



# **Inver Grove Heights Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077**

## **AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Presentations**

- A. Rachel Mikel and Chelsea Swenhaugen, Recreation Coordinators – Recreation Programming

**4. Announcements**

- A. June Meeting – Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7:00 pm

**5. Consent Agenda**

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and have been made available to the Commission at least two days prior to the meeting; the items will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from this Agenda and considered in normal sequence.

- A. Approval of Agenda

- B. Approve Minutes from January 10, February 14, March 13, and April 10, 2024, Meetings

**6. Public Comment**

Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

**7. Unfinished Business**

Items that are brought back to the Commission for action from a previous meeting

**8. Regular Agenda**

- A. 2024 Tree Replacement Plan

- B. Heritage Village Park Splash Pad Survey Results

**9. Administrative Presentations**

- A. Department Happenings
1. Parks Superintendent Update
  2. Recreation Superintendent Update

**10. Commission Comments**

**11. Adjourn**

## **May 8, 2024 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda**

**Inver Grove Heights  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
City Hall Police Conference Room - 8150 Barbara Avenue  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Cook called the January 10, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Chair Steve Cook; Vice Chair Niki Barker; Commissioners: Bill Skar, Sandy Christensen, Ben Stone, Tracy Mulcahy, Willie Krech, Abby Heidenreich

**Absent:** Curt Ellingboe (excused)

**Others Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Adam Lares, Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda, Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

There were no presentations.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A. February PRAC Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

**B. Approval of the meeting minutes from November 2023**

Correction of correction: May meeting date is May 8<sup>th</sup>, not 15<sup>th</sup> (has been updated on website)

**Motion by Commissioner Christensen, second by Commissioner Krech, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Ayes: 8**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Rock Island Swing Bridge (RISB) Lighting**

Parks & Recreation Director Adam Lares presented three options for adding lighting to the Rock Island Swing Bridge using state funding that needs to be spent by June 2025:

1. Color-changing floodlights on exterior of legacy bridge portion only, due to cost; color-changing linear lights on interior of entire bridge
2. White floodlights on exterior of entire bridge
3. Color-changing floodlights on entire bridge, preserve current safety lighting on interior

SEH (contracted firm) will finalize the design in April-May, after community engagement and PRAC recommendation to Council. Construction is planned to start July 2024 and end by June 2025.

Commissioner Mulcahy and Chair Cook asked about current lighting of the nearby park and trail to Heritage Valley Park. Parks Superintendent Swoboda and Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that the plan is to add more.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked about the audience for the bridge lighting.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares replied that they are considering both people on the bridge and people viewing the bridge from land/the river.

## **B. 2024 Work Plan – Work Session Date Selection**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares and PRAC settled on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall for the work session on the 2024 Work Plan.

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Parks and Recreation Director Updates**

#### **1. Heritage Village & South Valley Park – Construction Updates**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares showed the Current and Future Parks Projects page on the website, which has information about ongoing work.

There have been delays at South Valley due to issues with obtaining materials and weather-dependent work, but South Valley should be open in June/July (though plantings will continue through the year.)

Work on Heritage Village continues.

#### **2. Parks & Recreation Department Restoration**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares worked with Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak to restructure some positions after a departure. The Guest Services Position at the Community Center was eliminated. Two new positions for the department, Facility Superintendent and Community Center Manager, have been created and will be posted by the end of first quarter. Parks and Recreation Director Lares thanked current Community Center and Facilities staff for stepping up during vacancies.

#### **3. Dog Park Update**

In December 2023, the dog park reopened after 2 months. Dog park passes were extended for two months free of charge to account for the closure.

Commissioner Skar extended appreciation on behalf of his dog.

Commissioner Krech asked about the results of the investigation into where the reported bullet came from. Parks and Recreation Director Lares shared that he spoke with people at the adjacent South St. Paul Rod and Gun Club to discuss reducing the potential for concerns, and that they were supportive.

### **B. Department Happenings**

#### **1. Parks Superintendent Update**

Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda updated the Commission on recent work made possible by the mild winter -- trimming, mulching, mowing, fixing park amenities, grading a project at Vista Pines, and reshaping a ditch.

- The Parks crew also took a 4-hour chainsaw maintenance safety class.
- Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda discussed challenges with opening rinks.
- New equipment has been arriving (mowers, woodchipper, trucks.)
- They are working on splash pad options with vendors.
- A new full-time position was approved in Parks and filled in January.
- Tree removal and grading for Seidl's Trail and Shoreline Restoration will start soon.
- New LED lighting was added to Oakwood and Skyview tennis courts.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked about locks on pickleball/tennis courts. Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda answered that newer courts are now being locked at night to prevent more instances of people bringing dogs in and not cleaning up after.

## **2. Recreation Superintendent Update**

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak reported that VMCC has been very busy, with events and facilities often full to capacity. She extended kudos to Guest Services staff for keeping up. Overall, participants enrolled in programs almost doubled for this year, compared to January 2023.

- Fitness Manager Amy Crary led a new program called Wellness Wednesday with lots of demonstration classes for people to try. Participants enjoyed it and there were 30 new memberships, so these will continue.
- The Annual Princess Dance is coming up February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Recreation Superintendent Dorshak reported that the spring/summer brochure will be launched in March.
- Recreation Superintendent Dorshak showed the VMCC's Annual Report for 2022, with information about revenue, projects, programming, and how many people were served. The 2023 Annual Report should be available April or May.

Chair Cook asked about the new membership office. Parks and Recreation Director Lares responded that after the restructure, Customer Service Specialist Dana Lindsey will be a membership specialist, and that the office will be available as a space to meet with new members.

## **10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Barker wished a happy birthday to her nana, age 92.

Commissioner Heidenreich expressed excitement to see details of the bridge lighting options.

Commissioner Krech suggested creating a card system to increase accountability for dog park fees.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares responded that the return on investment for automated pass system infrastructure can take decades, but it's something they can explore.

Chair Cook asked about potentially removing the fees altogether.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares indicated that currently, the plan is to keep using the honor system.

## **11. ADJOURN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Barker, second by Commissioner Christensen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.**

**Ayes: 8**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Wilfred Clashe

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Chair Steve Cook; Vice Chair Niki Barker; Commissioners: Curt Ellingboe, Bill Skar, Sandy Christensen, Ben Stone, Tracy Mulcahy, Willie Krech, Abby Heidenreich

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Adam Lares, Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda, Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

There were no presentations.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A. March PRAC Meeting, Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**B. March Work Session Moved to April – Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Commissioner Mulcahy, second by Commissioner Skar, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Ayes: 9**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Resolution to Authorize and Accept September 1-December 31, 2023 Donations and Sponsorships to the Parks and Recreation Department**

Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak introduced Recreation Coordinator Rachel Mikel to present on the processes for sponsorships and donations that support recreation programs and events. Recreation Coordinator Mikel discussed the twice-yearly campaigns, with information sent in letters to local businesses and posted on the City's website. Recreation Coordinator Mikel then reviewed sponsorship packages and options, including monetary donations, in-kind sponsorships, and on-site participation at events.

Mikel stated that benefits to sponsors vary by package and event, but can include promotion on signage and social media, short commercials in announcements, tabling, etc.

Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak stated that from September 2023 to December 2023, \$13,487 was provided to the City in donated funds and goods.

Chair Cook asked about the rationale for the timeline of the donations and sponsorships approvals process, and what would happen if the Commission did not approve them. Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak stated that it is more efficient to bundle up the donations as they come in throughout the year. She added that approved donations are used to expand programming/activities.

**Motion by Commissioner Ellingboe second by Commissioner Krech, to Authorize and Accept September 1-December 31, 2023 Donations and Sponsorships to the Parks and Recreation Department**

**Ayes: 9**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

**B. Rock Island Swing Bridge Lighting Options**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares presented on three bridge lighting options:

- Option 1: add interior color-changing lights on the bridge's full length and exterior color-changing lights on the historic section of the bridge.
  - The capital cost is estimated at \$375,000 - \$425,000, with an added annual operating cost of \$3,980.
- Option 2: maintain current interior lighting and add exterior color-changing lights on the entire bridge.
  - The capital cost is estimated at \$525,000 to \$575,000, with an added annual operating cost of \$5,240.
- Option 3: maintain current interior lighting and add exterior white flood lighting on the entire bridge.
  - The capital cost is estimated at \$425,000 to \$475,000, with an added annual operating cost of \$5,660.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares explained that the budget includes \$55,800 in a design/bid/construction administration contract with SEH, so \$402,200 is available for the project.

Commissioner Skar asked about people requesting colors for events.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered yes; a policy could be written to address that.

Chair Cook asked whether park entrance lighting is part of the estimate.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered no; that is being considered as an add/alt.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked where floodlights would be placed.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that they are placed along the beams, casting up and down at angles.

Chair Cook asked about requirements with the appropriation.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered there are none.

Commissioner Stone asked about vantage points.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares responded that the main vantage point will be for pedestrians in the area, but people along the river, people in the marina, and some residences to the north/south will also be able to see it.

Commissioner Ellingboe asked about whether similar bridges in the area have interior color-changing linear lighting.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares responded that he would have to look into it.

Chair Cook clarified that color-changing is more expensive than white lights. Parks and Recreation Director Lares confirmed that.

Commissioner Stone commented that interior lighting would also be visible to air traffic, and color-changing would help differentiate the bridge from the refinery nearby.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares stated that there will also be interesting reflections from the lighting in the water.

Commissioner Skar recommended selecting two choices for the survey and said that selecting Option 1 (interior experience) and Option 2 (exterior experience) would give people a distinct choice.

Commissioner Krech expressed interest in Option 2 and recommended that brands not be specified in the spec to contain costs.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares said he will reiterate the need for options with the consultant.

Commissioner Mulcahy commented that she agrees with Commissioner Skar about presenting Option 1 and Option 2 to the public.

**Motion by Commissioner Skar, second by Commissioner Christensen, to present Options 1 and 2 for public comment.**

**Ayes: 9**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

### **C. Heritage Village Park Inclusive Splash Pad Design**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares presented the results of ongoing work with WSB, Flagship Recreation, and Aquatix on the design for the inclusive splash pad.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares reviewed aspects of the design including a nature theme referencing the Mississippi River, interactive play opportunities for all ages and abilities, adequate shade, Aquaflex surfacing, and fencing. He stated that the splash pad will have a toddler zone close to the restrooms with gentle play features, a family zone with a duck race and a continuously-flowing feature, and a dynamic zone with higher-pressure water features. All will have push-button activation elements.

Commissioner Stone asked about the potential impact of hard water deposits on the fixtures and Aquaflex.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that cleaning and winterizing will be part of the training for maintenance staff, and fixtures will be covered through their warranty period. The Aquaflex material should be weather-durable.

Commissioner Skar commented that the natural design features will lead to interest from content creators and drive visitors to the City.

Commissioner Heidenreich stated that as a teacher and nanny, she has visited many splash pads, and this one has unique features that will draw more people in.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares thanked Parks Superintendent Swoboda for his input in the design process.

Chair Cook said he appreciates that the design has areas designated for different age groups.

Commissioner Christensen asked what the dark gray surface is.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that the dark gray areas, the blue areas, and the “bridge” area of the design will all be Aquaflex, which is nonporous and therefore easier to power wash than concrete is.

Commissioner Christensen said black picnic tables absorb a lot of heat and asked if that design choice is final.

Parks Superintendent Swoboda confirmed that black picnic tables for the roundhouse and bench shelters have been ordered. He noted that the picnic tables underneath the canopies have not been ordered yet.

Chair Cook asked about aspects of the design that are still being tweaked.

Parks Superintendent Swoboda stated that there won't be grass in the splash pad area, as grass clippings could clog the drainage system.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares confirmed that they are reworking that part of the design.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares covered two system options:

- Recirculation Water System
  - Chemical treatment
  - More labor costs for testing and maintenance
  - More potential for closures when there are treatment issues
  - Estimated typical operating cost for 4 months: \$16,584
- Single Pass System (flow-through)
  - Capture (some portion of) runoff underground in a tank and use it for drip irrigation in the site plan area
  - Estimated typical operating cost for 4 months: \$30,242

Commissioner Stone asked about the frequency of water testing.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that the water has to be checked on-site daily.

Commissioner Skar asked about the potential for closures in the flow-through system.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares clarified that for the flow-through system, if a diaper is left on the splash pad, no closure is necessary (just the removal of the diaper).

Commissioner Barker asked why the plan is for partial recapture.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares clarified that the tank size is limited by the proximity of the bedrock underground, and the tank will fill according to splash pad usage.

Commissioner Barker asked about building costs for both systems.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that the recirculating system is more expensive, due to the equipment and testing requirements. He noted that there is probably a quicker return on investment, given reduced water usage, but there's also an added operating cost with the treatment chemicals.

Commissioner Skar commented that user experience is a priority, and that flow-through seems like it would ensure a smoother user experience.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares stated that the staff recommendation is for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to confirm the presented splash pad design as the final design, and to confirm the splash pad system as single pass.

Commissioner Krech asked about estimated water usage.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares stated that for the whole season, it will be in the millions of gallons, but it will depend on the weather.

**Motion by Commissioner Krech, second by Commissioner Barker, to Approve the presented splash pad design and the single-pass splash pad system.**

**Ayes: 9**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Department Happenings**

#### **1. Parks Superintendent Update**

Parks Superintendent Swoboda updated the Commission on recent activities:

- The ice rinks have closed for the season due to weather.
- Tree trimming and removal of invasive species continues.
- Parks staff have been repainting/replacing benches as needed.
  - 14 benches at Rich Valley were replaced with more durable composite.
- Recruiting seasonal staff by referral has been more effective than posting
- All ash in the Seidls Lake pile has been burned.
- Parks Superintendent Swoboda has been ordering amenities, including spring supplies (seed, fertilizer, chalk, field paint), picnic tables and benches for Skyview and Oakwood courts, and banners.
- Parks Superintendent Swoboda met with Dakota County and Friends of the Mississippi River about the Natural Resource Management Plan for the 80-acre Harmon Salem project. The Parks will provide 15% of the project's total cost in in-kind contributions. The County will fund the other 85% and the Friends of the Mississippi River will administrate the project.

Chair Cook asked about the Veterans Memorial Community Trail.

Parks Superintendent Swoboda said work on the Inver Grove Heights portion of the trail won't start until August 2024.

Chair Cook asked about continued work at River Heights and the retirement of the former FMR contact person.

Parks Superintendent Swoboda confirmed there will be some work needed and mentioned that there is a new contact at Friends of the Mississippi River for Natural Resource Plans.

#### **2. Recreation Superintendent Update**

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak said the Veterans Memorial Community Center has been very busy with events and programs. She shared the following updates about specific events:

- 1,200 are expected to attend the 3AAA girls' hockey game
- 63 young people attended the recent Princess Dance with their guardians.
- 45 vendors are signed up for the Craft Fair

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak added that this is a busy time of year for updating administrative processes as well.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak stated that membership increased roughly 14 percent from 2022 to 2023, from 3,072 memberships to 3,507. Attendance increased roughly 7 percent, from 154,811 check-ins to 165,500 check-ins.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak commended Aquatics Coordinator Suzie Seabright-Hofmeister for her recent certifications in lifeguard training, CPR, and first aid. Dorshak said having an in-house instructor for these areas improves facility safety, reduces fees for lifeguards needing recertification, and represents a potential revenue stream for City-hosted trainings in the future.

## **B. Parks and Recreation Director Updates**

### **1. Recording Secretary - Council and Commission Minutes**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares stated that the hiring process for a recording secretary is underway, and minutes will be updated thereafter.

### **2. Heritage Village & South Valley Park – Construction Updates**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares said current construction contracts are being amended to continue until the end of May 2024 to finalize both parks. Both should be open for reservations and programming July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Cook inquired about hiring for the two positions created in the departmental restructure. Parks and Recreation Director Lares said the Community Center Manager position is open, and the Building Superintendent position will be posted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

## **10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Barker noted the time change will occur prior to March's meeting. Commissioner Stone advised everyone to drive safely.

## **11. ADJOURN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Skar, second by Commissioner Krech, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.**

**Ayes: 9**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Wilfred Clashe

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Barker called the March 13, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Vice Chair Niki Barker; Commissioners: Curt Ellingboe, Bill Skar, Sandy Christensen, Ben Stone, Tracy Mulcahy, Abby Heidenreich

**Absent:** Chair Steve Cook, Commissioner Willie Krech (both excused)

**Others Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Adam Lares, Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda, Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Olivia Skelton, Communications Specialist - Parks and Recreation**

Olivia Skelton, Communications Specialist, presented on the Parks and Recreation Department's current marketing efforts, including print brochures/posters/flyers, social media, emails, reach screens, and Google My Business. She discussed processes for responding to requests and comments and emphasized the importance of maintaining an informative, relevant, and friendly presence.

Commissioner Skar asked about creating an app and mentioned benefits like cardless check-in and notifications of relevant events.

Communications Specialist Skelton replied that it's certainly possible.

Commissioner Barker said maintenance can become an issue – someone must keep the app up to date.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak mentioned Captivate, an add-on app within ACTIVENet software the Department is already using and said that it would allow for program promotion and more.

Communications Specialist Skelton added that they are currently comparing email marketing services for outbound communication.

Commissioner Skar commended Communications Specialist Skelton for her quick and friendly responses to people with concerns online.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked about school outreach efforts.

Communications Specialist Skelton answered that a few times a year, for relevant programs/events, the Department coordinates with teachers to send flyers home with students.

Commissioner Ellingboe asked Communications Specialist Skelton whether public comments/concerns are relayed to the appropriate staff.

Communications Specialist Skelton confirmed that she ensures comments are directed to the right channel.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A. Next meeting - Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**B. Work Session - Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 5:00pm**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

### **B. Approval of the meeting minutes from**

**Motion by Commissioner Ellingboe, second by Skar to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **A. Select Rock Island Swing Bridge Lighting Option**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares presented on the results of the community engagement survey with the two lighting options.

The survey ran from February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup> and over 600 people participated. About 70% of respondents said they were residents of Inver Grove Heights. About 53% of respondents voted for Option 1, and about 47% of respondents voted for Option 2.

There were also about 195 comments. Parks and Recreation Director Lares mentioned several comment trends and his responses to each:

- Some thought that the options were rainbow lighting versus red, white, and blue lighting and expressed their views on those as permanent lighting color choices.
  - The lights will not have a permanent color scheme.
- Some had concerns that this project was locally funded.
  - The project is state grant-funded.
- Some conveyed environmental concerns about light pollution.
  - Because of the refinery across the river, dark sky in the bridge area is not achievable. However, there are adjustments that can be made to minimize impact (e.g. turning some lights off during mayfly season).

Parks and Recreation Director Lares presented the updated project timeline.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked about what construction will involve.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares said that with rewiring work and some exterior components needing to be constructed on the bridge, there will be some bridge closures, but nothing extensive.

Commissioner Skar commented Option 1 has more votes, costs less, and provides the most versatility.

**Motion by Commissioner Skar, second by Ellingboe, to recommend Option 1 to the Council.**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares said the goal is to also add lighting to the trail nearby and to the entrance (on the old framing of the swing bridge.)

Commissioner Mulcahy and Commissioner Skar expressed support for adding more lighting to the park/trail area.

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Department Happenings**

#### **1. Parks Superintendent Update**

Parks Superintendent Swoboda provided updates on the following:

- Construction at Heritage Village is picking up. Current work includes siding the building and working on bathroom fixtures.
- Construction at South Valley Park is also picking up, with roof, siding, and concrete work beginning soon.
- Ordering of materials continues.
- Tennis and pickleball nets went up about 6 weeks ahead of time.
- Crew is also starting on preparing the site at South Valley Park for the future archery range, including tree removal and trail grading.
- Fence work (gates, backstops) continues in preparation for baseball/softball season.
- The blacktop trail at Rich Valley Park will be refreshed.
- The Harmon Reserve and Salem Hills Park Natural Resource Management Plan (Phase 1) will go to City Council for approval on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks Superintendent Swoboda has completed seasonal staff hiring.
- It's a very busy time of the year. Parks staff are responding to public requests (e.g. mulching areas of the dog park) as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked whether the golf course is open.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares answered that it would not be until weather is more consistently 55 to 60 degrees to protect the soil.

Commissioner Barker asked about whether the estimates for completion of construction at Heritage Village and South Valley have changed due to the weather.

Parks Superintendent Swoboda answered that May 31<sup>st</sup> is still the projected completion date for both.

Commissioner Mulcahy commented on people's appreciation of the tennis courts and pickleball courts opening.

#### **2. Recreation Superintendent Update**

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak provided updates on the following:

- The Finance Department recently provided the year-end budget report, and the projected cost to the Host Community Fund to run the Veterans Memorial Community Center was \$1.1 million. Last year, the cost was only \$725,600, so the year ended with 83% cost recovery. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak commended Veterans Memorial Community Center staff for their excellent work.
- There are lots of reservations for Veterans Memorial Community Center facilities; things continue to be busy.
- The Community Center Manager position closed with 80 applicants and interviews begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March. The planned start date is late April/early May.
- Registration opened for the Kids Rock summer day camp program. 116 participants are currently signed up, with four days already at capacity (90 participants.)
- The Spring Egg Hunts are coming up. Many of these have availability remaining.

- Registration for summer programs will begin shortly.
- There were 19 applicants for the Summer Parks and Recreation Intern, which Recreation Superintendent Dorshak commented is a good reflection on the internship program.
- Work on creating rental forms for South Valley continues. Reservations should be available in mid-July, to ensure that the building is completely ready.

Commissioner Mulcahy asked about whether there will be archery classes. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak mentioned that the former archery instructor is taking some time off, so they are looking for somebody.

Commissioner Barker commended the Kids Rock program for being accessible to busy parents, with single-day sign-up and wide pick-up/drop-off windows. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak said she would pass the feedback onto Recreation Coordinator Chelsea Swenhaugen.

Commissioner Christensen asked about the capacity for rentals at the South Valley building. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak answered that the shelter area will have a capacity of 90 people, and the plaza with picnic tables will have a capacity of about 150 people.

## **B. Parks and Recreation Director Updates**

### **1. Heritage Village Park Inclusive Splash Pad Survey**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares commented that the survey runs from 3/2 to 3/30. 24 responses have been received so far, all positive.

### **2. Recording Secretary - Update**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares commented that two recording secretaries have been hired, and the Commission will have three months of meeting minutes to approve in April.

Parks and Recreation Director Lares also commended Communications Specialist Skelton for her work and said that she has been a great asset to the Department.

## **10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

None.

## **11. ADJOURN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Christensen, second by Commissioner Mulcahy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

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**Absent:** Willie Krech (excused)

**Others Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Adam Lares, Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda, Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Matt Moynihan, Club House Superintendent presented on the Inver Wood Golf Course's current offerings.

He mentioned the junior programs, including:

- Free clinics (Weekly on Friday mornings, June – mid-July)
- Family golf (kids play free with a paying adult on the Executive Course) Fridays-Sundays
- \$5 play on Executive Course through Youth on Course
- Classes, group and private lessons
- Junior League Wednesdays (June/July)

He mentioned adult programs, including:

- Free women's clinics (Monthly on Saturday mornings)
- Group and private lessons
- Women's League
- Men's League
- Senior Rates available for Championship and Executive Course

He discussed the 32-year Anniversary Membership program, which will provide access to tee times not booked in advance that would otherwise go unused.

He also reported that the early-card-pickup discount was successful in reducing wait times on opening days.

Club House Superintendent Moynihan then updated the Commission on user numbers (71,000 people last year) and the new GPS app for the course, YamaTrack.

In terms of maintenance equipment and projects, more equipment from Toro is coming, which will help with mowing efficiency. They will be testing a porous bunker liner on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to keep rodents out.

Lastly, he reported that they are still looking for seasonal staff (16+) to ensure full coverage of shifts.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. Next meeting - Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:00 pm

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

## **A. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Commissioner Christensen, second by Commissioner Barker, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Ayes: 8**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Consider Approval of 2024 Parks and Recreation Work Plan**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares discussed the items agreed upon in the work session:

1. Creation of a subcommittee for a Parks and Recreation Systems Plan
2. Find ways to work with City Council on initiatives of common interest
3. Continue to support active park projects
  - a. Heritage Village Park (Phases 4 and 5)
  - b. South Valley Park (Grand opening)
  - c. Overlook Ridge / Argenta Hills (Grand opening)
4. Advisement and prioritization of park projects in 2024
  - a. Heritage Village Park (Phase 6)
5. Northwest Area Park Development
6. Advise on prioritization of Brightside Room in Community Center
  - a. Guide community engagement efforts
7. Review park dedications to send recommendations to City Council
8. PRAC involvement in community engagement with residents

**Motion by Commissioner Skar, second by Commissioner Heidenreich, to approve the Work Plan as proposed.**

**Ayes: 8**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:**

### **A. Department Happenings**

#### **1. Parks Superintendent Update**

Parks Superintendent Swoboda updated the Commission on the following work:

- Preparing athletic fields for use
- Planning the archery range at South Valley Park
- Cleaning and re-striping parking lots
- Opening the Rich Valley facilities for the season (repaving will happen later this spring)
- Tree spading from the nursery in Salem Hills Park to replace diseased trees
- Meeting with a new Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists trail steward to help maintain the mountain bike trails at Harmon Reserve

- Construction at Heritage Village and South Valley Park continues (anticipated completion date: May 31st)
- Meeting with contractor about Seidl's Lake Trail Extension work
- Reducing invasive plants as in-kind contribution to the Harmon Park Reserve and Salem Hills Park Natural Resource Management Plan
- Planning the Skyview Park and Oakwood Park court replacement projects (anticipated completion date: Labor Day)

## **2. Recreation Superintendent Update**

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak updated the commission on the following work:

- The VMCC member survey recently closed with 583 responses. The next step will be creating a summary of the results with some short-term and long-term goals.
- The Community Center Manager position has been offered to a candidate. Council approval is expected April 22nd.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Annual Healthy Living Fair, Wednesday, April 17th
  - World Tai Chi Day Saturday April 27th
- Summer recreation programs are filling up. The elementary school flyer should go out soon. The Department is still hiring Kids Rock staff.
- All 30 community garden plots filled up within 2 hours of registration opening. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak and Parks Superintendent Swoboda are discussing potential additional locations.
- The Department has been selected as a Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Award of Excellence recipient in the category of sponsorships and partnerships for the September 22nd Spark event with the school district. She commended Recreation Coordinators Chelsea Swenhausen and Rachel Mikel for their work on this event, which will be held again in the fall.

Chair Cook asked about how recent changes have affected new members' experiences.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak clarified that the Membership Specialist Position has not begun yet but that updates will be coming.

## **B. Parks and Recreation Director Updates**

Parks and Recreation Director Lares did not have any updates.

## **10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Chair Cook noted that the applications to be a Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner are open until May 1st. The application can be found online. He clarified that you don't need to be an expert in parks and recreation to apply; it's an interesting chance to have an impact on the community.

## **11. ADJOURN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Barker, second by Commissioner Christensen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.**

**Ayes: 8**

**Nays: 0      Motion carried.**

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Wilfred Clashe



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission  
Staff Report****SUBJECT: 2024 Tree Replacement Plan****MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2024**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Agenda**CONTACT:** Brian Swoboda, Parks Superintendent, 651.450.2582**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED**

The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission is asked to consider recommending approval of the annual city reforestation program through the Tree Preservation Fund for the 2024 Tree Replacement Plan to the City Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The Tree Replacement Policy was approved by the City Council on February 10, 2003. The purpose of this policy is to provide criteria for the expenditure of funds in the City of Inver Grove Heights Tree Protection and Preservation Fund. The intent is the enhancement of the city's forest resources. It also provides criteria for expenditure of funds received when a development does not have sufficient room on its site to allow for all required reforestation and City Council approves a payment in lieu of planting (approved at final plat). Additionally, it calls for an annual tree replacement plan, prepared by the Parks Division, submitted to the Park & Recreation Advisory Commission for review, and City Council for approval. The last time a Tree Replacement Plan was approved was on March 28, 2016. (See attached policy)

Funds may be used for a City Reforestation Program – Cost may include tree purchase, planting, and a maintenance period (i.e. irrigation, tree stacking, fertilization, pruning, etc.) until the tree(s) becomes established. Also, it may be used for Special Needs – in the event of a natural disaster or other identifiable special needs. Expenditures each year cannot exceed 50% of the balance in the fund, or lower the balance below \$10,000, unless specifically approved by the Council.

For 2024, the City forester proposes the following Tree Replacement Plan:

| Project                | Description                                                               | Quantity                | Cost     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Citywide Parks - Trees | Contract Plant/Install B&B & Container trees w/2 yr warranty, irrigation. | Trees = 40              | \$18,000 |
| Argenta Hills Park     | Contract Plant/Install B&B & Container trees w/2 yr. warranty             | Trees = 30<br>Landscape | \$15,000 |

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| <b>Overlook Ridge Park</b>          | Contract Plant/Install B&B & Container trees w/2 yr. warranty | Trees = 30<br>Landscape                                            | \$15,000                       |
| <b>Citywide Parks - Trees</b>       | Contract Plant/Install B&B & Container tree w/2 yr. warranty  | Trees = 25                                                         | \$15,000                       |
| <b>Vista Pines Park</b>             | Irrigation                                                    | Irrigation = 4 acres                                               | \$68,000                       |
| <b>Heritage Village Park</b>        | Irrigation.                                                   | Irrigation = 8 acres                                               | \$125,000                      |
| <b>Citywide Parks - Maintenance</b> | Tree and Shrub maintenance                                    | Mulch = 300 yards<br>Stumps = 50 Trees<br>Hazard Tree Removal = 25 | \$7,500<br>\$4,000<br>\$10,000 |
|                                     |                                                               | <b>Total</b>                                                       | <b>\$262,500</b>               |

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The policy provides for expenditures of up to 50% of the fund in any given year. The current balance as of December 2023 in the Tree Preservation Fund (Fund 443) is approximately \$769,000. The Parks and Public works departments are requesting to spend \$262,500 in 2024. This would leave a balance of approximately \$506,500 in the fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends, the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission recommend approval of the annual city reforestation program through the Tree Preservation Fund to the City Council.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None



## Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Staff Report

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**SUBJECT:**        **Heritage Village Park Splash Pad Survey Results**

**MEETING DATE:**    May 8, 2024

**ITEM TYPE:**        Regular Agenda

**CONTACT:**         Adam Lares, Parks & Recreation Director, 651.450.2587

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### **PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is asked to receive a presentation on the results of the Heritage Village Park Splash Pad Survey Results.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will receive a presentation on the survey results concerning the Heritage Village Park Splash Pad Design. The survey, conducted from February to March, garnered participation from 49 individuals. Included in the packet are the 49 comments.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1.    Data\_Q1\_240503

# Q1 Please provide any feedback on the inclusive splash pad design.

Answered: 49   Skipped: 0

| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DATE               |
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| 1  | Yes. So far the parks are severely lacking in shaded areas. Thank you for including shaded spots to sit- might the tot spot have a section that is shaded IN the splash pad? For super hot days?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3/30/2024 6:03 PM  |
| 2  | Love this idea!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3/30/2024 2:44 PM  |
| 3  | I think it looks great, but having a vending machine would be nice? You always have parents that forget water bottles/drinks. Thank you for creating this splash pad!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3/29/2024 4:27 PM  |
| 4  | Please make it big and fun!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3/28/2024 1:12 AM  |
| 5  | Go check out Rosemounts splash pad. Kids love a little stream they can put their boats down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/27/2024 9:19 PM  |
| 6  | Love it!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3/27/2024 11:35 AM |
| 7  | I live in Inver Grove and would love a Splash pad close to home my daughter would love it!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/27/2024 9:50 AM  |
| 8  | Love the design. Can't wait to have splash pad close to us                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/27/2024 9:17 AM  |
| 9  | If you could implement an area for kids to reorient the water and create dams that would be fun! The Rosemount splash pad has a great toddler area where kids love to redirect water and it's a nice area for those who do not like water directly splashing them in the face.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3/19/2024 10:51 PM |
| 10 | Softer grounding in tot area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/18/2024 10:38 AM |
| 11 | Hoping there will be a soft and not concrete pad for the toddler area. They fall easily or prefer to sit and all the concrete splash pads we've gone to have been problematic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3/17/2024 11:05 PM |
| 12 | Looks great!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/17/2024 10:13 AM |
| 13 | Design seems good and a great park option for the city. BUT, wasn't there a recent incident at the dog park in this same area due to stray bullet(s) from the gun club? Knowing this, is it a prudent decision to add a park with lots of kids and families visiting to a location where this is a known exposure?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/16/2024 7:12 PM  |
| 14 | What about some sort of wading pool feature? The Como park aquatics center is one of the best aquatic pool areas in the metro and much better than a splash pad. Something Similar in IGH would be a huge draw for the community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3/16/2024 10:21 AM |
| 15 | The number of picnic tables seems insufficient for the attendance that will come from this addition. Please add more picnic, and a few more ADA parking stalls. Thank you!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/15/2024 10:01 PM |
| 16 | The design has so many fantastic elements! The water features for different ages and abilities are well thought out. Will there be buttons to activate the running water? If so, having multiple buttons (one in each section) would be helpful. The shaded picnic tables are very nice. Definitely keep them! I might suggest adding some additional benches for seating on the inner curve of the area. From my experience at the Eagan and Burnsville splash pads, seating is in short supply on weekends. Also, when moving around to supervise children as they play in different sections, it's nice to have a place to sit down. We are so excited for a splash pad to come to IGH! | 3/15/2024 7:06 PM  |
| 17 | It needs way more shade and seating. The splash pad itself should be shaded under umbrellas or a canopy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3/15/2024 4:51 PM  |
| 18 | Looks great. Only concern is how the water feeds. A hide thing I look to is cleanliness. If water that touches a poop-filled water diaper runs through various areas, that's a big safety concern. I also don't know if only 3 toilet areas is enough. Are these locked overnight? Will they be checked for cleanliness throughout the day? I love the look and the features, overall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3/15/2024 4:34 PM  |
| 19 | Are there adult size changing tables for individuals with disabilities in the gender neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/15/2024 4:07 PM  |

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bathrooms? 3 neutral gender bathrooms also doesn't sound like very many. The aspects of the inclusive splash pad itself seems good. So glad you are doing this!

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| 20 | Love this splash pad. So excited to make that apart of our summer routine!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/15/2024 3:58 PM |
| 21 | Add more water features in the dynamic zone feel like the Eagan splash pad is never big enough for the amount of visitors and kids fight for water features.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3/15/2024 2:26 PM |
| 22 | Love this!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/15/2024 2:19 PM |
| 23 | Looks fun! Can't wait to bring my little ones to a close by splash pad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3/15/2024 2:19 PM |
| 24 | Looks good. Send it!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/15/2024 2:14 PM |
| 25 | Where is the survey?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/14/2024 1:16 PM |
| 26 | Th pictures done provide much for details. It would be nice to have more variety of water elements like Woodbury or Eagan has. Nevertheless glad we are getting one of these.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3/8/2024 6:57 PM  |
| 27 | The design looks nice, but the location isn't ideal for families. This should be located near residential housing. It should have done at South Valley when that park was redone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3/7/2024 9:26 AM  |
| 28 | I won't take my kids to this location with the strip club nearby so the design doesn't really matter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3/7/2024 9:24 AM  |
| 29 | Heritage Village is a horrible location for a splash pad. Why is this being put in an industrial zone. There have been bullets found in the dog park. Why would I bring my kids to such a dangerous place? Move it to a residential area like Rich Valley Park. There is plenty of space and parking for something like this there. I wish the city would start listening to their residents especially young families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3/7/2024 9:20 AM  |
| 30 | I'm concerned that the paint used to mimic a river will be slippery. It's been my experience that the type of paint used on pavement(that hold up to the elements) is also slippery when wet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3/5/2024 12:04 PM |
| 31 | We love going down to Rosemount's for the water feature on the ground of river type flowage movement. Great for kids to float boats, make damns, redirect water down another path. ... something other that just splash features.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3/3/2024 10:34 PM |
| 32 | This is wonderful! I love the different zones, especially for allowing very small children to have a safer place somewhat away from more rambunctious big kids. Thank you for making it completely inclusive!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3/3/2024 11:12 AM |
| 33 | Yes!! Yes!! Yes!! Love this!! I was looking to rent a Pavillion at a splash pad for my daughter's 3rd birthday party and was sad when I found out there are none in Inver Grove!! Had to rent in a different city and pay extra cause I'm not a resident there. So I'm so thrilled about this!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3/3/2024 10:22 AM |
| 34 | I love that it has different zones.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3/3/2024 9:51 AM  |
| 35 | I really like that the splash pad is separated into sections. Try to sign this well because it is hard with a smaller kid at these places when big kids are running full speed around. My other comment would be to have more seating or shade at least in the other side even just a couple benches. If there are family with more than one kid there might be places on that side that are easier to spot everyone than the other. The more shade the better in general. This park in general is going to be great for the city. I hope some fun events like music in the parks on evenings get scheduled. Even Mendota Heights does that and it would be great for IGH to. The food truck events are fun but it doesn't need to be all that. A simple concert on a lawn and people bringing their own food would be great for our community. It's long overdue. | 3/2/2024 9:39 PM  |
| 36 | Love it! Thank you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/2/2024 8:39 PM  |
| 37 | Looks awesome! Any extra seating with shade is always appreciated. My children like to bring my father who needs to sit most of the time so it's always nice to have a lot of family seating that is out of the sun but close to the action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3/2/2024 8:14 PM  |
| 38 | This looks amazing and so wonderful!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3/2/2024 6:20 PM  |
| 39 | The design is fine, the build location is BAD. Why are you building this between a Gun Club and a Strip Club????? Come on, please use common sense. It's not even central to all IGH. It should have been built in South Valley, right in the middle of the city and a SAFE area. Not many people are going to use this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3/2/2024 3:59 PM  |

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| 40 | Love that there is a tot area for the little kids!! Many times the big kids overtake the splash pads then it's not safe for the toddlers.                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/2/2024 2:47 PM  |
| 41 | More tables and benches surrounding area. More convenient when there is plenty of space for parents to sit when watching the little ones                                                                                                                                                                                | 3/2/2024 2:04 PM  |
| 42 | Love the design!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3/2/2024 1:59 PM  |
| 43 | I love the design!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3/2/2024 1:04 PM  |
| 44 | Please ensure plenty of shaded spots available. We love splash pads I have 2 small children. However, when we go in the very hot heat of the summer and there is no shade available for the parents to sit and watch it can get unbearable.                                                                             | 3/2/2024 1:04 PM  |
| 45 | Can't wait to take the grandkids!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3/2/2024 12:43 PM |
| 46 | The design is unclear if there is fencing around the park. To be a truly inclusive park there NEEDS to be fencing. Many children with autism and other disabilities do not understand safety and are at high risk for eloping. PLEASE ensure there is a fence. Especially being by a busy road (Concord) and the river. | 3/2/2024 12:29 PM |
| 47 | Looks great! Love the "nature" elements tree, logs etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/2/2024 12:29 PM |
| 48 | Great design. Watertable is good, would be nice to add more to it than a small area. Rosemount splash pad has a nice water river area the toddlers love to play in. Benches would be good addition to the park for those who don't need the picnic tables. Great design of splash pad.                                  | 3/2/2024 12:23 PM |
| 49 | I love the different zones!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3/2/2024 12:16 PM |