant initiatives within the strategic plan with the PRC to determine whether progress is being made.			Presented to Commission
	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	Matts-Benson	Standing Agenda Item, vets park preserved, dance included
	Receive updates and provide feedback on Parks and Recreation related items in the design process (Dance Studio, Storage Spaces, etc).	1-2 years	Matts-Benson	"
	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		Aldine ROW Conversation, Park Dedication
Access/Connectivity	Short Term Goal: Monitor/Review bicycle plan that is currently under way	1 year		Presented to Commission
	Identify opportunities for greater connectivity, safe passage into/out of parks, including funding sources	Ongoing	Penny	

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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

Commissioner Requested Items			
Subject	Commissioner	Tentative Date	Completed
EV Charging	(Penny)	1/6/2026	x
Autumn Grove South	(Her)	3/3/2026	x
Permanent Skate Park	(Boulton)		
Forestry Update	(Donaldson)	3/3/2026	x
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 Environmental and Future Planning			
Nature Center Playground Updates	Beckman		
Veterans Park Updates	Boulton		

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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. 4.7.26 - P&R Updates

Presented by Roseville Skate School

Sunny with a Chance of Skates

2026 Ice Show



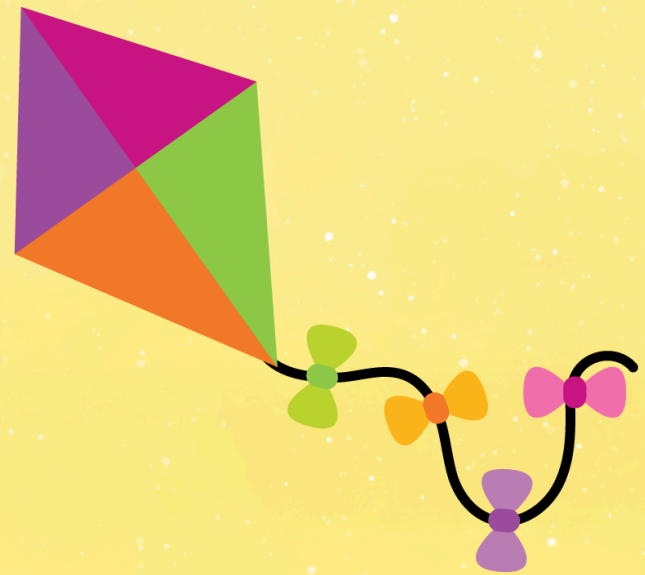
Performance Dates April 16-18, 2026

Roseville Skating Center

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KITE DAY



IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10 AM - 12 PM

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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