

Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission
City Of Edina, Minnesota
Braemar Golf Course - 6364 John Harris Dr.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
7:00 PM

- I. Call To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda
- IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes
 - A. Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Sept. 14, 2021
- V. Community Comment

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- VI. Reports/Recommendations
 - A. Edina Aquatic Center update
 - B. Eden / Willson TIF District: Grange Hall and Cahill School in Tupa Park
 - C. 2021 Work Plan Updates
- VII. Chair And Member Comments
 - A. 2022 Submitted Work Plan
- VIII. Staff Comments
 - A. Informational Items
 - B. Upcoming Meetings and Events
- IX. Adjournment

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Date: October 12, 2021

Agenda Item #: IV.A.

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Minutes

From: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Activity:

Subject: Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Sept. 14, 2021

Action

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve minutes from the Sept. 14, 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

INTRODUCTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Sept. 14, 2021



Minutes
City of Edina, Minnesota
Edina Parks & Recreation Commission
Braemar Golf Course
September 14, 2021
7 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chair Ites called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Answering roll call were Commissioners Doscotch, Good, Ites, McAwley, Miller, Strother and Student Commissioner Jah

Commissioner Nelson arrived at 7:07 p.m. and Student Commissioner Presthus arrived at 7:23 p.m.

Absent: Commissioners Haas and Willette

Staff present: Staff Liaison Perry Vetter, Assistant Director Parks & Natural Resources Tom Swenson, Assistant Director Recreation & Facilities Tracy Petersen, Braemar Arena General Manager Chad Eischens, Braemar Golf Course General Manager Joe Abood, and Administrative Coordinator Janet Canton

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Good to approve the meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by McAwley to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Strother. Motion carried.

V. Special Recognitions and Presentations

A. Welcome Student Commissioners

Staff Liaison Vetter introduced the newly appointed student Parks & Recreation Commissioners Urva Jha and Samuel Presthus. Commissioners welcomed the new student members to the commission.

B. Welcome Casey Hagert, Recreation Supervisor

Assistant Director Petersen introduced Casey Hagert the new Recreation Supervisor to the commission. Recreation Supervisor Hagert replaces Tiffany Bushland who was selected as the Centennial Lakes Park General Manager. Commissioners welcomed Recreation Supervisor Hagert.

VI. Community Comment

None

VII. Reports/Recommendations

A. Special Project Request: Expansion of Braemar Ice Arena

Staff Liaison Vetter gave an introduction of the special project request from the community to expand Braemar Arena. Staff Liaison Vetter indicated that this request is separate from the Braemar Master Plan and Facility Improvements requested as part of the Local Option Sales Tax proposal for 2022. That proposal has completed a review by the state legislature and was included in the tax bill signed by the governor. The next step is it will be placed on the ballot for Edina residents in 2022.

Staff Liaison Vetter explained that this request is part of a series of discussions with community and hockey members on ways the city could improve the short-term condition of Braemar Arena and focus on developing a longer-term vision for the arena. Those discussions slowed due to the Covid-19 pandemic response. This summer, at the request of State Senator Franzen, a request for state bonding was submitted to expand Braemar Arena. The Edina City Council adopted a resolution of support for the state bonding and asked that the project be introduced to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Staff Liaison Vetter outlined the request as adding a fourth sheet of indoor ice by removing the south arena and constructing two new sheets in that location, creating structured parking including a safer drop off location and expanding the common area lobby for the facility.

Staff Liaison Vetter indicated that a study would be completed on the viability of the project, including:

- Operational and capital expense implications
- Financial obligations
- Land use planning and other expansion implications
- Facility design, amenities and building components

Peter Fitzgerald, Edina resident, addressed the commission and outlined his involvement in the community as participant, resident, coach, and Edina supporter. He discussed his peers all want to see Braemar Arena reflect the expectations of the community and both reinvestment and expansion are desired. He highlighted a community wide shortage of ice time for youth, both girls and boys programming. The initial planning documents provided to determine the feasibility of expansion were provided at no cost to the city by a community volunteer that has architectural expertise and experience with ice arenas.

The commissioners asked questions of Staff Liaison Vetter, General Manager Eischens, and Mr. Fitzgerald. Commissioners indicated the largest challenges to the project was to be clear and precise communication about the merits and financial aspects of the project, timelines and potential disruptions. Commissioners were also concerned that a study of the project might delay other work that has been an existing priority. Commissioners also agreed that the proposed plan had valuable merits and should be studied further.

Staff Liaison Vetter indicated that staff would provide a more detailed process for the request to follow and provide updates on those next steps.

Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

B. 2021 Work Plan Updates

Updates were given on the following initiatives.

Initiative #1 – Review and comment on proposed plan to identify barriers for participation and reach communities of color through different modes and feedback. Staff Liaison Vetter indicated he would resend the most recent proposal to the work group for review. Commissioners agreed to review and provide comments back to staff on the draft plan to identify barriers.

Initiative #2 – Create presentation to share information about Parks & Recreation facilities, services, and systems with up to six community groups. Staff is waiting to hear on what the allotted time for a Town Talk series might be, either one or multiple sessions. That would dictate the amount of content the presentation would be able to cover.

Initiative #3 – Report and provide recommendations on alternative funding sources for park related improvements including parks, facilities, and enterprise upgrades. The work group has reviewed a draft narrative for the alternate funding sources.

Initiative #4 Study and report on options to categorize underutilized park amenities/areas and identify park amenity needs. The work group will provide direction on next steps on how to best make this process valuable to the commission and staff for the future.

Initiative #5 – Study and report evaluating options for determining benchmarks (park amenities, operations, service areas) the commission started studying in 2020. Staff will provide the work group the results of the cost recovery calculations from the City's annual financial report.

C. 2022 Work Plan Development Discussion

Staff Liaison Vetter went over the draft of the 2022 Work Plan calendar. He noted the draft list of initiatives the commission had generated was included in the packet for consideration. At the conclusion of the discussion a motion on a draft plan would be appropriate for presentation to the City Council by Chair Iles at the Oct. 5, 2021, work session.

Commissioners discussed the draft initiatives that would be worked on by the commission and which items staff could place on future agendas for updates and presentations. Commissioners determined to move forward with four draft initiative A, combining B and H, combining E and G, II. In summary, the initiatives to be proposed are:

Proposed 2022 Initiative #1: Present information about Parks and Recreation facilities, services, and systems with up to six community groups. (Carryover from 2021 work plan)

Proposed 2022 Initiative #2: Recommend funding sources for park related improvements including parks, facilities, and enterprise upgrades, including a philanthropic wish list and donation process. (Carryover from 2021 work plan and additional topics)

Proposed 2022 Initiative #3: Review city playground assets with the intent of prioritizing opportunities and improvements, focusing on accessibility, at each location.

Proposed 2022 Initiative #4: Review and propose an expanded volunteer assistance program to connect volunteers to park initiatives.

Motion made by Strother to approve the proposed 2022 Parks & Recreation Commission work plan. Motion seconded by McAwley. Motion carried.

VIII. Chair and Member Comments

IX. Staff Comments

Staff Liaison Vetter updated the commission on the following items:

- List of informational items provided as an update
- Monday, Oct. 4 is the Yancy Park dedication.

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Miller to adjourn the Sept. 14, 2021 meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion seconded by Good. Motion carried.



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Date: October 12, 2021

Agenda Item #: VI.A.

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Report and Recommendation

From: Perry Vetter, Parks and Recreation Director

Item Activity:

Subject: Edina Aquatic Center update

Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

None, informational only.

INTRODUCTION:

General Manager, Patty McGrath, will provide a recap of the 2021 Edina Aquatic Center season.



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Agenda Item #: VI.B.

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Report and Recommendation

From: Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Manager

Item Activity:

Subject: Eden / Willson TIF District: Grange Hall and Cahill
School in Tupa Park

Discussion, Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

Minnesota Statutes govern the process when a municipality considers creation of a new TIF District. Following that process, City staff is reaching out to the county and school district, Planning Commission as well as the general public. In addition, City staff has met with the Heritage Preservation Commission and the Edina Historical Society to solicit their input regarding this potential TIF Plan.

Input from the Edina Parks and Recreation Commission is also requested.

- 1) Are new sidewalks, bike routes and roadway improvements helpful to Tupa Park?
- 2) Is Tupa Park the best place for the two historic structures?
- 3) Are there more appropriate locations that allow these historic buildings to serve their purpose?
- 4) How important is it to relocate these historic structures?
- 5) Are other funding sources available to relocate these buildings?
- 6) Should relocation of these historic structures be explored further?
- 7) If the historic buildings are relocated, what alternative recreational uses are envisioned for this land?
- 8) Other comments or suggestions regarding the future of the historic buildings or Tupa Park?

INTRODUCTION:

The City Council is considering the creation of a new Tax Increment Financing District located in the general vicinity of Eden Ave and Willson Rd. This new TIF District is intended to establish a funding source for a combination of private and public projects. The boundaries of this new Financing District are anticipated to include Tupa Park and the two historic buildings that were relocated there in the 1970s. The Grange Hall was relocated to this site prior to the construction of Highway 100 and the associate access ramps that surround portions of the park.

ATTACHMENTS:



Date: October 12, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Edina Parks and Recreation Commission
Perry Vetter – Parks and Recreation Director

From: Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Manager

Subject: Eden / Willson TIF District: Grange Hall and Cahill School in Tupa Park

Information / Background:

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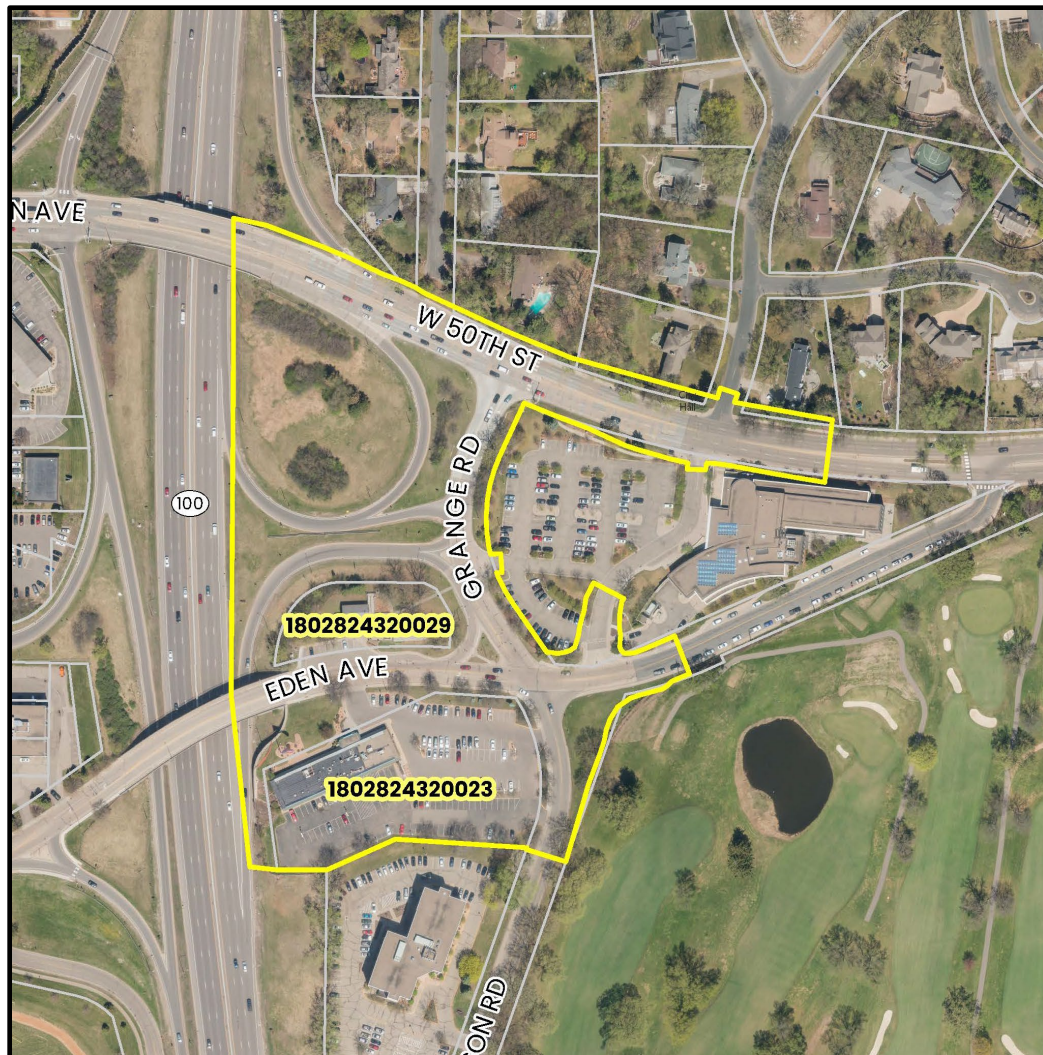
The general intention of this new Financing District is to enable a variety of public and private projects primarily including:

- Redevelopment of commercial property at 4917 Eden Ave (currently Perkins)
- Acquisition property for future highway improvements
- Public Infrastructure improvements to Willson, Eden, Grange and 50th St. to provide access for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Public improvements to improve vehicle access and safety at Willson, Eden and 50th St.

Potential Impact to Historic Buildings:

While TIF cannot be used exclusively to improve parks or publicly owned buildings, some general roadway improvements will likely make access and circulation in the vicinity of the park easier. Specific improvements are still being refined but could include:

- New curbs and paving along Eden Ave.
- New sidewalks along Eden Ave.
- New sidewalk and bike route along Grange Rd.
- Roundabout intersection at Eden & Willson

Proposed District Boundaries

There is no intention to destroy or damage the historic buildings. For several years, there have been suggestions to relocate the two historic buildings located at 4918 Eden Ave. to a more appropriate location. The Heritage Preservation Commission indicated that four different relocation studies have been prepared over the past few decades. The cost to relocate and preserve the buildings has been noted as a major obstacle to finding a more welcoming location for these historic resources.

Establishing this TIF District could create a funding mechanism to relocate the historic buildings if that was a desired strategy in the future. Following Minnesota Statutes for TIF, if incremental taxes are used to relocate these existing buildings, the land would most likely be redeveloped for private purposes.

Requested Input:

Minnesota Statutes govern the process when a municipality considers creation of a new TIF District. Following that process, City staff is reaching out to the county and school district, Planning Commission as well as the general public. In addition, City staff has met with the Heritage Preservation Commission and the Edina Historical Society to solicit their input regarding this potential TIF Plan.

Input from the Edina Parks and Recreation Commission is also requested.

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To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Report and Recommendation

From: Perry Vetter, Parks and Recreation Director

Item Activity:

Subject: 2021 Work Plan Updates

Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED:

Provide available updates to the 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission work plan.

INTRODUCTION:

Discuss and provide any updates as needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

2021 PARC Work Plan



Commission: Parks & Recreation Commission

2021 Annual Work Plan

Initiative #1	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
Review and comment on proposed plan to identify barriers for participation and reach communities of color through different modes and feedback.	Deliverable Comment on the plan	Leads Strother (Lead), Miller, McAwley	Target Completion Date Q4 2021
Budget Required: 2021 department funds are available to support various marketing materials to promote the events and opportunities to gather feedback.			
Staff Support Required: Coordinate with R&E Coordinator.			
Progress Q1: Parks and Recreation staff are working with the Race and Equity Coordinator to provide a draft plan for commission review. Currently staff is working on the Just Deeds initiative and upon identifying public park properties impacted, will transition back to identifying a barrier reduction plan.			
Progress Q2: Staff has distributed a plan outline to commissioners for feedback and future discussion.			
Progress Q3:			
Progress Q4:			

Initiative #2	Initiative Type <input type="checkbox"/> Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
Create presentation to share information about Parks and Recreation facilities, services, and systems with up to six community groups.	Deliverable Presentation for community groups and summary report to council	Leads Nelson (Lead), Good, Haas, Nahlovsky (S), Ites	Target Completion Date: Q4 2021
Budget Required: 2021 department funds are available to support various marketing materials to promote the events and opportunities to gather feedback. Presentations, info sheets, marketing materials.			
Staff Support Required: Communications support required for informational press kit, materials for presentations either for in person or electronic. Communications made aware.			
Progress Q1: Commissioners have reviewed a presentation outline that can be customized to target groups and also broad topical areas. They are discussing one of the six sessions would be virtual to manage through the pandemic restrictions and also to encourage equity in participation. The virtual session may follow the Town Talk format. Currently working on presentation content.			
Progress Q2: Communications division has indicated that a town talk event could be scheduled in Q4 of 2021 and again in Q1 of 2022.			
Progress Q3:			
Progress Q4:			

Initiative #3	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
Report and provide recommendations on alternative funding sources for park related improvements including parks, facilities, and enterprise upgrades.	Deliverable Report to City Council	Leads McAwley (Lead), Haas, Willette, Ites	Target Completion Date Q4 2021
Budget Required: Funds not required.			
Staff Support Required: None.			
Progress Q1: Group will continue to review which funding alternative methods would be applied to each park, facility or enterprise area. Each member has been assigned an area of research to determine if that method is viable for Edina. Members are also reviewing research done in other communities through National Recreation and Parks Association publications.			
Progress Q2:			
Progress Q3:			
Progress Q4:			

Initiative #4	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
Study and report on options to categorize underutilized park amenities/areas and identify park amenity needs.	Deliverable Report to Parks and Recreation Department	Leads Doscotch (Lead), Good, McAwley, Nelson	Target Completion Date Q4 2021
Budget Required: Funds not required.			
Staff Support Required: Staff liaison.			
Progress Q1: Group has met and discussed the relationship of this work group to initiative #5 and currently developing a timeline for completion, deliverables, assignment or responsibilities and set next meetings. This initiative requires additional dialogue with staff to ensure deliverable is worthwhile to department.			
Progress Q2:			
Progress Q3:			
Progress Q4:			

Initiative #5	Initiative Type <input type="checkbox"/> Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
Study and report evaluating options for determining benchmarks (park amenities, operations, service areas) the commission started studying in 2020.	Deliverable Report to Parks and Recreation Department.	Leads Good (Lead), Sorem (S), Mork (S), Doscotch	Target Completion Date Q4 2021
Budget Required: Funds not required.			
Staff Support Required: Staff liaison.			
Progress Q1: Group has collected benchmark data as part of 2020 work plan. Has used both internal Edina and National Recreation and Parks Association benchmarking and best practices. Established a foundational draft of 9 recommended benchmarks, that correlate to the NRPA benchmarks to compare to like cities. It will also be important to monitor the ability to address developing park services that match both current and future demographics to assets and programs.			
Progress Q2: Staff has taken the data from the 2020 annual financial report and compiled cost recover metrics benchmarks. Staff will share that data with the initiative members.			
Progress Q3:			
Progress Q4:			

Parking Lot: (These items have been considered by the BC, but not proposed as part of this year's work plan. If the BC decides they would like to work on them in the current year, it would need to be approved by Council.)



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Date: October 12, 2021

Agenda Item #: VII.A.

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Other

From: Rick Ites, Chair - Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Activity:

Subject: 2022 Submitted Work Plan

Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

None, informational only.

INTRODUCTION:

Attached is a copy of the draft 2022 presented to the Edina City Council on October 5, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

2022 Commission Draft Work Plan



Commission: Parks & Recreation Commission 2022 Annual Work Plan Proposal

Initiative # 1	Initiative Type <input type="checkbox"/> Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
<i>Present information about Parks and Recreation facilities, services, and systems with up to six community groups.</i>	Deliverable	Leads	Target Completion Date
Budget Required: (Completed by staff) Minimal presentation related expenses would be supported by department budget.			
Staff Support Required (Completed by staff): Parks and Recreation: Max 40; Communications varies pending format (I.e. Town Talk or video series)			
Liaison Comments: Continuation of 2021 work plan initiative.			
City Manager Comments:			

Initiative # 2	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
<i>Recommend funding sources for park related improvements including parks, facilities, and enterprise upgrades, including a philanthropic wish list and donation process.</i>	Deliverable	Leads	Target Completion Date
Budget Required: (Completed by staff) Funding not required to complete recommendation process.			
Staff Support Required (Completed by staff): Parks and Recreation: Max 40; Finance: Max 30; City Attorney: Max: 10			
Liaison Comments: Continuation of 2021 work plan initiative.			
City Manager Comments:			

Initiative # 3	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
<i>Review city playground assets with the intent of prioritizing opportunities and improvements, focusing on accessibility, at each location.</i>	Deliverable <i>Output would feed into an updated proposal in the CIP, both on costs and timing for each specific park asset.</i>	Leads	Target Completion Date
Budget Required: (Completed by staff) Does not require funding to review this process.			
Staff Support Required (Completed by staff): Parks and Recreation: Max 40			
Liaison Comments: Request that the timing to be completed is prior to the beginning of the 2022 Capital Improvement Program process			
City Manager Comments:			

Initiative # 4	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event Council Charge <input type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
<i>Review and propose an expanded volunteer assistance program to connect volunteers to park initiatives.</i>	Deliverable	Leads	Target Completion Date
Budget Required: (Completed by staff) Funding not required to complete recommendation process.			
Staff Support Required (Completed by staff): Parks and Recreation: Max 40; Engagement Manager: TBD to provide feedback			
Liaison Comments: Work would include focus on supporting gaps in service delivery due to resource deficiencies.			
City Manager Comments:			



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Date: October 12, 2021

Agenda Item #: VIII.A.

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Other

From: Perry Vetter, Parks and Recreation Director

Item Activity:

Subject: Informational Items

Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

None, informational only.

INTRODUCTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Informational Items - October 2021

STAFF REPORT



Date: Oct 12, 2021

To: Park and Recreation Commission

From: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Informational Items

Information / Background:

Braemar Arena

The west arena condenser replacement project was completed two weeks ago. The ice was back in just in time for Edina Hockey Association tryouts. Roofing repairs also continue at the arena to address ongoing spots where leaking has occurred.

In September 26,312 people came through the doors of Braemar Arena. In September 2020 that number was 15,057. We attribute the difference to the COVID restrictions that were in place last year. These included very limited spectators and ice times that resulted in a loss of rental opportunity.

Braemar Field

The Braemar Sports Dome will go up on Friday, Oct. 22, pending any weather issues. Staff from public works, parks maintenance and the ICWC will assist with the process.

Braemar Golf Course/Golf Dome

The golf course and driving range will close on Oct. 31 after the conclusion of the Superintendent's Revenge event on the Championship 18. The golf dome will officially open on Nov. 1.

Buckthorn Dump

Residents can drop off their buckthorn shrubs for free during the semi-annual buckthorn dump over two weekends in mid-October. The drop-off site will be set up in a lot across from Braemar Golf Dome. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 16 and 23, and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays Oct. 17 and 24.

When arriving at the site, please have ready a photo ID with a current Edina address. Residents will be asked to hold the ID up in the window so staff can verify it. Commercial haulers must be accompanied by the resident for whom they are working, though they may arrive in separate vehicles. While at the site, please observe current health guidelines. Buckthorn brush cannot be bagged, boxed or bundled. If it is, it must be removed from the container before being left at the dump site.

Another free buckthorn dump will be held in spring 2022. For more information on the buckthorn dump, contact City Forester Luther Overholt at 952-826-0308 or LOverholt@EdinaMN.gov.

Centennial Lakes Park

The putting course and paddleboats ended the season on Sept. 30. Staff is now preparing for a return to a normal winter skating season with rental skates and concessions.

Edina Fall into the Arts Festival

The *Edina Fall into the Arts Festival* was successfully held as a collaboration among the Edina Arts Center, Centennial Lakes Park, and the Edina Crime Prevention Fund. There were 194 artists, 16 food vendors, and 16 sponsors at various levels. Many participants enjoyed the festival and artists stated they had some of the best sales of their season. Special thanks to Centennial Lakes Park and Art Center staff, the Communications Department, the Community Health Department, the Office of the City Clerk, the Police and Fire Departments, the Crime Prevention Fund, the Festival Committee and Festival staff.

Halloboo Trick or Treat Trail

The HalloBoo event is currently seeking community partners to host a booth. Applications are due by Oct. 15 for the Oct. 28 event. The event is almost sold out at 250 spots.

Lake Cornelia – Nine Mile Creek Watershed District water quality project

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has begun work on the Lake Cornelia water quality project in the Rosland Park parking lot. There will be occasional trail, parking lot and road closures related to this project.

Park Shelter Rentals

Reservations for park shelters will conclude Oct. 15 to transition the online rental process to the new software. Reservations are typically closed this time of the season due to the upcoming programming use of the shelters and will resume as normal in 2022.

Pumpkins Smash & Bash

Recycle your pumpkin! Join us at Countryside Park for a pumpkin rolling contest, catapult contest and then smash or bash your pumpkin to toss into the compost pile. The event is Thursday, Nov. 4 from 4-6p.m. and is free to the public but participants need to register at <https://secure.recl.com/MN/edina-mn/catalog>

Tennis Court Resurfacing

The contractor has begun work on resurfacing the Rosland, Yancey and Walnut Ridge tennis courts. Paving is expected to be completed this fall and the color surface applied next spring after the asphalt has time to cure.

Winter Warming House/Outdoor Skating Season

Staff is in the process of preparing for the upcoming winter warming house and outdoor skating season. Hiring interviews have begun to fill our warming house attendant positions.



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Agenda Item #: VIII.B.

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item Type:

Other

From: Perry Vetter, Parks and Recreation Director

Item Activity:

Subject: Upcoming Meetings and Events

Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

None, informational only.

INTRODUCTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Upcoming 2021 Meetings and Events

STAFF REPORT



Date: October 12, 2021

To: Park and Recreation Commission

From: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Upcoming 2021 Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Location
*Tues. Oct. 12	Regular Meeting	7:00 pm	*Braemar Golf Course
*Tues. Nov. 9	Regular Meeting	7:00 pm	*Braemar Golf Course
*Tues. Dec. 14	Regular Meeting	7:00 pm	*Braemar Golf Course
TBD	Commission Member Annual Reception	-	TBD
TBD	Chair and Liaison Annual Morning Meeting	-	TBD
Dec. 31	Quarter 4 Work Plan Progress Due	-	-

* Location change – Commission meetings have been relocated to accommodate greater social distancing. Meetings will now be held at Braemar Golf Course – Banquet Room at 6364 John Harris Drive. The city no longer has the authority to offer hybrid or virtual meetings due to the expiration of the peacetime emergency.