

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, January 12, 2017
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve November Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes
- 5. Commission Business**
 1. Review Concept Plan for Pearson Farm; Case of Capstone Homes
- 6. Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Commission/Staff Input
- 7. Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 01/12/2017

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Approve November Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated November 10, 2016.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated November 10, 2016.

Attachments

Minutes

Form Review

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Mark Riverblood
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Mark Riverblood
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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 November 10, 2016, at Ramsey City Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Vice Chair Matthew Logan
 Commissioner Russell Bayer
 Commissioner Andrew Fyten
 Commissioner Brandon Sis
 Commissioner David Troy

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Jon Trappen

Also Present: Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Troy, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Fyten, Troy, Bayer, Logan, and Sis.
Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Trappen.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 13, 2016

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Sis, Bayer, Fyten, Logan and Troy. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Trappen.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: 2017 – 2026 Parks Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed the purpose of this case is to recommend the 2017 – 2026 Parks’ Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to City Council. The document outlines a 10-year plan similar to the previous 2016 – 2020 5-year plan. A public Hearing on the City-wide CIP will be held by City Council. The Parks 10-Year CIP will be adopted by Council as part of the larger CIP document, usually corresponding to the General Fund budget in December. Mr. Riverblood provided an excerpt from the anticipated larger city-wide all-category CIP, and includes an explanation on the CIP document and process. Because future years’ of the CIP consist of many variables, staff recommends a discussion of the various values and details associated with each project within 2017, and a brief summary mention of future year’s projects for 2018 – 2026. Mr. Riverblood mentioned all capital improvements require on-going maintenance costs (day-to-day labor, utilities or annual expenses); and therefore, staff and City Council will evaluate very carefully the real and total costs of each capital improvement for consideration within the context of the General Fund operations budget at the time projects are brought forward for development. Recommendation of the Parks 10-Year CIP document includes proposed funding sources and project cost estimates. The Park and Recreation Commission is requested to recommend the 2017 – 2026 Parks Capital Improvement Plan to the City Council. Mr. Riverblood noted all of these projects will come back before the Park and Recreation Commission to review in detail.

Mr. Riverblood reviewed the following projects:

Project #	Project Name	Year	Cost
04-PARK-003	Elmcrest Park & The Draw Park Entrance & Signage	2017	\$80,000
04-PARK-006	Ford Brook Park Playground Equipment	2020	\$70,000
06-PARK-002	Drinking Fountains/Misting Station	2017	\$8,000
06-PARK-008	Parkway for Central Park	2017	\$350,000
06-PARK-010	Irrigation for Titterud Park	2023	\$76,000

06-PARK-011	Observation boardwalk – Lake Itasca	2018	\$60,000
06-PARK-012	Rabbit Park Phase Two	2024	\$125,000
06-PARK-015	Observation deck on the Mississippi E of Dolomite	2020	\$85,000
06-PARK-019	Trail Connections	2020	\$200,000
08-PARK-002	Mississippi River Trail – West End	2017	\$1,519,200
08-PARK-005	The Draw (Ballfield Area)	2017	\$1,200,000
12-PARK-006	The Draw Grates	2017	\$10,000
12-PARK-008	McKinley Trail Connection to Anoka	2020	\$50,000
15-PARK-01	Additional Land for Central Park	2022	\$250,000
17-PARK-001	Alpine Park – Replace Fencing & Add Dugouts	2017	\$125,000
17-PARK-002	Pedestrian Underpass- Alpine Dr	2025	\$750,000
17-PARK-004	Replace Fencing & Dugouts (#5-7) Central Park	2018	\$75,000
17-PARK-005	Dog Park Shelter – Alpine Park	2018	\$58,000
17-PARK-006	Field Lighting – Central Park	2022	\$200,000
17-PARK-007	Northfork North Trail Connection	2018 – Mr. Riverblood suggested this project be pushed out to future years.	\$275,000

Mr. Riverblood distributed for Commission review an additional project titled Park Development in The COR to serve as a placeholder for 2017 He specifically reviewed the 2017 projects and noted the ones with a red check mark are projects currently underway. Mr. Riverblood showed drawings for each of the 2017 projects proposed along with the project locations and a brief summary of each project.

Commissioner Troy asked about the Elmcrest and Draw entrance signage and whether there has been a discussion with honoring veterans or others.

Mr. Riverblood stated the public naming policy would need to be followed. The naming will be reviewed with the City Council. Any ideas from the Commissioners can be explored.

Commissioner Troy asked what the maintenance cost is for a sign and how long would it last.

Mr. Riverblood stated a stone monument is very durable and may last hundreds of years. Any sign is subject to graffiti and maintenance would be required to remedy. Maintenance is always a consideration.

Chair Bennett asked for a recommendation for the CIP as presented with a couple of modifications mentioned.

Mr. Riverblood suggested a recommendation of the 10 year CIP Plan as presented would suffice.

Commissioner Sis asked if there were any other projects that didn't make the list.

Mr. Riverblood stated he will send out the list of supplemental unfunded projects to the Commission.

Commissioner Troy asked about playground replacement and improvement and asked if any of that should be included in the CIP for 2017.

Mr. Riverblood stated the projects will be reviewed and the policy.

Motion by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Troy, to recommend to the City Council the 2017 – 2026 Parks Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Logan, Troy, Bayer, Fyten, and Sis. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Trappen.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided the following updates:

Status of the MRT construction – The project is progressing.

Alpine Dog Park float placed in the Light Up the Night Parade – again – a video was shown. A group is raising funds for that project. They have get-togethers and have formed a community.

Holiday Tree Lighting – November 29th at City Hall.

December 1, 2016 Holiday Card Art Class – held at Elmcrest Park building 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Sign-up on the city website. \$5/donation suggested.

Chair Bennett welcomed Commissioners Russell Bayer and Brandon Sis to the Commission.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett, Commissioners Fyten, Sis, Bayer, Logan, and Troy.
Voting no: None. Absent: Commissioner Trappen.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

Drafted by Debbie Wolfe
TimeSaver off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Meeting Date: 01/12/2017

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Review Concept Plan for Pearson Farm; Case of Capstone Homes

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to provide preliminary feedback for a future plat currently known as Pearson Farm. This is not an official application at this time, but does include several unique subdivision aspects that the Planning Commission will be addressing:

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment (subsequently a Zoning Amendment)
2. Use of Planned Unit Development District
 1. Lot Sizes
 2. Setbacks
3. Mandatory Environmental Review

The Park and Recreation Commission will be addressing access to parks and trails (geographic's and design), as well as specifics pertaining to how the Park Dedication and Trail Fees are satisfied within the future Development Agreement.

Notification:

Notification is not required at this time, but will occur with future steps.

Observations/Alternatives:

As this is a conceptual plan at this point, Staff has not prepared a full report. Staff will prepare a more detailed presentation at the meeting. Staff is forwarding at this stage to introduce the concept early, especially in light of mandatory environmental review required by State Law. The Developer desires initial feedback on the concept before starting the official review process. The entire review process (City, State, Watershed, etc.) will likely mean a construction start date of approximately July.

Funding Source:

This case is being handled as part of normal staff duties.

Recommendation:

Staff has no recommendation at this point relative to the sketch plan, but does recommend that Commissioners familiarize themselves with the site and associated parks and trails in the vicinity (proposed and existing).

Action:

No action requested/recommended. Provide preliminary feedback only.

Attachments

Site Location Map

Concept Plan

Form Review

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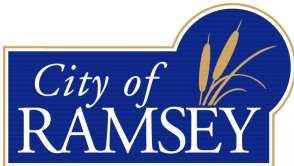
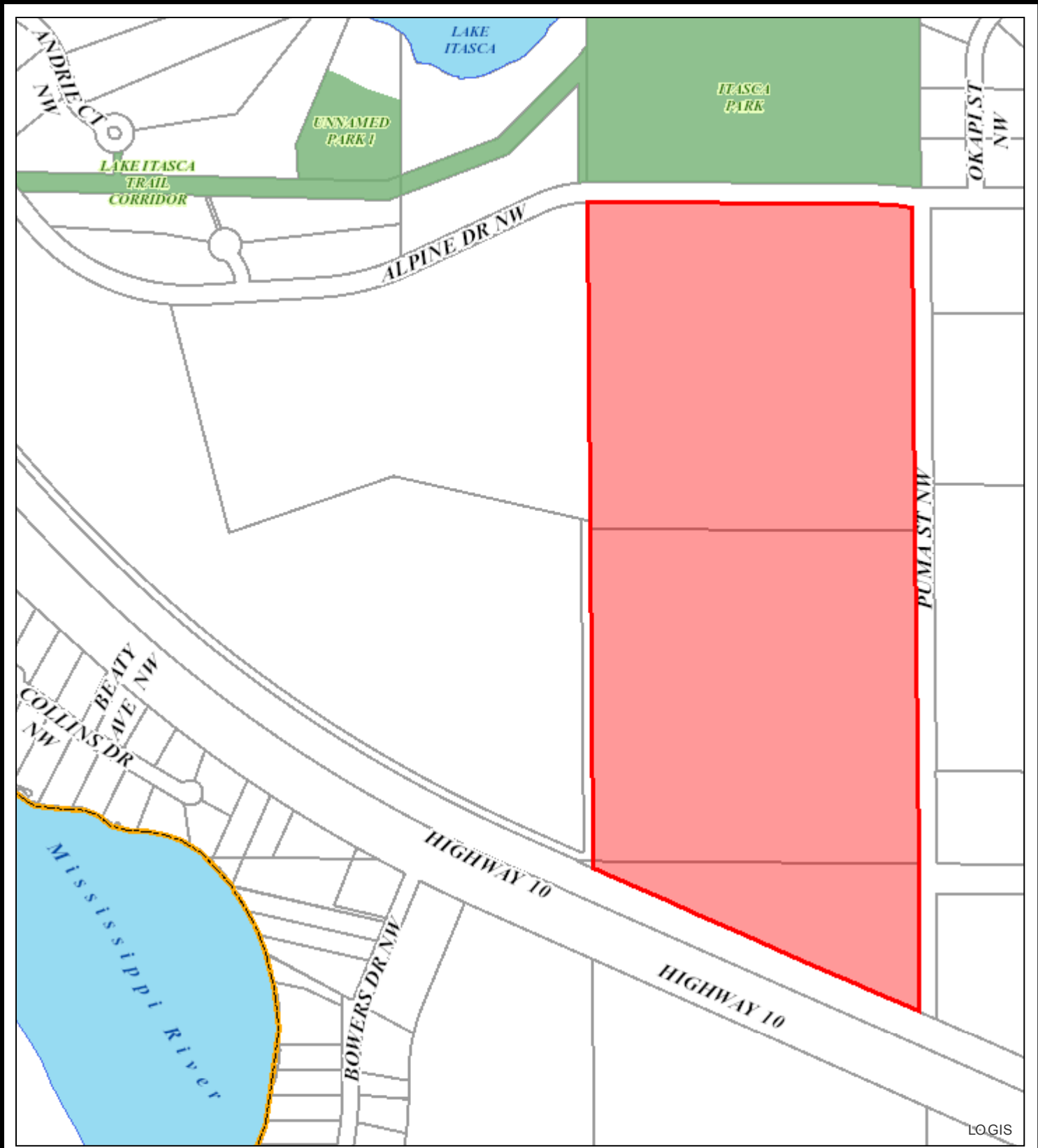
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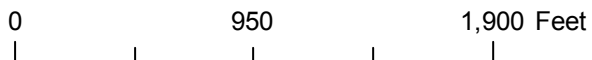
Pearson Farm

Legend

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-  Parcels



Print Date: December 30, 2016





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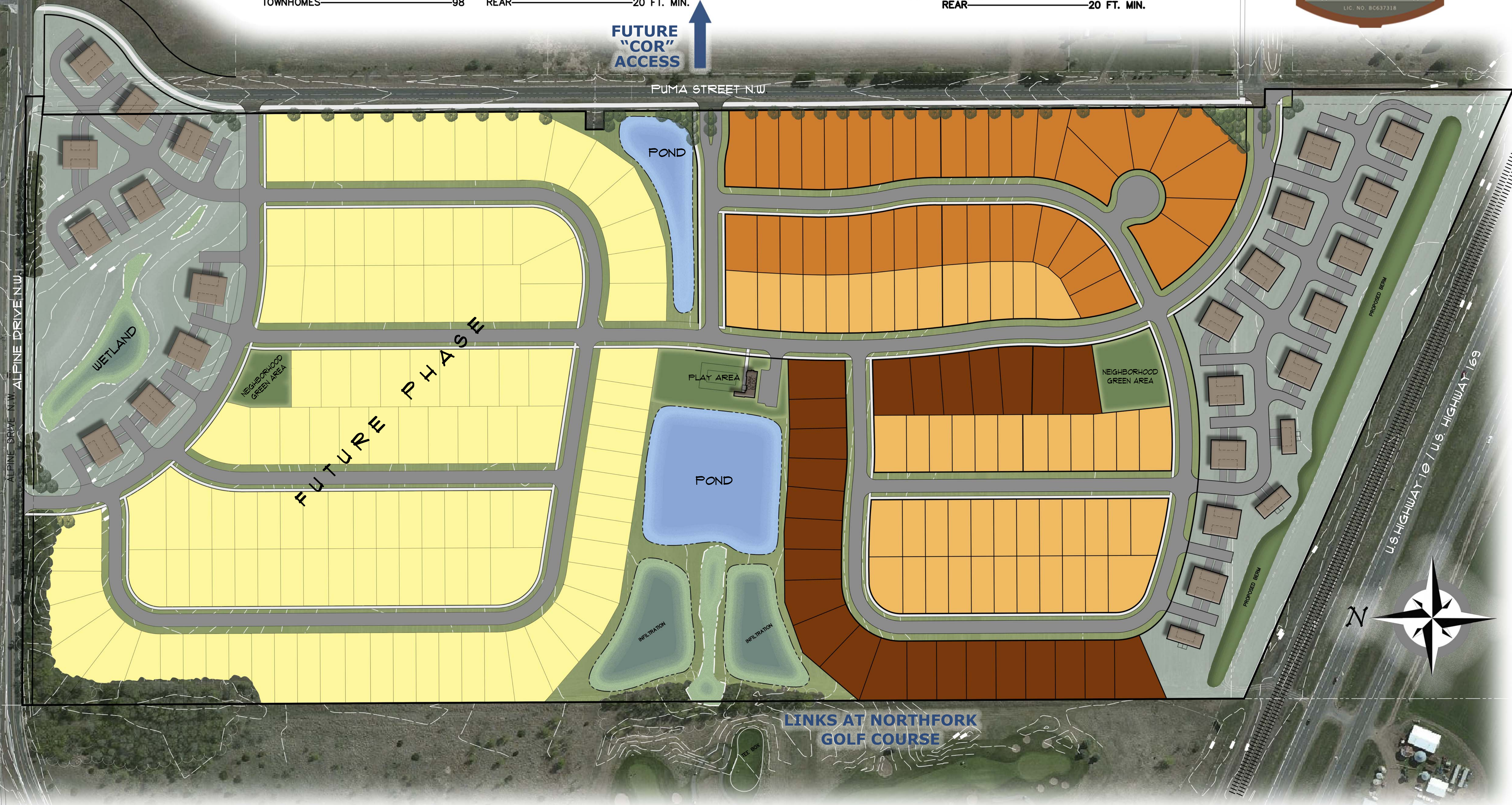
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TOTAL NUMBER OF LOTS	334	50' S.F. - SIDE	5 FT.
50' S.F.	82	65' S.F. - SIDE	7.5 FT.
65' S.F.	80	50' VILLAS - SIDE	5 FT.
50' VILLAS	74	FRONT (ALL)	25 FT.
TOWNHOMES	98	REAR	20 FT. MIN.

SOUTH HALF DATA

TOTAL NUMBER OF LOTS	171	SETBACK DATA:	
50' S.F.	49	50' S.F. - SIDE	5 FT.
65' S.F.	26	65' S.F. - SIDE	7.5 FT.
50' VILLAS	38	50' VILLAS - SIDE	5 FT.
TOWNHOMES	58	FRONT (ALL)	25 FT.
		REAR	20 FT. MIN.

FUTURE "COR" ACCESS

TO LAKE ITASCA PARK



FUTURE PHASE



LEGEND

	65' LOT
	50' LOT
	50' VILLA LOT
	FUTURE PHASE

ramsey, mn
pearson farm

Park and Recreation Commission

6. 1.

Meeting Date: 01/12/2017

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Purpose/Background:

- Update on 2017 Recreation Opportunities
- Update on the Comprehensive Plan process

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

Recommendation:

Action:

Attachments

[Progress Report](#)

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[Art in the Park February](#)

[Yoga February 22](#)

[Starwatch March](#)

[Learn to Garden May](#)

[Learn to Kayak June](#)

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Regular Planning Commission

6. 1.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2017

By: Tim Gladhill, Community Development

Information

Title:

Receive Progress Report for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Purpose/Background:

As the Planning Commission is aware, the City has established an ad-hoc Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. Once every ten (10) years, the City is required by Minnesota Statute 473 to update its Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Aside from the statutory obligation, the City's existing plan has become dated in terms of policies, demographics, and land use vision. In order to freshen the City's vision for land use, including systems such as transportation, housing, economic development, natural resources, and parks/open space to name a few, now is an appropriate time to update the Comprehensive Plan.

The Steering Committee has met twice so far on the project. The intent of the early meetings in 2016 is to set the stage and agree on a framework moving forward.

Next Steps

The primary next step in the process is to finalize a working draft of the City's land use Vision Statement and Future Land Use Map. These two (2) pieces will lay the foundation on future steps and will be used to check in as individual system plans are developed. The group desires to have a working draft of both documents available in February for public workshops and engagement. The Future Land Use Map is a vision of how land within the community will be used in the future. For example, the Future Land Use Map will guide where future business districts and residential neighborhoods will develop as well as what areas will be protected from future development. The case also include an Existing Land Use Map to indicate how land within the community is currently being used.

System Plans

A primary system plan to update is the Transportation Plan. Staff anticipates to bring a discussion to the January Public Works Committee in January to discuss steps moving forward. The Planning Commission will also discuss this structure at the February Meeting. No drafts have been prepared thus far, but Staff will be checking in on the framework to complete this portion of the update. Staff anticipates an public workshop and other engagement for this system plan in April.

The Environmental Policy Board has begun to discuss how to update the Natural Resources Chapter and will be providing an update to the Planning Commission and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee in February or March. Citizen Engagement is planned starting in April.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will begin discussing a new format for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan beginning after the first of the year. Currently, the plan comprises of a future improvement/planning map alongside the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is an important financial planning tool for the City and is intended to be complimentary to the Comprehensive Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission along with the City Council desire to bolster the Comprehensive Recreation Plan into a more thematic and visionary document, looking more long term and comprehensively at the community's recreation needs, rather than simply a chronological financial planning tool.

Staff will be discussing the Economic Development Chapter with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to gather their initial thoughts on a plan to update this chapter in January. Staff will report back to the Planning Commission in February and discuss a work plan to update this Chapter.

Notification:

Notification is not required for this case.

Observations/Alternatives:

Final touches are being placed on a draft Vision Statement and Future Land Use Map.

Funding Source:

This case is being handled as part of normal Staff duties. In addition, the City did receive a \$32,000 planning grant from the Metropolitan Council in order to aide in the completion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the first official public engagement for the Comprehensive Plan Update to include a working draft of the Vision Statement and Future Land Use Map. A draft of the Future Land Use Map developed over a series of workshops and City events is attached for consideration. Staff will be working with the Steering Committee on January 9 to finalize the draft Vision Statement.

Action:

Motion to recommend that the City Council authorize the first official public engagement for the Comprehensive Plan Update to include a working draft of the Vision Statement and Future Land Use Map.

Attachments

[Update Schedule](#)

[Future Land Use Map](#)

[Existing Land Use Map](#)

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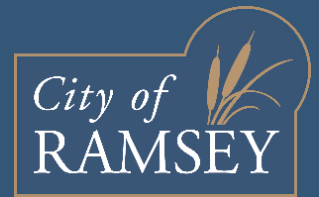
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ART IN THE PARK:

Mosaic Frame and Canvas



Ramsey Parks & Recreation and the Rumriver Art Center present Art in the Park

Embrace your inner artist for the evening and join us with friends or family to create your own mosaic frame and a canvas too.

Rumriver Art Center Instructors will lead participants step-by-step through this project, allowing you to understand the process of each technique and still be able to create your own version, such as a Valentine's gift!

An art opportunity appropriate for all ages.

Suggested donation of \$10 per participant—registration required.

Event:

DIY Mosaic Frame and
Canvas Panel

Location:

Elmcrest Park
Meeting Room
16303 Quicksilver St. NW

Date:

Tuesday, January 24th, 2017

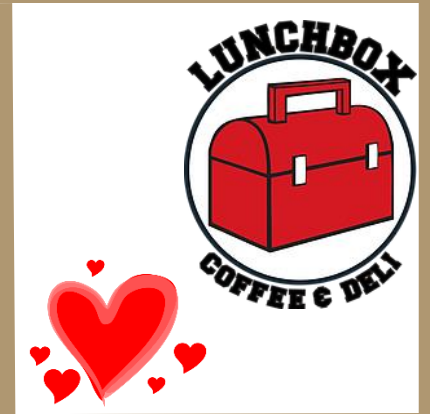
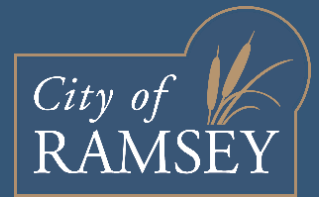
Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm

To register: Visit our website
www.cityoframsey.com/ParkEvents

Contact: tbailey@cityoframsey.com
763-576-4309

ART IN THE PARK:

Couples Valentine's Night Out



Enjoy a Valentine's Day dinner with someone special

It's "Parent's Night Out"! Enjoy a discounted dinner while your kids create Valentine's Day crafts in the open studio with instructors from Rumriver Art Center. Don't have kids? Don't worry—you can still enjoy the coupon for Valentine's dinner with someone special.

Stop by Rumriver Art Center to pick up your coupon (and drop off your kids) and then head over to the Lunchbox Coffee & Deli for a delicious meal! While you enjoy dinner, the kids will love making Valentine's Day arts and crafts.

Registration required. Suggested donation of \$5 per child for art program.

Lunchbox coupon for 20% off your meal is available from 6:00-6:30pm at Rumriver Art Center at no additional cost, offer only valid 2/14/17.

Event:

Dinner for adults and Valentine's crafts for kids

Location:

Children's art program at **Rumriver Art Center** 2665 4th Ave, Suite 102, Anoka (Old Milk Factory)

Dinner at the **Lunchbox Coffee & Deli**

7533 Sunwood Dr. NW

Date: Tuesday, February 14th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm—drop off kids and/or pick up coupons at RRAC

8:00pm—pick up your children from RRAC

To register:

<http://www.cityoframsey.com/parkevents>

Contact: tbailey@cityoframsey.com
763-576-4309



Ramsey
Parks &
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presents:

Sunrise Yoga



Yoga Flow with Barbara Sandarin, RYT

Yoga Flow is restorative, challenging, invigorating, and fun! It's Barbara's goal to introduce yoga in a safe, non-competitive, judgment-free way. Yoga is for EVERY BODY! Barbara will guide a Vinyasa style of yoga that focuses on breath and movement. All levels welcome, as modifications will be offered. Ms. Sandarin is certified in several forms of yoga and is registered with the Yoga Alliance. She has been practicing and teaching many forms of yoga for well over 15 years. Barbara loves sharing this unique form of mind/body fitness with students of all ages and abilities.

Prepare for class:

- Bring a yoga mat or towel, water, and a small hand towel
- Wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to practice barefoot
- Yoga is best done on a (nearly) empty stomach
- Flexibility NOT required!

Registration requested. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early. Admittance to class closes at 7:35am.

Event: Sunrise Yoga

Location:

City Hall

Alexander Ramsey Room

7550 Sunwood Drive

Dates:

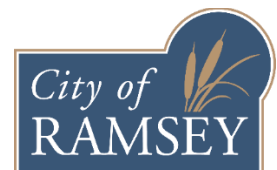
Wednesday, February 22nd,
March 1st, March 8th, and
March 15th, 2017

(Additional classes will be
scheduled pending interest)

Time: 7:30am-8:15am

For more information:

[http://www.cityoframsey.com/
parkevents](http://www.cityoframsey.com/parkevents)





Ramsey
Parks &
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presents:

Starwatch Party with Mike Lynch



Mike Lynch

Join us for a night of starwatching with WCCO Radio's Mike Lynch!

We will start our night with Mike's Minnesota Starwatch orientation at twilight. Once we learn the basics, we will go outside to see the constellations and hear some great stories. Using some of the largest telescopes in Minnesota, we will get up close views of planets, the moon, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies and other wonders. Mike will even teach the basics of celestial photography.

All participants will receive a booklet of user-friendly star maps and constellation charts, websites, a telescope buying guide and more.

Be ready to explore the stars and spend the evening outside!

Registration required—suggested donation of \$10 per participant.

In case of clouds or rain, we will do a "virtual stargazing" program and participants will receive a "cloud check" to visit a future program (at any location) for free.

Event:

Starwatch Party with
Mike Lynch

Location:

Elmcrest Park
16303 Quicksilver St. NW

Date:

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

Time: 7:45-9:45 pm

For more information:

www.lynchandthestars.com

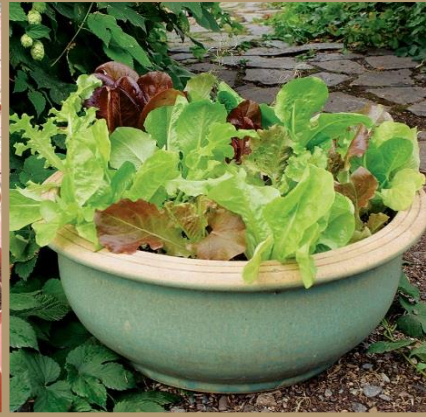
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parkevents](http://www.cityoframsey.com/parkevents)





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presents:

Learn to Garden with the Master Gardeners



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION

Join the Anoka County Master Gardeners to begin your own garden

The Master Gardeners will teach you all you need to know to begin your own garden, whether it's at home or at one of our community gardens. From soil basics and planting techniques, to plant care and harvest, you will learn what it takes to grow your own vegetables.

After the hands-on lecture, you will pot your own vegetable plant to keep at home. You will also bring home the knowledge and skills to begin your own vegetable garden.

Registration required—suggested donation of \$5 per participant.

Event:

Learn the basics of vegetable gardening

Location:

North Commons Community Garden

7695 147th Lane NW

In case of inclement weather:
City Hall, Alexander Ramsey Room

7550 Sunwood Dr. NW

Date:

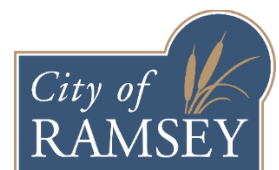
Thursday, May 11th, 2017

Time:

6:00-8:00pm

For more information:

<http://www.cityoframsey.com/parkevents>





Ramsey
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presents:

Learn to Kayak with Wahoo! Adventures



Get outdoors, learn something new, and experience your parks!

Join us to kick off summer with a paddle around Sunfish Lake. We will discover why kayaking is one of Minnesota's fastest growing outdoor adventures. From learning how to paddle and safely getting in and out of a kayak, to packing for a day on the water, we will learn what it takes to have a relaxing day on the lake. We will also learn how to use the free canoe and kayak rental system provided by the City of Ramsey.

Includes: Guides, single and double kayaks, paddles, life vests, snacks, and water.

Dress in layers for the weather. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and shoes that can get wet. Children under 11 must be in a kayak with an adult.

Registration required, limited to 20 participants per session. \$25/person or \$75/group of four.

Event:

Learn to Kayak with Wahoo!
Adventures

Location:

Sunfish Lake Park
Pavilion
6330 Sunwood Drive

Date: Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

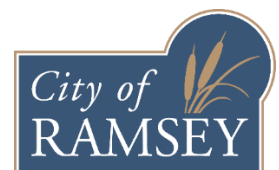
Time:

8:30am-10:00am
10:30am-noon

To register:

Call 651-280-7299 for availability,
then register at

<http://www.mywahooadventures.com/>



Mary Jo Warner

From: Mark Riverblood
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:00 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mary Jo Warner
Subject: contact info/agenda(s)
Attachments: Brookfield Developer Amenities and Home Owners Association Fact Sheet.pdf; 5395 _Questions Comments from Harvest Estates v2.pdf

Dear Commissioners,

This correspondence is sent in the event you may not have each other's e-mail addresses. And, while in the past, Mary Jo or myself has sent a link and notification that the agenda is posted to the web site, this is not regular practice (unless you request it). Also, as a point of clarification, she and I collaborate on the agenda and balancing myriad other demands on 'agenda week' and strive to complete and post the agenda on the web site as early as end of day on Thursday. However, it is often Friday afternoon—FYI.

If you ever have any difficulty navigating AgendaQuick, please let Mary Jo or myself know.

Additionally, relative to your case on the concept plan from Capstone Homes for the Pearson property, you will note there are two areas of proposed private open space, that may be categorized as 'pocket parks'. The city has had a long-standing policy of not encouraging these as a solution for Ramsey's parks and recreation system due to diminished cost effectiveness relative to recreation value associated with maintenance demand—as compared with bigger park spaces. Rather, the focus has been on larger, quality neighborhood and community parks, and expanding the city-wide trail system to connect parks, neighborhoods and other destinations—as the best investment of limited Park Dedication proceeds from new development.

Below are two excerpts from the attached docs that highlight the above referenced policy (different areas of the city). This information is provided to you as background information—it is likely I will review this general policy at the meeting tonight. The reason is that Capstone *may* be proposing that their desired private pocket parks be considered for partial Park Dedication credit.

To reiterate a portion of your case; the concept plan is on your agenda to familiarize you with this property and project, in anticipation for a formal land use application for the proposed subdivision. The Commission will be asked to provide general feedback and thoughts on Park Dedication, Trail Fees, access to parks and the best use of the anticipated cash contributions. The Commission is not expected to be engaged in detailed 'negotiations' at this time.

level. If the residents of the community desire to maintain a level of water, it shall be their responsibility to do so through appropriate tools and mechanisms.

The City will not construct or maintain the planned private park, as stipulated throughout the platting and Development Agreement process for Brookfield 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Additions and, as it is not part of the City Master Park and Trail Plan as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission. The City will, however, continue to develop key connections through linear parks and trails as planned in the Master Park and Trail Map. The City will not maintain the landscape medians at the Nowthen Boulevard entrance and roundabout. In the event the lack of maintenance results in vegetation failure, the City will remove these improvements from the right of way. At this time, the City has no plans to remove the vegetation from the City right of way, so long as the condition of the landscaping remains acceptable. It is noted that said landscaping is beginning to deteriorate, so it is preferred if corrective action is commenced as soon as possible.

Will the future lots being created as part of BROOKFIELD 4TH ADDITION include an HOA

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Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the City of Ramsey to confirm the City's existing Master Parks and Trail Plan and not add additional spaces with the redevelopment of the former municipal center. The area is well served by existing parks with access as well as more passive open spaces, all well connected through a series of pedestrian trail connections.

Background:

Over the course of the last decade, as new single family homes and townhome developments have been platted in the former Municipal Center, the Park and Recreation Commission has examined the need for recreational amenities and associated trail connections. Finding that there is adequate recreation and open space in the larger vicinity of the Municipal Center, the City has focused on trail development – and indeed, this part of Ramsey now has the most comprehensive trail and connected trail system within the entire City.

A summary of park amenities includes two community parks of Elmorest and Alpine; and play equipment at A

As always, feel free to contact me at any time, on any matter.



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