

City of Ramsey

Agenda

Park and Recreation Commission/Joint with City Council

Thursday June 9, 2011

6:30 pm

Central Park Shelter, 7925 161st Avenue NW

(in the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be at the Municipal Center in the Lake Itasca room)

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated May 12th, 2011
- 5. Commission Business**
 1. Discuss 2011 Parks' Capital Improvements
 2. Discuss Trott Brook Greenway
 3. Discuss 2011-12 Strategic Goal #1; Action Item: "Construct Boat Landing at Rivers' Bend Park"
 4. Highlight Park Department Collaborations with Youth First Community of Promise
- 6. Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Commission/Staff Input
- 7. Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 06/09/2011

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Title:

Approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated May 12th, 2011

Background:

The Park and Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on May 12th, 2011

Notification:

Observations:

Funding Source:

n/a

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

Approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated May 12th, 2011

Attachments

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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on May 12, 2011 at Ramsey Municipal Center, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Melody Shryock
 Vice Chair Angela Olsen
 Commissioner Bridgett Barr
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Richard Chubb
 Commissioner Andrew Fyten
 Commissioner David Minke

Also Present: Park Supervisor Mark Riverblood

Commission Members Absent: none

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Shryock called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Barr to approve the agenda.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, Minke and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Bennett seconded by Commissioner Barr, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2011.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Case #5.1 Review Park and Trail Plan Map

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed in the staff report that the first item for consideration is to approve the park and trail plan map or park and trail map. Through public feedback we have heard the combination of existing layers along with proposed layers compounds some evil when they look at our existing park and trail plan map looking for designation or trail ways. The idea is to update the plan to reflect things that are now in place and then also separate the map to reflect the plan that is for proposed trails and park spaces.

In addition, he stated we are issuing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment with the Metropolitan Council to fix a couple things with respect to some planning and zoning. In doing so, we can provide our existing park and trail map. Also in reviewing our current documents, we have some regional trails connections to Anoka County. Of the three regional trails one of which comes west along Bunker Lake Boulevard and terminates at Ramsey Boulevard and Highway 10. The idea would be the westerly would bring trail users down to Mississippi West Park. He is recommending this continue along Bunker Lake Boulevard and not go south on Ramsey Boulevard on the east side but rather go along Bunker Lake Boulevard and come through the center of The COR which connects to the park amenities and then brings them to the transit hub, Northstar Commuter and municipal area and then take them over the pedestrian bridge into Mississippi West park. This part of the regional trail which is the pedestrian overpass compound of it would be eligible for Metropolitan Council funding and with the Federal funding we might have a whole package of funding rather than just City funding.

Chairperson Shryock stated this is very wise, not only does this bring in business to the COR but bringing in multiple funding sources for the pedestrian bridge is very smart and likes the recommended change.

Commissioner Chubb asked which way does the alignment go now.

Park Supervisor Riverblood responded and said we would be shifting it west one half mile.

Commissioner Bennett stated he conceives this as making more sense.

Commissioner Minke asked was a pedestrian bridge going to be originally.

Commissioner Fyten and Olsen both commented that they like this realigned plan.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to recommend and approve the central Anoka County trail alignment as proposed in the diagram received.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None

Park Supervisor Riverblood reviewed the primary changes to the existing park and trail map. One is eliminating the dotted lines. Turned off parks that were previously shown as green and dedicated parks.

Chairperson Shryock thinks this a good step and marking that open space.

Commissioner Bennett commented a much more simple legend is a lot cleaner, and really likes the addition of the street naming.

Park Supervisor Riverblood stated he would like to see the Go Anoka County link on the Park Map.

Commissioner Olsen and Barr like adding the Go Anoka County link to the park map and have been using this site for personal use already.

Motion by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to approve the changes to the park and trail map to reflect the current trails and have a separate map for proposed and future.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None

Case #5.2 Discuss Eliminating the Name “Rhinestone Commons” with both adjoining Park Spaces to be entitled The Draw

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed in the staff report that the purpose of this case is to recommend renaming the spaces adjoining the future Rhinestone Commons parking lot to the Draw to eliminate confusion.

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to recommend renaming Rhinestone Commons to The Draw.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None

6.1 Commission/Staff Input

Review Environmental Expo

Commissioner Shryock stated everything went well and felt next year a stack of park maps should be available for handouts. Commissioner Bennett suggested displaying a visual park map as a focal point again next year because it creates interaction with the citizens.

Canoes and Kayaks for Sunfish Lake

The self serve system is in place. Staff is waiting on quotes for the canoes and kayaks. The system should be in place in a few weeks.

Chairperson Shryock suggested getting the Ramsey Bicycle Club involved with servicing the bicycles that is part of the self serve bicycles program.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood discussed the possibility of the Rhinestone Common Parking lot construction of being complete for the Big Walter Smith Concert.

Park Supervisor Riverblood recapped the Cub Scout #362 Tree planting at Elmcrest Park

He also stated there is nothing new to report at North Commons except the Community Garden will not be available this spring. Chairperson Shryock commented that she did hear comments at the Expo that a lot of people are interested in having more community gardens in the City.

This year marks the 27th year of the Anoka High School football program volunteering giving back to the park system. The Cub Scouts and others have also have volunteered their time too.

Commissioner Shryock stated a resident had talked to her at the Expo that would like to get involved in volunteering. Park Supervisor Riverblood responded that we do have the Adopt a Spot program in place now.

Commissioner Barr asked about the fence on Alpine and Armstrong and commented that it looks terrible and can anything be done about this. She also asked about the status of the trail project going along Alpine from Armstrong to the Golf Course. She also asked about the schedule for maintenance on the tennis courts at Central Park.

Commissioner Shryock commented that the sign at Traprock Park either needs to be improved or taken down.

Commissioner Chubb stated a bicycle park tour is scheduled on the Sunday during the Happy Days event. Chairperson Shryock would like to have the Park Commission get involved with that.

COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks Supervisor

Drafted by Mary Jo Warner
City of Ramsey Public Works Secretary

Park and Recreation Commission

5. 1.

Meeting Date: 06/09/2011

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Title:

Discuss 2011 Parks' Capital Improvements

Background:

The purpose of this case is for the Park and Recreation Commission and City Council to review the 2011 Parks' Capital Improvements (CIP) and develop consensus on which projects should move forward, and under what circumstances.

Attached are the 2011 worksheets - staff will summarize the status of each project at the meeting for discussion.

Notification:

Observations:

Funding Source:

This case does not authorize funding, but may, by consensus, initiate the project development process.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

2011 Parks' CIP

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City of Ramsey, Minnesota
Capital Improvement Program
 2011 thru 2015

PROJECTS BY CATEGORY

Category	Project#	Priority	2011	2012	2013	Includes Future Projects		Total
						2014	2015	
Park Improvement								
Elmcrest Creek Trail to Central Park	04-PARK-002	5					225,000	225,000
Elmcrest Park Entrance & Signage	04-PARK-003	6				50,000		50,000
Ford Brook Park Playground Equipment	04-PARK-006	6			70,000			70,000
Lake Itasca Community Park	04-PARK-007	6		400,000	400,000	400,000		1,200,000
Trott Brook Trail Corridor	04-PARK-014	5					4,015,000	4,015,000
Drinking Fountains	06-PARK-002	6	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		28,000
Shelter & Restroom Facilities	06-PARK-003	6	40,000					40,000
Community Building & Playground for Elmcrest Park	06-PARK-005	6	500,000					500,000
Redevelopment of Central Park	06-PARK-008	6	135,000			500,000		635,000
Irrigation for Titterud Park	06-PARK-010	6					76,000	76,000
Observation boardwalk - Lake Itasca	06-PARK-011	6				40,000		40,000
Rabbit Park Phase Two	06-PARK-012	6				125,000		125,000
Peltzer Park Connections	06-PARK-013	6				40,000		40,000
Observation deck on the Mississippi east Dolomite	06-PARK-015	6			35,000			35,000
Mississippi River Park Development-Bridge location	06-PARK-016	5					750,000	750,000
Redevelopment of Hunters Hill	06-PARK-017	5					500,000	500,000
Trail Connections	06-PARK-019	6		750,000	400,000			1,150,000
Village Square Commons	07-PARK-001	5					3,000,000	3,000,000
Landscape Improvements for Parks	08-PARK-001	6	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000
Mississippi River Regional Trail	08-PARK-002	6			800,000	500,000		1,300,000
Lake Ramsey Park	08-PARK-004	6			3,631,000			3,631,000
Rhinestone Commons	08-PARK-005	6	150,000		1,200,000			1,350,000
North Commons	08-PARK-006	5					545,000	545,000
Downtown Commons	08-PARK-007	6			20,000			20,000
Pedestrian Bridge over Th10 and BNSF RR	08-PARK-008	6				2,000,000		2,000,000
Multi-Sports Facility	09-PARK-001	6			475,000			475,000
Park Security Enhancements	11-PARK-001	6	15,000					15,000
Alpine Park Winter Facilities	11-PARK-003	6					2,500,000	2,500,000
Park Improvement Total			857,000	1,162,000	7,043,000	3,667,000	11,616,000	24,345,000
GRAND TOTAL			857,000	1,162,000	7,043,000	3,667,000	11,616,000	24,345,000

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Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 6-Planned
 Status Active

Project # **06-PARK-002**
 Project Name **Drinking Fountains**

Total Project Cost: **\$42,000**

Description
 Installation of drinking fountains with pet water availability and misting stations in parks with municipal water availability.
 Riverdale Park 2011; Woodland Green Park 2012; Rhinestone Commons 2013; Bear Park 2014.

Justification
 Drinking water - especially for active use areas and trail connecting points is very popular. In addition, residents and dog walkers have expressed appreciation for the pet stations.

Prior	Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
14,000	Improvements Other than Build	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		28,000
Total	Total	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		28,000

Prior	Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
14,000	Park Improvement Trust Fund	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		28,000
Total	Total	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		28,000

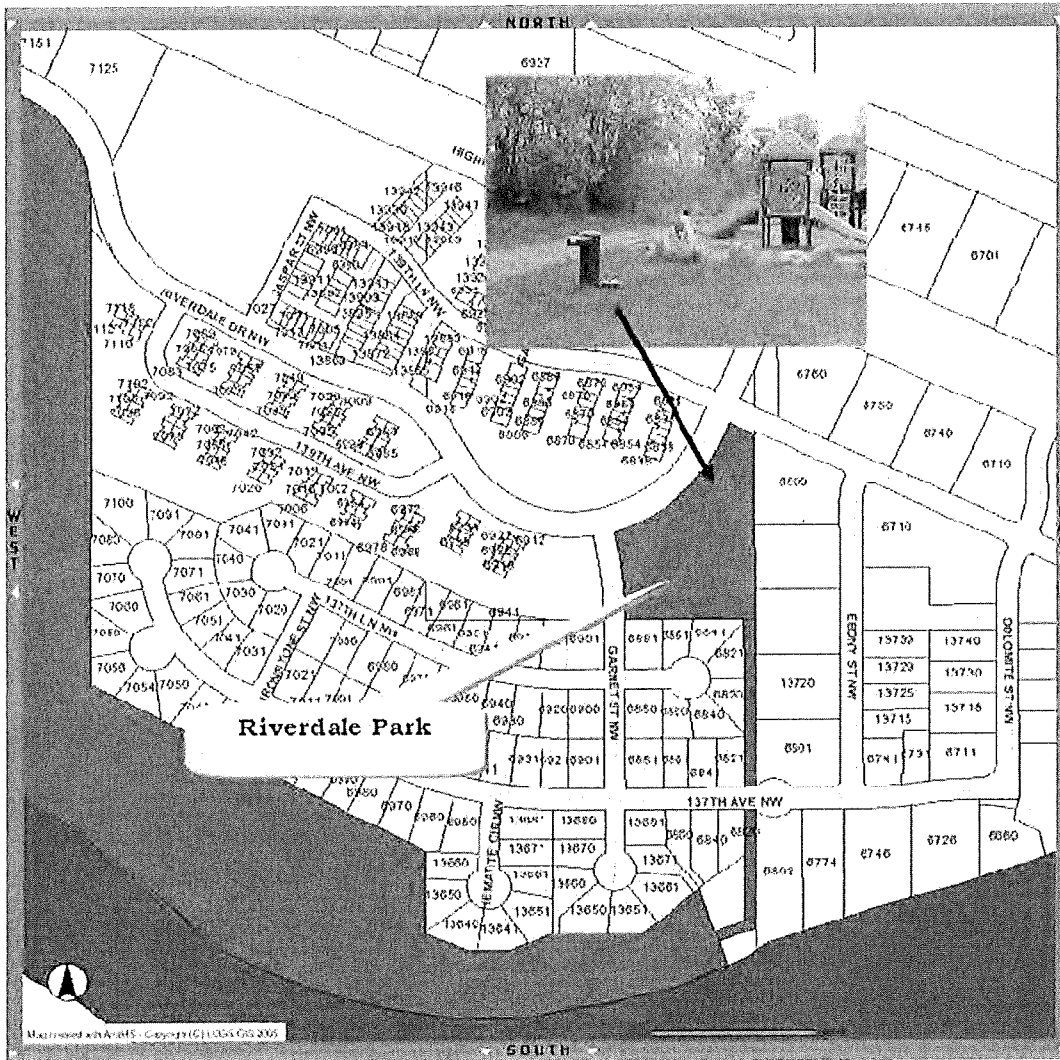
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Department Park Improvements

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Project # 06-PARK-002
Project Name Drinking Fountains



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Department Park Improvements

Contact

Project # **06-PARK-003**
 Project Name **Shelter & Restroom Facilities**

Type Buildings
 Useful Life 50 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 6-Planned
 Status Active

Total Project Cost: **\$40,000**

Description

Permanent restroom facility in each of the high use parks. This is planned for Riverdale Park.

Justification

This endeavor would result in a permanent restroom facility in higher use parks and replace the plastic rental units.

The rental unit's cost approximately \$75 per month in the neighborhood parks, and about \$300 per month in the community parks. This particular restroom is also a local match for the Mississippi River Trail grant project (Anoka's King Island to Mississippi West Park.)

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Building Cost/Construction	40,000					40,000
Total	40,000					40,000

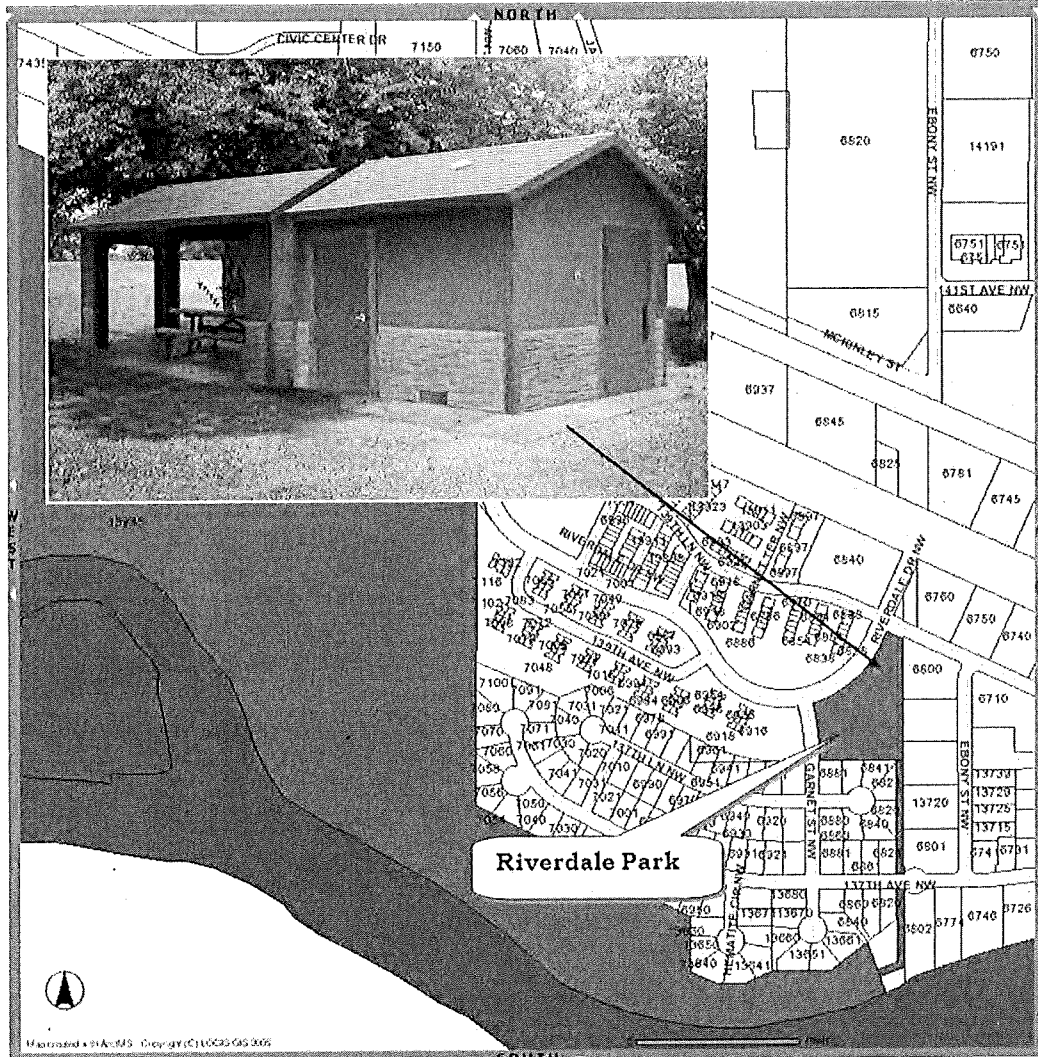
Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	40,000					40,000
Total	40,000					40,000

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City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2011 thru 2015

Department Park Improvements
Contact

Project # 06-PARK-003
Project Name Shelter & Restroom Facilities



Capital Improvement Program
City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2011 *thru* 2015

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Buildings
 Useful Life 50 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 6-Planned
 Status Active
 Total Project Cost: \$500,000

Project #	06-PARK-005
Project Name	Community Building & Playground for Elmcrest Park

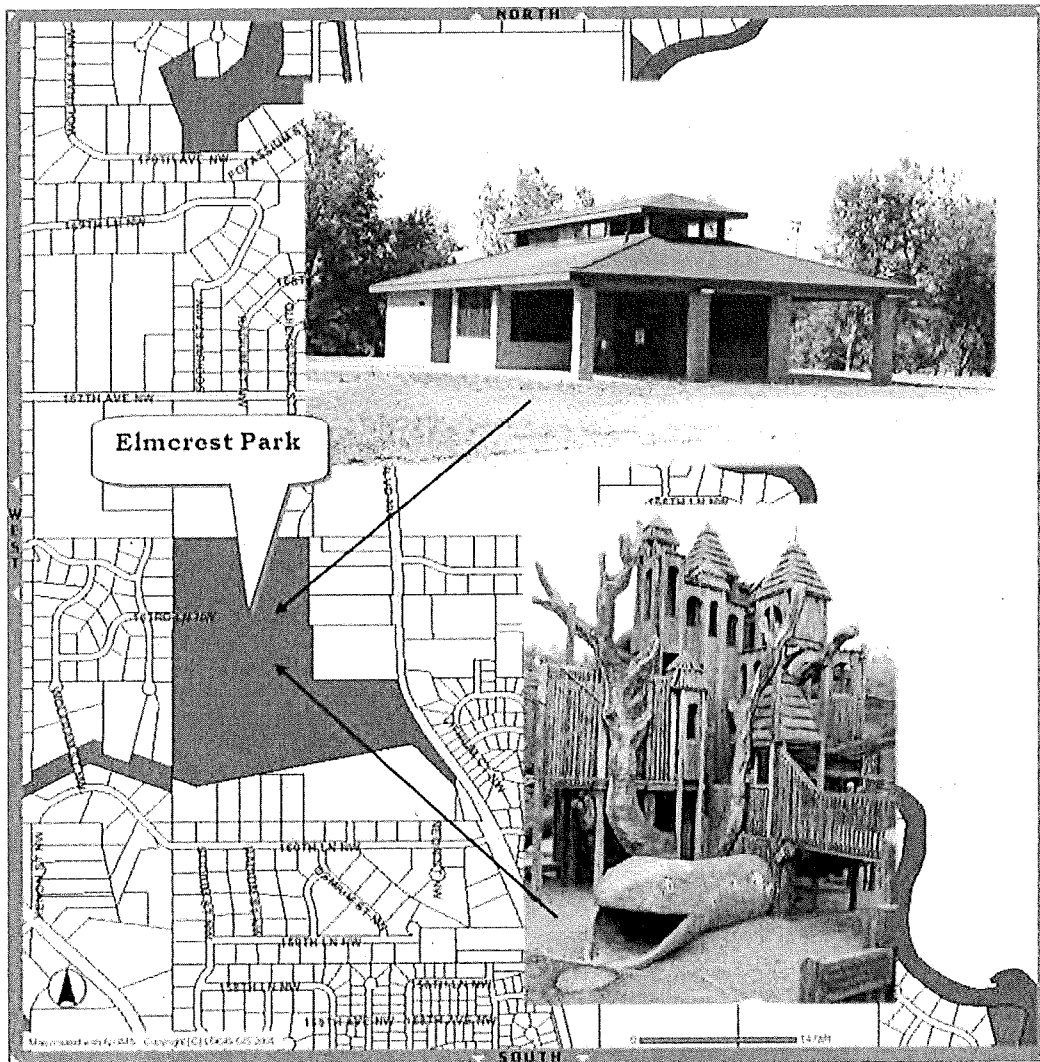
Description	
Elmcrest Park multi-use building. Proposed joint project with the Ramsey Lions, youth athletic association, and other group(s).	

Justification
Elmcrest Park will need a multi-use building, which includes certain site improvements such as water service, septic, landscape and irrigation with storage for the athletic groups using the facility. Sewer service will be extended when sewer lines are available.
The project is estimated at \$500,000. \$250,00 is intended to represent the city's share of a proposed joint project with a philanthropic group. Careful design consideration will be required to ensure that the building will meet all of the community needs. Some design monies may be required in this process, prior to bidding.

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Building Cost/Construction	500,000					500,000
Total	500,000					500,000

Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	250,000					250,000
To Be Determined	250,000					250,000
Total	500,000					500,000

Project # 06-PARK-005
Project Name Community Building & Playground for Elmcrest Park



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Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 6-Planned
 Status Active

Project # 06-PARK-008
 Project Name Redevelopment of Central Park

Total Project Cost: \$635,000

Description

The drive to the Park Center building would be extended to connect to Yolite Street and the proposed land use of the 35 acres east of the park. This project is being divided into two projects. For 2011 this consists of the extension of the parkway and outlet to the east. Projected for 2014 will be the installation of curbing and removal of the post and cable vehicle barriers around the parking lots. The cost of the 2011 program is \$135,000.

Justification

Additional parking would occur along this new one way drive parkway, and some parking may be considered where the underutilized sedimentation basin currently exists, or this basin may be used for the adjoining land use, with the new parking occurring to the east.

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Improvements Other than Build	135,000			500,000		635,000
Total	135,000			500,000		635,000

Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	135,000			250,000		385,000
Youth Association				250,000		250,000
Total	135,000			500,000		635,000

Capital Improvement Program
City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2011 *thru* 2015

Department Park Improvements
 Contact
 Type Improvement
 Useful Life 20 Years
 Category Park Improvement
 Priority 6-Planned
 Status Active

Project #	08-PARK-001
Project Name	Landscape Improvements for Parks

Total Project Cost: \$30,000

Description
Purchase landscape materials for installation in parks by volunteers.

Justification
The City can leverage improvements by working with volunteer groups that will plant the materials supplied by the City.

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Improvements Other than Build	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000
Total	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000

Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000
Total	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000

Capital Improvement Program
City of Ramsey, Minnesota

2011 *thru* 2015

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20 Years

Category Park Improvement

Priority 6-Planned

Status Active

Total Project Cost: \$1,350,000

Project #	08-PARK-005
Project Name	Rhinestone Commons

Description
Located on the east side of Rhinestone Street and south of East Ramsey Parkway, this park currently has ball fields with backstops , irrigation and perimeter sidewalks. Additional improvement will include a parking lot in 2011 and a playground and pavilion in 2013.

Justification
This park is part of the Master Plan for the COR. The ballfield is used by PACT charter school during the day and available for public use in the evening.

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Improvements Other than Build	150,000		1,200,000			1,350,000
Total	150,000		1,200,000			1,350,000

Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Developer Fees	150,000		1,200,000			1,350,000
Total	150,000		1,200,000			1,350,000

Capital Improvement Program

2011 *thru* 2015

City of Ramsey, Minnesota

Department Park Improvements

Contact

Project # **11-PARK-001**
 Project Name **Park Security Enhancements**

Type Improvement

Useful Life 20

Category Park Improvement

Priority 6-Planned

Status Active

Total Project Cost: \$15,000

Description

This project would include the installation of cameras in park locations experiencing vandalism and security concerns, specifically Sunfish Lake Park and the Skate Park area at Alpine Park.

Justification

This project would reduce the incidence of vandalism and increase security.

Expenditures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Improvements Other than Build	15,000					15,000
Total	15,000					15,000

Funding Sources	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Park Improvement Trust Fund	15,000					15,000
Total	15,000					15,000

Park and Recreation Commission

5. 2.

Meeting Date: 06/09/2011

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Title:

Discuss Trott Brook Greenway

Background:

For many years, as part of park and trail planning, the Trott Brook Greenway was conceived as a ecologically rich wetland and wooded corridor with trails for exploration and recreational opportunities, as well as to connect neighborhoods and the community.

This greenway would be the significant west to east segment of a larger circuitous loop in the center of the city - with the the Trott Brook representing the upper part of the 'loop'. The east portion of the circle would be the T.H. #47 trail, extending south to the Bunker Lake Boulevard Trail (or the Mississippi River Trail once completed).

The Lake Itasca Trail then would pick up at the west end of the above-mentioned trail(s) and 'loop' back around to the north, or point of beginning. The project has been 'coming together' foremost as part of subdivision platting in the 1990's and the subsequent decade.

Notification:

Observations:

Now that the Alpine Drive and Bunker Lake Boulevard extension trail are being completed, much of the larger loop is in place for public enjoyment and use.

In 2003, the city presented a proposal to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota (LCMR, now LCCMR) for funding conservation and trail easements (and fee simple) acquisitions from willing sellers along the brook.

The proposal was approved by the legislature for two million dollars, but then reduced to \$500,000 as part of that year's state budget balancing. The project was closed out successfully in June of 2006, with 64.14 acres of trail or conservation easements acquired, and significant junk piles cleaned up along the brook in what is now the Brookfield Addition. The attached exhibits summarize the outcomes and illustrate the location of the properties discussed.

The purpose of this case is threefold and are as follows:

- 1) To review the Trott Brook Greenway in advance of the Council's consideration of public lands utilization and disbursement.
- 2) Review the history of the greenway for possible application for future grants to ultimately 'close the trail loop'.
- 3) To bring forward for discussion, a proposal from a land owner in Ramsey that is willing to sell land to the city that would be part of the proposed Trott Brook Greenway. (Staff will organize the e-mailed inquiry and present the information at the meeting.)

Funding Source:

None required - this case is informational.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

None required - City Council and Commission consensus discussion on land owner's proposal.

Attachments

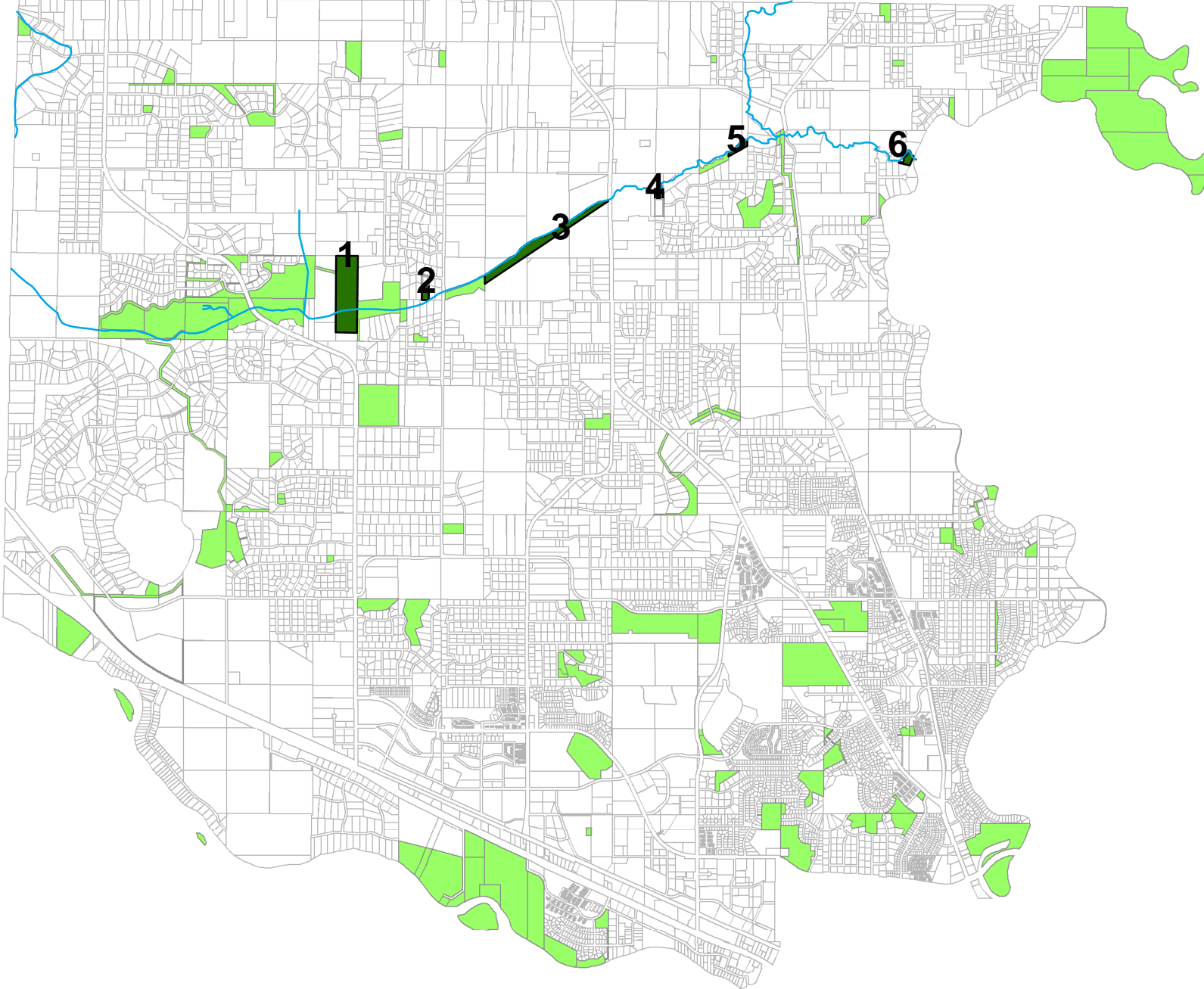
Final Report and Abstract Map

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Metro Area Wildlife Corridors/Trott Brook Greenway

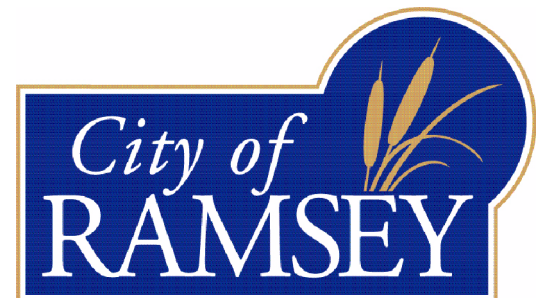
Conservation and Trail Easement Location Map



1	35 acres
2	2.1 acres
3	22 acres
4	3.3 acres
5	.74 acres
6	2 acres
Total	65.14 acres

 Existing Public/Park Land

 Successfully Acquired Properties and Easements



Park and Recreation Commission

5.3.

Meeting Date: 06/09/2011

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Title:

Discuss 2011-12 Strategic Goal #1; Action Item: "Construct Boat Landing at Rivers' Bend Park"

Background:

Each year City Council schedules one or more work sessions to develop priorities for the upcoming two years, and identify specific projects to meet those priorities and vision. One of these specific action items under Strategic Goal #1: Development/Marketing is "Construct boat landing at Rivers' Bend Park."

As these action items are staff's responsibility to explore, implement and develop at the direction of City Council, the purpose of this case is to discuss this particular action item.

Notification:

Observations:

In exploring the concept of the development of an additional boat landing on the Rum River, it is staff's recommendation that this action item be reconsidered at a future City Council Strategic work session. The primary reasons are as follows:

- Typically, boat landings on rivers are separated by 5 miles or more; and Rivers' Bend Park is one river-mile upstream of the County's existing landing.
- The expense to construct an 'improved' boat landing after permitting would be in excess of \$400,000 dollars with parking. Because of the first point above, this capital improvement may not rank as high as the many park's related projects shown within the existing 5-year CIP.
- Presently, Anoka County maintains and budgets for the annual boat landing expenses at the fair grounds - which is easily accessible to Ramsey residents (with ample parking).

The attached MN DNR map shows the proximity of the county boat landing (at the fair grounds or Rum River South County Park); as well as another small boat landing at Rum River Central Park in Ramsey, accessed off from County Road #7. These two boat landings are approximately 12 river-miles apart. Therefore, it is staff's recommendation that a future boat landing in Ramsey on the Rum is needed; however the best location may be at the site of the carry-on canoe landing at the Boy Scout Camp. This land along the river within the scout camp has been proposed for city park land at such time as the property would redevelop.

Funding Source:

No funding is implicated by this case - the purpose is to consider by consensus, 'tabling' action on the proposed boat landing for Rivers' Bend Park until a future City Council Strategic Goals work session.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

Based upon discussion.

Attachments

Rum River Canoe and Boat Access Map

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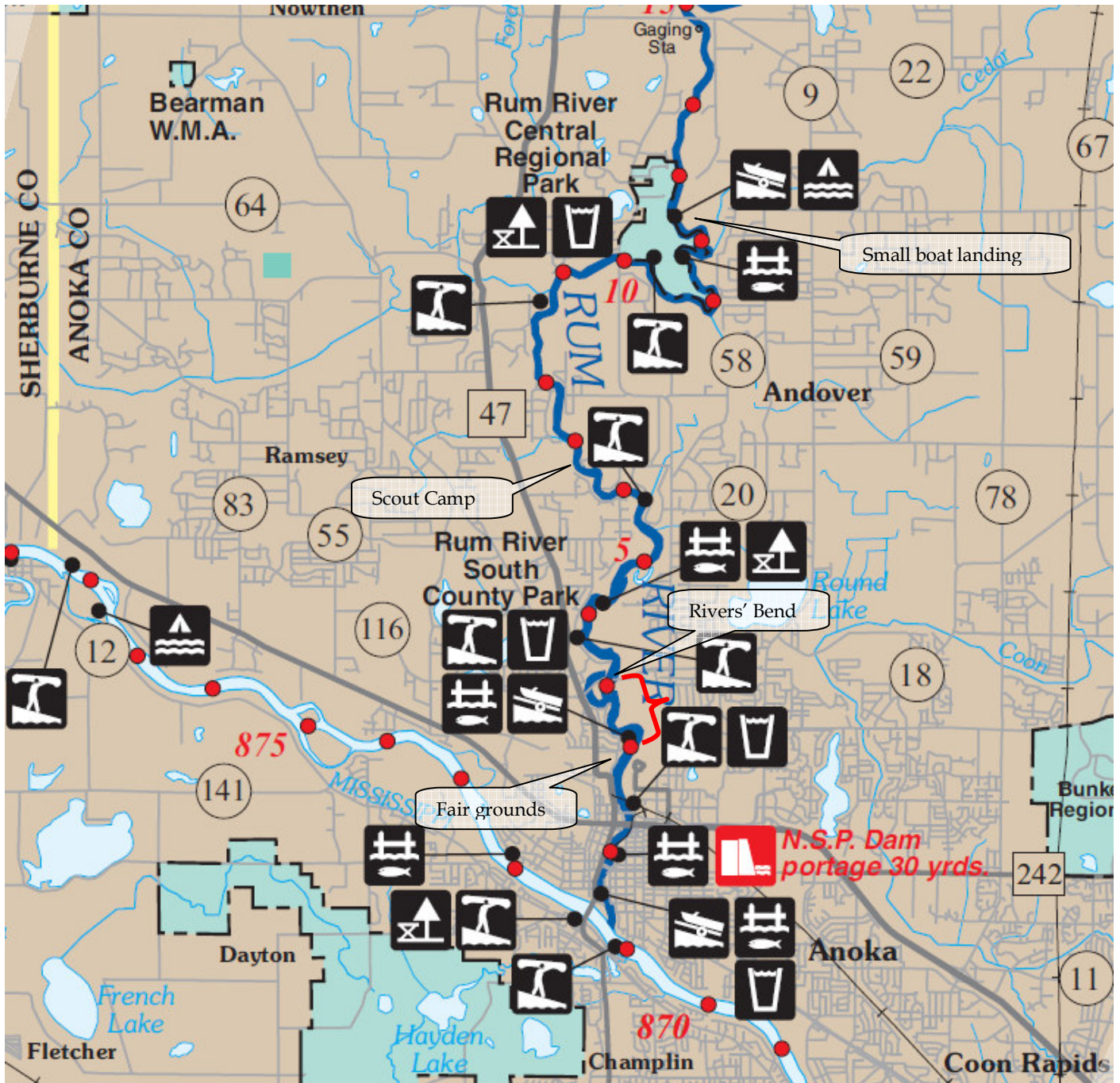
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Excerpt of MN DNR's Rum River Canoeing and Boating Map



~ Red dots denote river miles

~ Red 'bracket' shows distance between Anoka County's Rum River South Boat Landing and Rivers' Bend Park

Park and Recreation Commission

5. 4.

Meeting Date: 06/09/2011

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Title:

Highlight Park Department Collaborations with Youth First Community of Promise

Background:

For several years, the Anoka, Andover and Ramsey's *Youth First's Community of Promise* has officed in Ramsey along Hwy's #10 & 169, approximately 1/4 mile west of Sunfish Lake Boulevard. The city owned building includes a vacant filed to the east of Youth First's facility.

The site serves dozens of young people - most of which reside in the manufactured home park immediately to the east. Programming places an emphasis on assisting with homework and instilling healthy behaviors and lifestyles. This includes indoor and outdoor recreation for the kids.

To assist Youth First with their mission in Ramsey, parks staff mow the field approximately 6 times per year (no trimming), and a few years ago, also flooded a rink for them (that was not well utilized that therefore discontinued). Additionally, about 3 years ago, staff took two damaged goals originally purchased by the youth athletic association and combined them into one and placed it on the field - that is very well used. Most recently, a Youth First Board member volunteered to stripe the soccer field, and many in the community are looking out for an additional goal to complete the field.

Notification:

Observations:

In May of this year, Youth First's Director, Heidi Geiss contacted the city requesting some assistance in thinking about a volleyball court for the kids. Just prior to this, Park and Recreation Commissioner Shane Bennett had also made an inquiry looking for a day-time volunteer opportunity for his work unit at Target Corporation.

The two needs were matched up and the project came together successfully with Youth First securing the donated poles and fabric from Lowell's, with Bennett receiving the donated concrete for the volleyball poles. Later in the day, Target employees played the Youth First kids in a match-up - and at the meeting the Commission and Council will be informed as to the winner.

Funding Source:

This case is informational, and does not require funding.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

None required - based upon discussion.

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Meeting Date: 06/09/2011

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Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Background:

- Status/update of Legacy Christian Academy, and trails along Alpine and Bunker Lake Boulevard
- Safe Routes to School grant opportunity
- Mississippi River Trail grant opportunity
- 2011 programming for The Draw
- Happy Days planning
- Update on Mississippi River boat landing

Notification:

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Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

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