

**Inver Grove Heights
Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
8150 Barbara Avenue
7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS – Items that don't require action
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. You can find information regarding the City of Inver Grove Heights by visiting our web site at www.invergroveheights.org
 - B. Find us on Facebook at Inver Grove Heights Parks & Recreation
 - C. Follow us on Twitter at @IGH Parks
 - D. Next Meeting; September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting 7:00pm
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. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2017
6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the Agenda. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please state your name and address for the record. This section is for the express purpose of addressing concerns of City services and operations. It shall not be used to clarify individual's views for political purposes. 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 - Items requiring action that are new to the Commission.
 - A. Consider Disposing of River Heights Park
9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS - Items that need to be discussed without any actions.
 - A. Department Happenings
 - B. Park Planning Process Associated with the Comprehensive Plan – Pilot North/South Valley Park(s)
10. COMMISSION COMMENTS – A chance for Commissioners to ask questions or make comments.
11. ADJOURN

Since we do not have time to discuss every point presented, it may seem that decisions are preconceived. However, background information is provided to the Commission on each agenda item in advance from Staff; decisions are based on this information and past experiences. In addition, some items may have been discussed preliminarily at Work Sessions. If you are aware of information that has not been discussed, please raise your hand to be recognized. Comments that are pertinent are appreciated.

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**City of Inver Grove Heights Minutes of the Proceedings
Of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Eiden called the June 14, 2017 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Eiden welcomed our newest Commissioner, Mary Gerhardt, to the Commission.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Al Eiden; Vice Chair Kevin Sethre; Commissioners: Patrick Farley, Deb Tix, Mark Freer, Willie Krech, Joe Boehmer, Kathryn Bauer, and Mary Gerhardt

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson

Absent: Recording Clerk Sheri Yourczek

3. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Introduction of Guest Services Coordinator – Lisa Lamey

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson introduced our new Guest Services Coordinator, Lisa Lamey.

Lisa Lamey, Guest Services Coordinator, commented that she has been here for a little over a month now. She grew up in White Bear Lake and lives in Hugo. She has been in the Recreation field for about 20 years, 16 of that professionally. She has worked in North Carolina, Florida, Illinois, and now in Minnesota. She has had experience working in recreation centers, and has experience with membership operations, facility operations, youth, adult, and family programming, aquatics, and staff development. A lot of her experience has been at college campuses. She is very excited to move over to the public sector. She has three kids at home, but also likes to Golf.

Commissioner Freer asked what she will be doing with her position?

Coordinator Lamey responded she will be working Guest Services and will oversee the front desk operations, managers on duty, childcare, working closely with Bethany with Marketing, as well as with our different programming areas to make sure the services we are offering are what guests are looking for.

Chair Eiden welcomed her and wished her the best success.

B. Introduction of Park & Recreation Intern – Chase Lonetti

Director Carlson stated the next person they would like to introduce is our Summer Intern, Chase Lonetti.

Chase Lonetti introduced himself as the Parks and Recreation Summer Intern for 2017. He recently graduated from Minnesota State University Mankato in May. He has a degree in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services. He is working on and in charge of the following:

- Community Gardens

- This takes place at Salem Hills. They have 27 plots that are filled. They added some fabric on the walkways which makes it better to look at, and the plot owners love the new idea.

- Random Acts of Fitness

- For this program, we go out and recognize people that are outside and being active in the Community. They receive a goodie bag as an award for being outdoors.

-Lawn of the Week

This started up last week. We go out and find lawns with curb appeal and interesting and creative lawn designs or care. They get a sign placed in their yard as well as a gift card to our Sponsor, Ace Hardware.

-Huck Finn Fishing Derby

This was held last Friday at Simley Island Pond. We caught a lot of fish and gave away some great prizes.

-Twins Clinic

Coming up on Friday, June 16th, and free to the public. The Twins Organization will come and put on different skills and knowledge for ages 6 to 16 years old interested in softball and baseball.

-Penny Carnival

Coming up July 11th from 4:30 to 6:30, at the VMCC Parking Lot. We will have a bouncy house, a number of carnival games, and an ice cream truck.

Commissioner Farley asked where the Twins Clinic was being held at.

Intern Lonetti responded that it is being held at Rich Valley Park.

Vice Chair Sethre commented on the Fishing event down at Simley Island. When he drove by it seemed like it was well attended, but it seemed like there was a lot of people trying to squeeze in parking.

Intern Lonetti responded that they were encouraged to use the McDonalds and Cub Foods parking lot, but some didn't. There were 40 participants.

Chair Eiden asked how long he will be with us?

Intern Lonetti responded he would be here until the end of August. He is learning a lot of things and hopefully this will help him down the road in the future.

Commissioner Freer commented that the Garden plots were nice. He has one of them down there. He noticed one of the plots doesn't seem to be attended to or planted. At some point those weeds are going to get into other areas, it would be nice if that would be dug up or sold off to someone else. It is a lot better there than it has been. He went to the Twins Clinic last year, and felt it was a great event. The Twins Staff came out and did a great job with the kids.

Chair Eiden welcomed him and hopes he has a very busy summer to learn a lot wherever you go into the future.

C. Presentation of Aquatic Program Update – Tammy Abrahamson

Director Carlson stated Tammy Abrahamson, our Aquatics Coordinator, has a presentation she will be giving this evening.

Tammy Abrahamson, Aquatics Coordinator, gave the following update on the Aquatics Program:

-There are 1,500 kids that take part in our swimming program annually.

-We just started our summer session this week.

-We hosted two youth swim meets this past year in connection with the SUNS Swim Club. This is a youth swimming club out of Woodbury that uses our facility to practice and then they had the two swim meets. This brought in about 400 kids to our facility.

-We also coordinate with our School District. This year they had 15 home swim meets for the boys and girls swim teams. They practice over 500 hours here.

-We also held the Elementary School Swim Meet that happens at this time every year. This year we had 80 participants.

- Most recently they got a new timing system. It has offered us the ability to do some new things, maybe they can do some new dive-in movies with that new scoreboard that looks really nice in color.
- We offer five different fitness classes. The latest is an Aqua Zumba class.
- We began the Log-Rolling Program that we had a Grant for. We hosted ten different dates that we called "give it a try" days. With that we are excited that this coming Sunday night we are offering a Log Rolling Club. They hope to continue to grow that club.
- They showcased themselves at the Minnesota State Fair along with Key Log Rolling, which is who we purchased the log from. We have applied to go there again this year.
- Key Log Rolling also came to our facility and held a log rolling tournament. We had 26 participants.
- We had two Log Rolling birthday parties so far. This seems to be going over pretty well, and we hope it gains more interest.
- The pool is open for the Summer now Monday through Friday from Noon to 7:30 and Saturday and Sunday's from Noon to 6:30.
- Lastly, Staff is excited about this coming Fall when things are getting a little sprucing up in the water park area. We are excited to see some new play features come in and everything getting a fresh new look.

Chair Eiden asked if we are still host to Regional Competitive Swimming Meets?

Coordinator Abrahamson responded that the State High School League is re-doing Sections right now for swimming, and some conversations at the high school level is that we may still get a Section meet, but it may not be one that is local. For example, Simley High School may not be in it. They want those Section meets to go to a neutral site, so we may be hosting a different Section that's not necessarily associated with Simley High School.

Chair Eiden asked if she could describe the pools that are over there and the opportunities people have with them for the viewing audience.

Coordinator Abrahamson responded there is the water park that has a zero-depth entry with area that gets up to 3 1/2 feet deep. It has a play structure in the middle with some other play features. There are two large water slides in the back of that section.

We also have an eight-lane lap, 25-yard, pool. We leave four lanes open for lap swimming and four lanes open for open swimming unless we have a program in there, like swimming lessons or a fitness program.

We also have a diving well. That is 13 feet deep and also has two-one meter boards, and one-three-meter board. These pools are open Monday through Friday Noon to 7:30 and Saturday and Sunday's from Noon to 6:30 over the summer.

Chair Eiden thanked her for the report and update.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- D. Next Meeting: July 12, 2017. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Eiden stated he would like to move Agenda item 8C up to B. Please interchange the two.

- B. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2017**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Freer, seconded by Vice Chair Sethre .

Aye: 9

Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Vice Chair Sethre wanted to take a moment to commend Sheri. She does the minutes and spends a lot of time with it. She should be commended for her diligence and her attention to detail.

Director Carlson responded that at one point during his early years, Sheri would actually attend the meeting, but then with the advances in technology, it was easier for her to do them from home, be able to watch the tape, rewind it, etc. She has done the minutes from home for the last five or longer years. It's worked out well and she does do an excellent job. Thank you for recognizing her efforts to put your comments and conversations on paper.

Chair Eiden suggested that maybe sometime you could ask her to stop in and wave and say hello so we can see her smiling face.

Director Carlson responded they could do that. They can bring her in and have her introduce herself.

(Sheri thanks them greatly for the recognition as she types this from home and will discuss attending a meeting with Director Carlson in the upcoming months).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Consider Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission

Chair Eiden turned this portion of the meeting over to Director Carlson.

Director Carlson stated the month of June is the time when the Commission selects a Chair and a Vice Chair to preside over Commission meetings. We need to do that this evening. We always do that after the City Council makes their appointments to the Parks Commission and they just did that with the appointment of the new Commissioner, Mary Gerhardt. It would be appropriate at this time for any member of the Commission that would be interested in serving as the Chair for this coming year, to indicate so. We would need to vote. Is there anyone that you would want to nominate as the Chair for the Parks Commission?

Chair Eiden stated he is not a candidate for this position this year. He has been here nine years in this seat. There is a lot of talent here so we need to move on.

Commissioner Krech nominated Vice Chair Sethre to be the Chairperson. Commissioner Bauer seconded.

Commissioner Sethre commented he has no problem accepting the nomination and would gladly sit in as the Chair.

Director Carlson clarified that Commissioner Krech, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, nominated Commissioner Sethre to the position of Chair. Are there any other nominations for consideration?

Chair Eiden moved to close nominations.

Director Carlson asked one more time if there were any more nominations for the position of Chair?

Commissioner Freer asked if he could nominate himself, and if so, he would like to run.

Director Carlson responded that Commissioner Freer has nominated himself to the position of Chair. Given two nominations, one for Commissioner Sethre, one for Commissioner Freer. Those that want Commissioner Sethre, please signify by raising your hand.

That would be six for Commissioner Sethre. (Farley, Boehmer, Gerhardt, Eiden, Krech, and Bauer)

Those that would like to vote for Commissioner Freer for the position of Chair please raise their hands.

That would be three for Commissioner Freer. (Sethre, Freer, Tix)

That means that Commissioner Sethre has a majority of the votes and is appointed as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission for this coming year.

Commissioner Krech asked if Commissioner Freer would be interested in the Vice Chair Position?

Commissioner Freer responded he would not be interested, but thank you.

Director Carlson asked if there was anyone interested in being nominated, or does anyone want to nominate someone for the position of Vice Chair of the Parks Commission for this coming year?

Commissioner Eiden nominated Katie Bauer for the position of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Bauer accepted the nomination.

Director Carlson asked if there was anyone else interested in the position of Vice Chair?

With no other nominations, Commissioner Bauer is nominated as the Vice Chair of the Parks Commission and would serve in the absence of Chair Sethre.

Commissioner Eiden congratulated both of them.

The remainder of the Commission thanked them for volunteering and congratulated them.

Director Carlson stated that Chair Sethre and Vice Chair Bauer will now run the remainder of the meeting.

C. Consider Support of the Rich Valley Regional Greenway Master Plan

Director Carlson stated this evening we have John Mertens with us from Dakota County. He is going to go over a short presentation about the Rich Valley Regional Greenway. There has been a number of public meetings held to get feedback from the Cities of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights, as this could potentially go through both. We are looking for the Commission's support of the attached resolution. Assuming your support, we would then go before the City Council on Monday, June 26th, to present the Master Plan. If they support the Master Plan we ask them at the first meeting in July to pass the resolution in support of the Greenway. The County will then go to the Met Council and get that added to their collection of Regional Greenways, so they can get Regional and State funding for the actual construction and acquisition of the Greenway.

John Mertens stated he will give a brief overview of the Greenways in general, a status update on some of our projects, and then move forward into Rich Valley details.

-Dakota County Greenway Vision

Establish a County-wide system of interconnected greenways that provide multiple functions:

- corridor-based recreation
- non-motorized transportation infrastructure
- ecologically functioning habitat
- improved water quality

-Collaborative Process

- working together with all of the Cities
- plans cover design, cost estimates, engineering feasibility, land protection, project delivery, operational maintenance, natural resource stewardship, cultural resources interpretation.

-Consistent with Local Plans

-Master Plan Purpose & Outcomes

- Identify preferred greenway trail alignment
- Guidance for greenway development
- Metropolitan Council designation as a regional trail/greenway
- Grade separated crossings analysis & cost estimates
- Natural resources recommendations
- Cultural resources interpretation

-Draft Master Plan

- Rich Valley Greenway connects from Lebanon Hills Greenway over to the Mississippi River Regional Trail.
- 5 miles.
- Destinations along the way are Pinewood Elementary, Rich Valley Park, Pine Bend Bluff Scientific and Natural Area, Pine Bend Elementary, and a few small City parks.

We look for existing parks, trails, schools, activity areas, and we work from there.

- Natural Resources are a key feature to these corridors.
- There are several here. Lebanon Hills Park, next to Xcel Energy which has a significant Oak forest, Flint Hills land, and the larger Pine Bend Bluffs area.

Project is split into two segments. The west and the east.

-From the West

The preferred alignment is the more northern alignment. Each of the plans also have alternative alignments.

This one is an extension of the highline trail that comes into Eagan, over trunk Highway 3, over the railroad, and then continuing through the power line corridor, where they tie into an existing City Trail, that brings them down to Cliff Road. Once along Cliff they incorporate a trail for a short time until they get to Akron, and then at some point Cliff will be moved which frees up the corridor for the greenway. Or they shift it onto Flint Hills.

-The East

The preferred alignment goes north and ties in up by Pine Bend Elementary. There is a south alignment that follows 117th. Preferred is the north alignment. We have worked closely with Flint Hills and they are comfortable with the lines and will be working in the short term on a feasibility study. It is key to have the Flint Hills property as a keystone section. They hope to refine that line even more than it looks now.

A couple of the more challenging sections of the Rich Valley Greenway:

- Trunk Highway 3 crossing. It's not so much the large bridge structure, but the power lines at that crossing. We have had meetings with Xcel Energy. We will be looking at that closer as to how to do it.
- Highway 52 recommended crossing is a UP spur line rail line. We chose the least active of the lines. We utilize the bridge structure that is already there and do a trail south of the piers. This ties into the Mississippi River Regional Trail.

Project Prioritization

-We have cost estimates, but they have a prioritization. Highest is land control. Working our way from west to east. We will be working with Flint Hills on the land there.

Next Steps:

-May-June 2017

-Public Review of Draft Master Plan

-July/August 2017

-Adoption of Plan by County Board

-August/September 2017

-Submittal to Metropolitan Council

Chair Sethre asked if you still have easements to square away with Flint Hills?

Mr. Mertens responded they feel if we work from the west to east, it will be due to density.

Chair Sethre stated there is a small dash line at Rich Valley Park, is there a path there?

Mr. Mertens wasn't sure how they will go about it, but they hope to have connectivity to that park. That could possibly set up that park as a Trailhead for the Corridor.

Commissioner Farley stated this is for the Master Plan. This is a proposed concept, as opposed to something that is specifically looked at in the very near future.

Mr. Mertens stated that is correct. The Master Plan is the first plan of what is a very long process. These are 20 - year development projects. This may not take as long due to length. This is a first step of a system plan, and then the Master Plan brings us closer to actual construction projects. It is a concept plan now.

Commissioner Krech stated if you follow the railroad tracks from Cliff Road under the highway, and ties into the existing trail there. Do you connect there? He wasn't sure how you would get there otherwise, because if you follow the tracks that tuck under, unless the railroad lets you do that, he wasn't sure.

Mr. Mertens stated that was correct. It does vary from project to project. As long as we are not impacting their operations, they are pretty good to work with. The alternative would be to build a structure similar to what we are doing under 110 right now.

Director Carlson stated we are asking you to support the Master Plan and make that recommendation to the City Council. You support the attached resolution and that you suggest to the Council that they also support the attached resolution. For your information, this resolution is similar to the resolution that the Commission and the City Council ended up approving for the Mendota/Lebanon Regional Greenway.

Chair Sethre stated this goes to the Dakota County Commissioners so they continue as to whatever proposal that is involved.

Mr. Mertens stated this will go before the County Board. The will establish the vision of what is going to happen.

Director Carlson stated we are asking you to support the attached resolution for Rich Valley Regional Greenway.

Motion made by Commissioner Krech to accept the attached resolution for Rich Valley Regional Greenway as proposed. Seconded by Commissioner Freer.

Aye: 9

Nay: 0 Motion carried.

B. Consider Approval of Arbor Pointe Playground Equipment Replacement Proposal

Director Carlson stated Brian Swoboda our Parks Superintendent is here this evening to give his presentation.

Brian Swoboda, Parks Superintendent stated he is here this evening to get your approval to replace the 22-year old Arbor Pointe Playground equipment. On April 12th, 2017, you asked him to put a timeline together which you approved. We have done all that was on the timeline and received four proposals. Part of the proposal was to include play structures for those aged 2-5 and one for ages 5-12 in a 3,000 square feet perimeter. Total expense was \$50,000 for the playground itself. Any additional total budget projected, for example, wood fibers, benches, curb, etc., would cost approximately \$75,000 from the 444 Fund. We received the proposals, we got a subcommittee together to score the four proposals. We looked at the play value, durability, esthetics, and warranty. After they met we recommend that Minnesota/Wisconsin be the playground structure that we picked. They scored the highest. The neighborhood meeting that we held had 30 residents in attendance. They selected color, play features, and any other amenities they would like to see in the park. The color scheme they hear most often is the Papaya color so the structure wouldn't get so hot. Several switched out features in favor of the spiral climber. They were also able to comment on what other structures or amenities they wanted in the park. They heard items such as a basketball court, sand volleyball court, soccer nets, backstops, and lighting along the trail. All excellent ideas, but up to you to pursue or not.

Commissioner Eiden wanted to congratulate all involved in this project. He was delighted to see 30 residents down there. He was curious to hear if he had a chance to speak to Mr. Faust (spelling?) down there.

Superintendent Swoboda did answer all of his questions. He seemed to think the plan at the neighborhood didn't include the 5-12 play structure. He didn't feel there were things to do there for the 12 plus age group, and he agreed with him that there is not. He encouraged him to reach out to other neighbors and/or Commissioners to compile a neighborhood group to come up with amenities they wanted to see there.

Commissioner Krech asked about cabling at one of the parks? There is a cable maze in some Eagan park. Have you seen anything like this? It's at a school off of Cliff and Johnny Cake Road he believes. The kids there thought it was a great thing to climb on.

Superintendent Swoboda said it sounded interesting. Depending on what amenity you pick there is plenty of room to put one or two different amenities. They would like to keep the play structure in its remaining spot. We talked about the vandalism there, but they still felt it was in the right spot.

Commissioner Freer said they have something like that out at Como Park.

The picture you had up had a couple of kids in wheelchairs. The picture indicated they could wheel around in this area. Is this taking into consideration amenities that would be used by the handicapped? Is there specific play equipment there for them to use? Is there a designated swing?

Superintendent Swoboda responded that it would be handicapped accessible with engineered wood fibers so they can move up there, and off the chair onto the platform. Some items there they will be able to use yes. There is nothing specifically designated though.

Commissioner Krech stated there was also a new type of swing at that park too, is there something like that in this plan?

Superintendent Swoboda responded that sounded like the new type of swing that a child and parent use together. This company is the company that has piloted this swing and it's very popular in other Cities.

Commissioner Freer stated this neighborhood, Arbor Pointe, was part of his bus route. 80 to 90% of the kids are middle school or higher. It's a neighborhood in transition. Most of the kids are getting into the aged 12 to 14 age

range, and some are moving out. This equipment does play into what will probably happen over the next few years there. There is a set group of older kids there, it would be nice to have some type of investment there for their recreation that we can do at a lower cost. He isn't sure what that would be. Most of those kids are active in school things, not on playgrounds. Basketball courts are nice if there is a parking lot, but there isn't one there. This is strictly a neighborhood park.

Chair Eiden said one parent commented that his kids were older and the playground area should probably be for the younger kids because the older kids would be at the middle school for their activities. He asked if you have this plan created and implemented, could there be expansion down there from where that playset sits?

Superintendent Swoboda responded that was correct. The perimeter is around 2,500 square feet. We allowed them 3,000 square feet. That is so they can get this much equipment in the space.

Commissioner Krech asked if we are under \$50,000 to do this?

Superintendent Swoboda responded the play equipment is at \$50,000. The engineered wood fiber, benches, pavement, sidewalks, etc., that would be the additional budgeted amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Chair Eiden had a question. This vendor is Minnesota/Wisconsin. We had an issue about not being able to get parts after 15 years. Would we be in the same situation with these folks do you know?

Superintendent Swoboda was fairly confident they would be able to get parts. Part of the process with the subcommittee was looking at warranty. They did have the best warranty. They have had them before and their products have held up very well.

Commissioner Boehmer commented that someone mentioned soccer nets. We could put some of those up, there couldn't we?

Superintendent Swoboda responded they could.

Chair Sethre commented the residents were encouraged at the meeting to bring up anything, and they did.

Superintendent Swoboda stated this is one of the more smaller play structures within our parks system.

Motion by Commissioner Krech to approve, but not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$75,000 and to price out the fiber and any extra expenses. Seconded by Commissioner Freer.

Aye: 9

Nay: 0 Motion carried.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:

A. Department Happenings

Director Carlson stated you have the Department Happenings report where we highlight different areas of what is happening in our Parks, Golf Course, and the Community Center. You also have a copy of the annual data report that is a part of the Department Happenings report this month. We have summarized data from 2016. He will stand by for questions.

Commissioner Krech commented this report is pretty extensive. It's interesting as there are a lot of things in here. It's a good way to follow up on where the money is going and what you are accomplishing with it.

Commissioner Eiden asked about the Walking and Hiking Club. There are two programs right now. One is Silver Sneakers, which is a local program, and the County has a Steps Program too. There used to be a Hiking Club within Inver Grove Heights. Have you reached out to those people?

Tracy Petersen, Recreation Superintendent, responded that the Hiking and Walking Club is an initiative that our new Recreation Coordinator, Jessica Anderson, has implemented with our Active 55+ demographic. It's an informal group of people who walk/hike together in Inver Grove Heights Parks and in Dakota County. You can walk daytime, evening, or even weekends. It's open to anyone. The connection with Dakota County with this piece is that the Dakota County Public Health has offered to train in a few volunteers as hike or walk leaders. Those people are provided with information on safety, how best to use the trails, and emergency type information. That is the connection there. The Simple Steps Program is a separate Dakota County Program that has been in existence for about eight to 10 years. That is their initiative to get people out walking and they have a tracking system that you keep track of your miles and you can earn prizes. Silver Sneakers and Silver Fit are our programs at the Community Center and those correspond with insurance reimbursement. Once people are signed up for that, the City is reimbursed if you work out or do some sort of active activity at the Community Center.

Commissioner Farley wanted to point out that Silver Sneakers program is just not our region, it's a nationwide program.

Chair Eiden commented about the Babcock Trail Feasibility Study. As most know, he hasn't been in favor of what was going on. He has been to two meetings now. They created some interesting and good plans. He thinks this project has taken on an expansive nature, but has been well done. However, he is disappointed in the public turnout. These people have put together a lot of time and effort to get public input. He has only seen five or six citizens at those meetings. There are a lot of people in that area. Groups have asked for your input so we can see what you would like. Please take the time to respond.

Chair Sethre would like to expand briefly on that. The proposal goes south of Upper 55th down to 65th Street. The first proposal was the trail going North of Upper 55th to 494. They have also produced two proposals for trails on either side of Babcock. It now goes South. There is a proposal to reconfigure the road. He had a question on page 2 of 17. It's the table summary of the funding needs of the parks system. At the bottom of that there is some text he can't read. What does this mean?

Director Carlson stated that is the next item on the agenda.

Commissioner Tix asked what the number of softball teams are at this year?

Superintendent Petersen didn't have the exact number, but believes it is in the 20's. They have seen a significant drop. There is no Church league, and they have never had a Women's league. We are running leagues on Tuesday's and Thursday's. As she mentioned in the Department Happenings, other Communities are seeing that drop as well, maybe not as significant as us.

Commissioner Tix responded she was at a Commission with the Rosemount League Director and its half the teams if that for leagues. The only leagues that are actually staying are the ones that have larger leagues. Burnsville for example, as they have many fields, and leagues. They seem to be relatively steady, although the Women's program is declining.

Superintendent Petersen stated that Woodbury has lost at least 30 teams this year, and they have a pretty big program. This year was a significant decline. We will have to think about that. There may not be any options to increase those numbers, but we are looking into trying other things for next year. The highest we have ever been at has been the 50's. It seems to be the trend to decline.

Commissioner Tix asked to be kept updated on that. She felt maybe tournaments would be an option.

Superintendent Petersen stated we have a wonderful complex, and it has been nice for more options to have the youth play at, but the drop has been hard to see. It's nice to see a mix of adults and youth out there.

Commissioner Tix mentioned that our athletic complex is at least top five, maybe even top two, in the State for the actual fields themselves on how well they are maintained.

B. Discuss the Parks Capital Improvement Plan

Director Carlson stated this item is to review the Parks Capital Improvement Plan. The City Council had a planning session with the City Administrator back in February. One of the outcomes of that meeting was the Council wanted a report. They expected to see the following three things:

1. New items
2. Park maintenance and replacement
3. Repurposing

This would be brought forward at the June Council session.

He has put together the information in front of you this evening. It happened to go to the City Council before this Commission, but that was due to timing. The Council knows you have not looked at it first.

At the meeting, they reviewed the information and didn't commit to anything. They did indicate that they were interested in having a meeting about this topic. He stated Chair Sethre asked a question earlier about this report regarding establishing a meeting with the City Council and this should be the only topic of conversation at that meeting. That way we can see what you both share as a vision so the appropriate funding is in place. If that is a shared vision of the existing system, or another system, as long as it is a shared vision, and funded appropriately, we as staff will know how to take care of it and plan for the future.

He can walk through a presentation he has put together, or stand by and answer any questions.

Commissioner Freer asked if the topic of discussion with the Council should be regarding different items that should be there in the system, or those that aren't there? Or is it more of a financial discussion?

Director Carlson responded it is a little of both. There are some Council members that wonder if we need what we have. There needs to be an understanding between the City Council and the Commission about what we want our parks system to be. What level do we want to provide amenities to the Community? Do we want to be a Community that provides amenities similar to surrounding Communities or do we want to provide more than what our neighbors have? Do we want a system to have more than our neighbors, less than, or similar? How does that position us as a City moving forward for those moving into our Community and how does that make us attractive to new residents. All of that comes with a cost, but we need to figure out where we want to position ourselves in the Community.

Commissioner Freer asked regarding the cost, is that a discussion on how to come up with that money, or the fact that we need a certain amount of that money?

Director Carlson responded that is part of the discussion. If we try to maintain what we have today, based on our information, we would suggest we need more funding than what we receive today. Some of the funding we get today is going to expire and not be available in the near future. There is a need to increase funding for that as well. The report suggests that we need an additional \$75,000 of funding annually to be able to maintain what we have today. In the next few years, \$50,000 of that money is going to disappear, so in reality we need \$125,000 to be able to maintain what we have today. If the Community doesn't want to support that, then that is fine, but that means some of what we have today we will not be able to replace.

Commissioner Freer felt that as a Commission we have never sat down and discussed this plan itself. He doesn't know that we want to get in front of the Council without being on the same page, at least on some of the items. He thinks we should have some discussion at some point before meeting with the Council so we know where the Commission stands on financing.

Commissioner Eiden commented that as Chair he was aware of Director Carlson's dilemma with going to the Council with this package. It would be good for them to see this packet. He also noted at the end when they suggested a meeting with us, they are thinking that whatever we do as a Commission, we better go through this and do the things that you are talking about as suggested by Commissioner Freer.

Director Carlson stated as Commissioner Freer suggested, it might be a good idea for this Commission to meet in a Work Study Session. It could be more than a single work study session. Maybe in July and then August, we spend an hour, or an hour and a half before the regular meeting talking about this topic. That would be in preparation for the joint meeting with the City Council in September or October.

Commissioner Eiden stated they are halfway through the process right now. It would be good to talk with them while they are in their budgeting process to alert them with what we have come up with. He felt late September would be a good time for them.

Director Carlson mentioned if it was fine with the Commission then, we can plan on discussing this at a Work Study Session in July and August, or August and September. He will work to schedule a joint meeting with the City Council for September or October. We want to have at least two conversations amongst just this Commission.

C. Review Commissioner's Handbook

Director Carlson stated each year in the month of June we take on new Parks Commissioners and this month we are happy to have our new Commissioner with us. Due to that, we provide the Commissioners with a Handbook that includes facts about the Department, information about being a Commissioner, and what your role is. Some of you have already looked at the information, and he hopes others will as well. He will stand by and answer any questions you may have.

Chair Sethre stated there is a lot of information to digest. He encourages everyone to read it.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Bauer felt they really had a great meeting at Arbor Pointe Park. It was great weather and it was fun to talk to all the parents and the kids. Thanks to all who turned out.

Commissioner Tix would like to welcome Mary to the Commission.

Commissioner Krech also welcomed Mary to the Commission. There are a lot of spots she can help out with.

Chair Sethre appreciated the confidence that the Commission has bestowed on him. He values his time and your time and will make an effort to make sure we run these meetings as efficiently as possible.

Commissioner Eiden handed out some papers for their reading pleasure at another time. He got the candidate list for appointments for Commissions. There were 13 people who applied for the open positions on the Commissions. A whole lot of good souls out there. He sent out a memo and asked them if there were three things they would be willing to do for the Commission. He received responses from four of them. He has attached their responses so you can see them. Maybe we can use this list for Subcommittees to get these people involved. Perhaps we can find ways to involve them over the years. He also appreciated Commissioners Sethre and Bauer for taking over the responsibilities for this group.

Commissioner Gerhardt thanked everyone for welcoming her. She appreciates everyone for being so warm. She also thanked Director Carlson for meeting with her ahead of time and providing her with all of the information. It was really helpful for getting her up to speed. She really looks forward to working with all of you.

Commissioner Boehmer welcomed Mary to the Commission. He thanked the new Chair and Vice Chair for taking the positions.

Commissioner Farley agreed with Commissioner's Boehmer's comments.

Commissioner Freer welcomed the new Chair and Vice Chair. He appreciated their volunteering. He wanted to thank Al Eiden for the nine years that he devoted to the Chair. He has learned a lot just watching him run the meetings. His leadership was fun and enjoyable for him to learn from as they grew as a Commission, and will continue to grow as a Commission.

He wanted to add that he has met with Director Carlson and wanted his approval to explore the possibility of having an Archery Range in the Community. If there is anyone in the Community watching this that is interested, please email him with your interest at moony426@yahoo.com. Please let him know of any interest and maybe that is something we can add to our amenity list.

11. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Freer, seconded by Commissioner Farley to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Aye: 9

Nay: 0 Motion carried.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Disposing of River Heights Park

Meeting Date: August 9, 2017
 Item Type: Regular Agenda
 Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
 Prepared by: Eric Carlson
 Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ | None |
| ☐ | Amount included in current budget |
| ☐ | Budget amendment requested |
| ☐ | FTE included in current complement |
| ☐ | New FTE requested – N/A |
| ☒ | Other |

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the disposal of real property, commonly referred to as River Heights Park, located at 8780 Inver Grove Trail. The parcel is 326,700 S.F. or 7.5 acres. The Commission is asked to recommend to the City Council that the land be divided into three 2.5-acre lots and used for single family residential development.

With the exception of the newly created lot closest to Inver Grove Trail, which would be used to help facilitate a land transaction for a third fire station, it is recommended that all proceeds from the sale of the remaining two lots be deposited into the Park Acquisition and Development Fund (Fund 402) and that the remaining two properties be subject to Park Dedication per the City Ordinance.

SUMMARY

In 2009, the City of Inver Grove Heights disposed of park land owned by the City commonly referred to as Cameron Park located at 6501 Concord Blvd. The parcel was 56,430 S. F. or 1.3 acres in size. The purpose of disposing of the site was to provide a location for a business to relocate to because of the reconstruction of Concord Blvd.

The City of Inver Grove Heights currently has 28 parks which have 608 acres of park land not including Inver Wood Golf Course. The City strives to provide quality park and recreation services to the residents of Inver Grove Heights in the most cost effective way possible.

The southern portion of the City is guided for large lot development with minimum lot sizes of 2.5 acres and is currently not in the Metropolitan Urban Services Area (MUSA). The City does have six parks in the southern portion of the City as follows:

Park	Address	Acres	Classification	Development
Broadmoor	11306 Strafford Lane	7	Neighborhood Park	Yes
Marcott Woods	2830 90 th St E	14	Conservancy Land	No
Marianna Ranch	9125 Alvarez Ave	64	Conservancy Land	No
Rich Valley	1841 105 th St E	71	Community Athletic Complex	Yes
River Heights	8780 Inver Grove Trail	7.5	Conservancy Land	No
Southern Lakes	10810 Alison Way	4	Neighborhood Park	Yes

In the fall of 2015, the Commission worked on a plan to “Right Size” the city’s park system by serving the urban, northwest, and rural areas differently based on their density and development patterns. The Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in allocating resources effectively and wanted to provide good quality vs. quantity of park amenities.

Based on the fact that some of the current park land in the rural area was undeveloped and under used, the Commission suggested to the City Council that three park properties might be best repurposed and sold for residential development including:

- Marcott Woods Park – 2830 90th St E
- Dehrer Park – 4085 Dehrer Way
- River Heights Park – 8780 Inver Grove Trail

The City Council was interested in the concept and directed staff to verify each park property's ability to be sold. After researching the property, the City Attorney indicated that there are no restrictions on selling these park properties. Ultimately, the City went through a process to vet all of the properties it owns to determine their highest and best use. After reviewing a list of properties that exceeded more than 100 parcels, the list was narrowed down to a dozen or so properties.

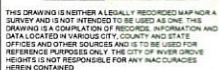
In 2012, the City commissioned a study of our Fire Service and determined that adding a third fire station was important to continue providing reliable, efficient, and effective fire protections. The City is currently negotiating with a private property owner to purchase their property and they would like to continue living within the City. As a part of the negotiations, the City is agreeable to selling a 2.5-acre parcel of River Heights Park which lies closest to Inver Grove Trail pending City Council approval. The purpose of the sale would be for the private property owner to build a single family home.

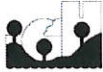
Before the City can dispose of this park property, it is important to reach out to the neighborhood to allow them to provide input into the process and, in that regard, over 200 notices were mailed out to property owners in the area to outline the public meetings they could attend to voice their support/disapproval. On Tuesday, July 25th, we hosted an informational meeting to provide property owners with information on the potential repurposing of River Heights Park. There were 12 property owners in attendance and they submitted a petition (attached) which supports keeping River Heights Park "as is". A summary of the meeting is as follows:

- They like the park "as is" and don't want any improvements, they appreciate the "open space"
- They don't believe that the park costs the City much to operate and can't see why the City would consider selling it
- They would hate to see any of the park sold for residential development as they believe they should have access to their neighborhood park
- They believe the City must have other options regarding land acquisition for the Fire Station

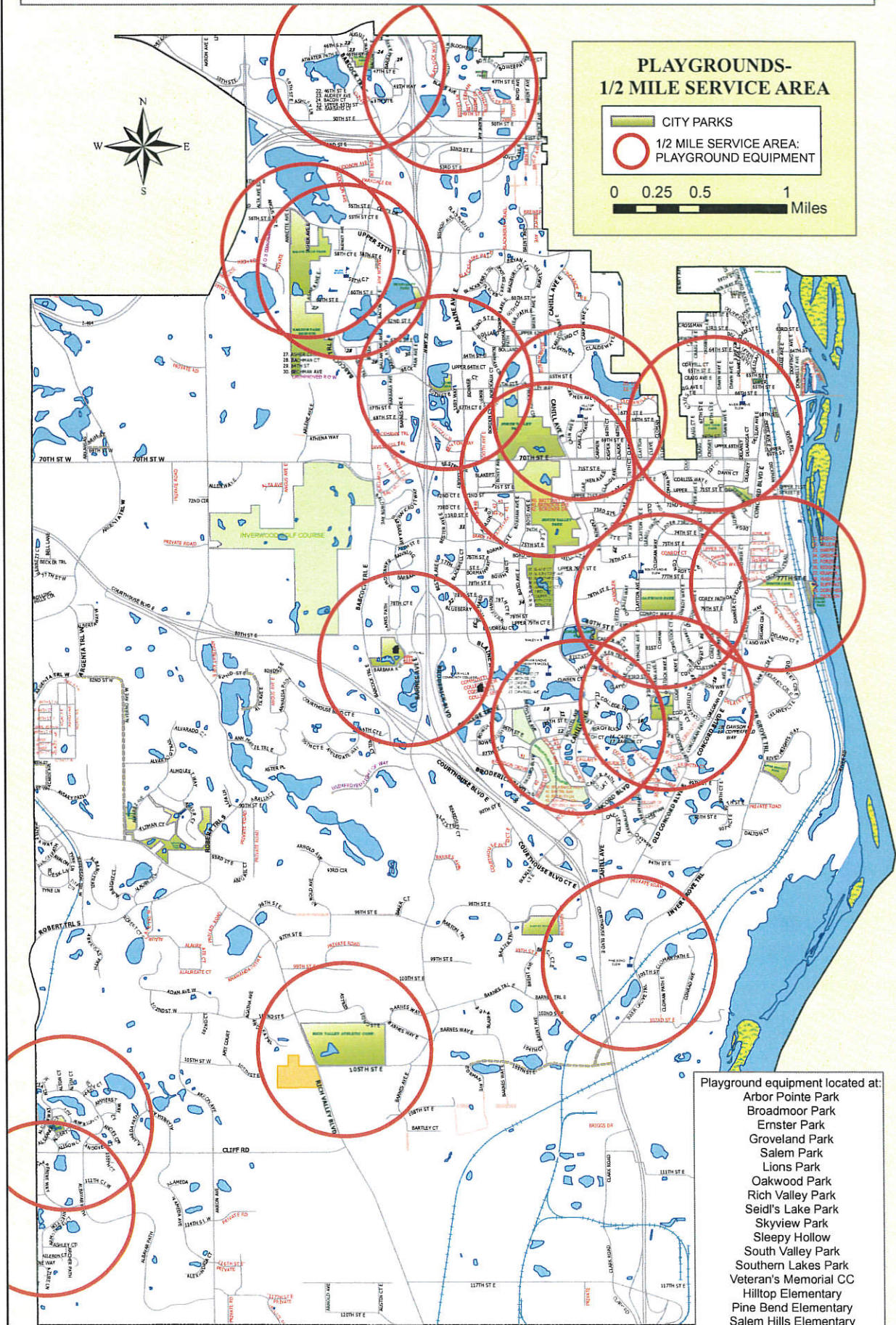
The Parks and Recreation Commission should allow those in attendance to address the Commission. After taking testimony, the Commission should discuss the pros and cons of selling or keeping River Heights Park and make the appropriate recommendation to the City Council. The next step in the process, after the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, is for the Planning Commission to review the item and this is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th, at 7:00 pm.

PARK SERVICE AREA MAPS





CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

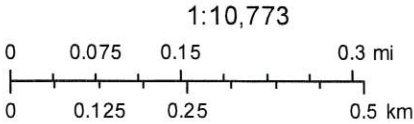


GENERAL PARK INFORMATION

River Heights Park



July 11, 2017



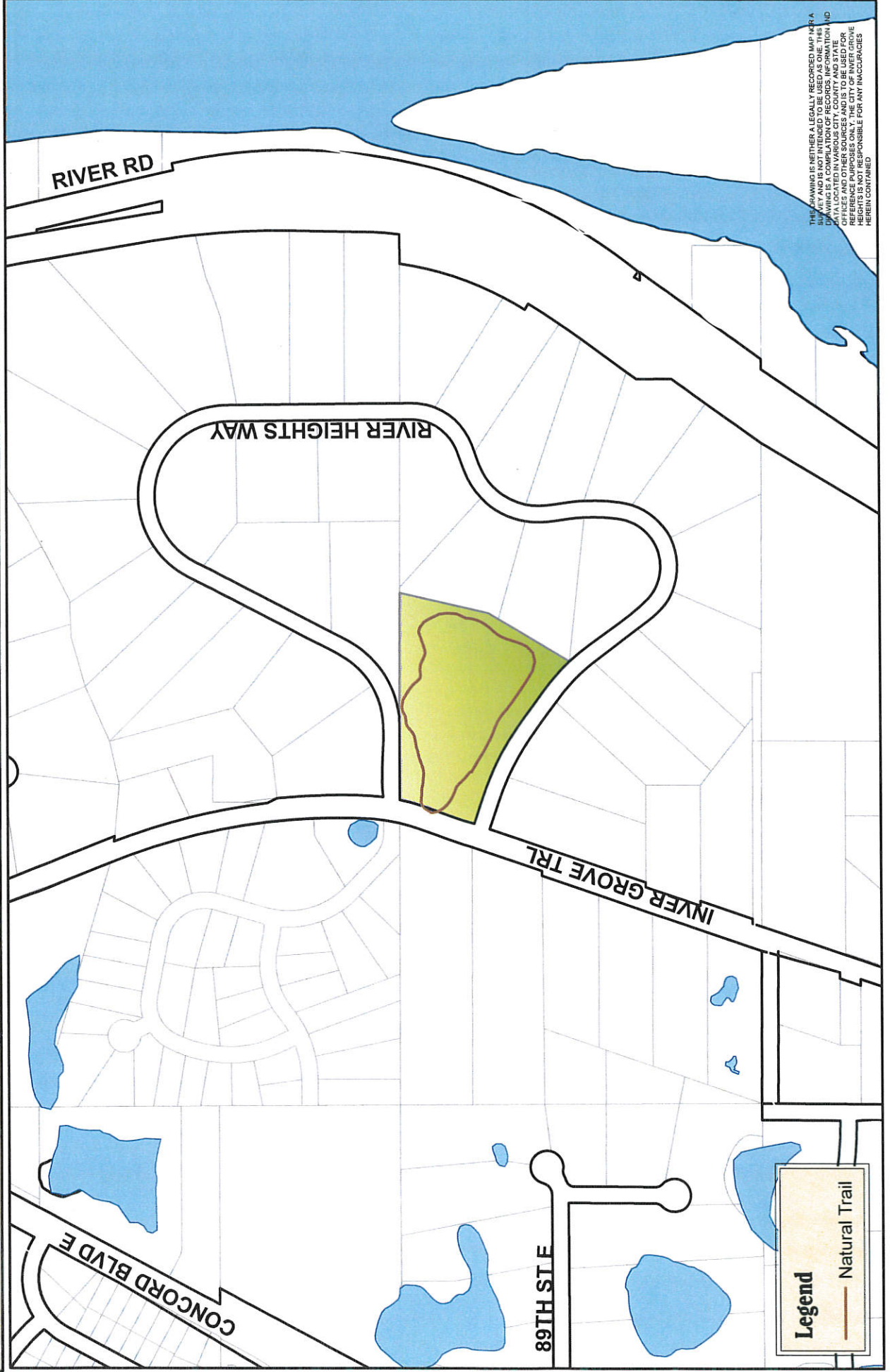
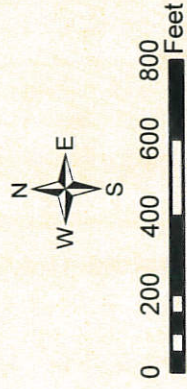
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Inver Grove Heights

RIVER HEIGHTS PARK

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Mailing Address 8150 BARBARA AVE INVER GROVE HEIGHTS MN 55077-3412	
Property Address	
Address	
Municipality INVER GROVE HEIGHTS	

Parcel Information	
Last Qualified Sale	Total Acres 2.50
Sale Value \$0.00	R/W Acres
Uses EXEMPT	Water Acres
	Plat FALCON RIDGE
	Lot and Block 1 1
	Tax Description

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Building Type	Year Built 0	Bedrooms
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Assessor Valuation		
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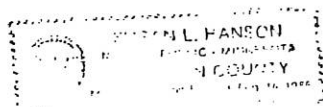
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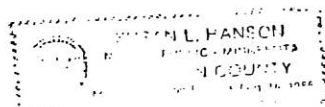
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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING INFORMATION



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July 17, 2017

Dear Resident

Subject: River Heights Park

In August of 2016 the City Council adopted a list of City owned property that could potentially be sold to encourage development and increase the tax base. For the last several years, the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Council have been challenged to find adequate resources to maintain our existing park system. As part of reviewing the future needs of the parks system, the Park and Recreation Commission has determined that repurposing all or portions of River Heights Park, Marcott Woods Park, and/or Derher Park may potentially be viable options for the City to consider.

The City is in the process of improving fire service to residents and has determined that adding a third fire station to serve the community is necessary. The City is working to secure land for the new fire station and is considering selling a portion of River Heights Park as a part of the acquisition process.

The City of Inver Grove Heights will be hosting a public information meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 8150 Barbara Ave., to discuss the potential repurposing of River Heights Park.

Residents in the area are invited to attend a series of meetings to give input as there will be several opportunities to share your feedback. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Date	Purpose	Time	Location
Tuesday, July 25, 2017	Public Information Meeting	7:00pm	City Hall - 8150 Barbara Ave.
Wednesday, August 9, 2017	Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	City Hall - 8150 Barbara Ave.
Tuesday, September 5, 2017	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00pm	City Hall - 8150 Barbara Ave.
TBD	City Council Meeting	7:00pm	City Hall - 8150 Barbara Ave.

Should you be unable to attend a meeting, please feel free to email, call or send me a letter prior to the meeting with your comments regarding the park. My email is ecarlson@invergroveheights.org and my phone number is 651.450.2587.

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson
Parks & Recreation Director
City of Inver Grove Heights

CC Mayor and City Council
Park & Recreation Commission

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NEIGHBORHOOD PETITION

Please cross my
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Mary Adams

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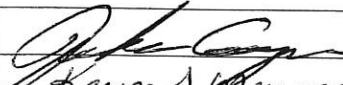
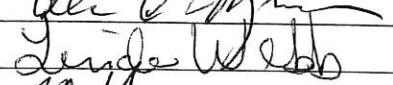
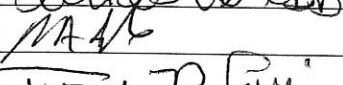
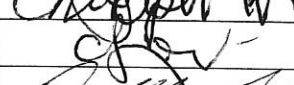
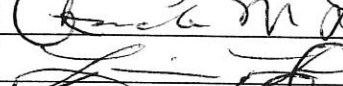
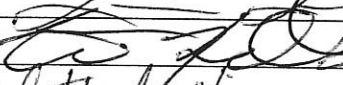
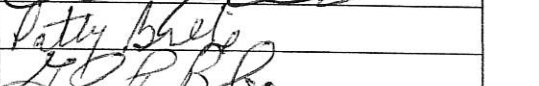
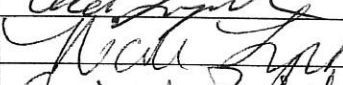
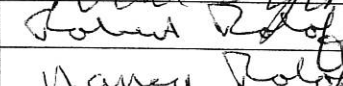
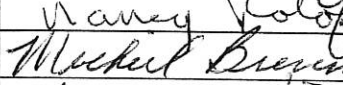
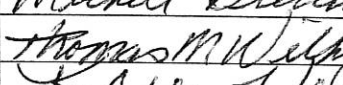
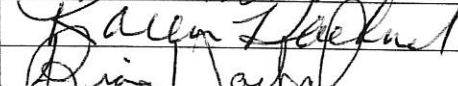
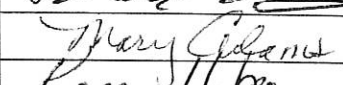
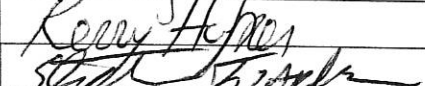
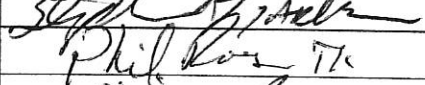
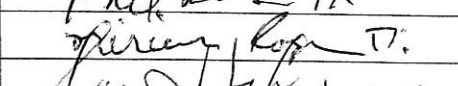
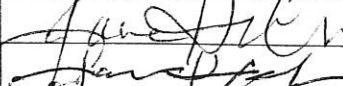
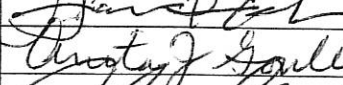
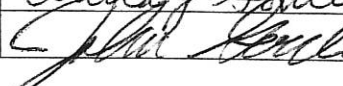
Dear Eric Carlson:

Represented in the attached petition are over 50 households that literally surrounds our River Heights Park. This is the voice of our neighborhood and is speaking in no uncertain terms. We implore you to listen to our unified voice to leave out park unchanged.

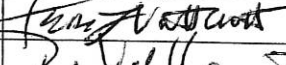
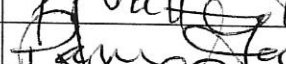
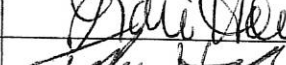
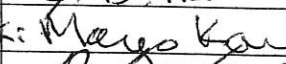
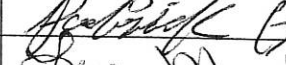
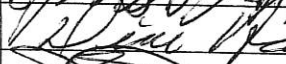
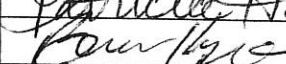
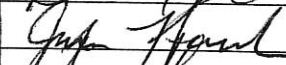
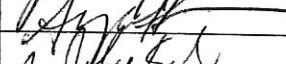
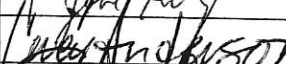
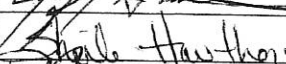
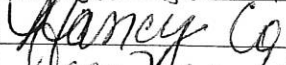
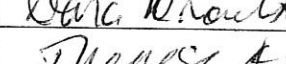
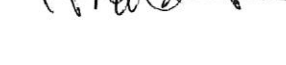
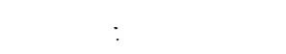
Sincerely,

River Heights Park – PAC

River Heights Park was dedicated green space when the area was developed and is part of the character of River Heights Way. We do not want any part of our neighborhood park to be sold.

Address	Printed Name	Signature
8905 River Heights Way	John Cooper	
8915 RIVER HGTS WAY	Karen Meyman	
8915 RIVER HGTS WAY	AL MEYMAN	
8925 River Hts Way	Linda Webb	
8832 RIVER Hts Way	ROGER IGNOGLIE	
8860 River Hts Way	Timothy R Levi	
8803 Inver Grove Trail	Joseph H Levi	
8803 Inver Grove Tr.	Camille Levi	
8803 Inver Grove Tr.	Zachary Levi	
8800 River Hts Way	Amanda LaPanta	
8860 River Hts Way	Linda Levi	
8860 River Hts Way	Ethan Kelly	
8730 River Hts Way	Patty Brelje	
8730 River Hts Way	Gordon Brelje	
8855 River Hts Way	Aaron Lynner	
8855 River Hts Way	Nicole Lynner	
8800 River Hts Way	Robert Boloff	
8800 River Hts Way	Nancy Boloff	
8845 RIVER HGTS WAY	MICHAEL BRENNAN	
8959 INVER GROVE TRAIL	THOMAS WILKENS	
8830 River Hts Way	Karen Haehnel	
8830 River Hts Way	Brian Haehnel	
8810 River Heights Way	Mark Hatfield	
8825 River Hts Way	Mary Adams	
8715 River Hts Way	Kerry Hofner	
8710 River Hts Way	Stephen TrakBS	
8760 River Hts Way	Phil Rogers	
8760 River Hts Way	MIRIAM ROGERS	
8885 RIVER HGTS WAY	Jane Holmes	
8885 river Heights way	Jaimie Holmes	
8895 RIVER HEIGHTS WAY	ANITA GOULETT	
8895 RIVER HEIGHTS WAY	JOHN GOULETT	

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Address	Printed Name	Signature
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8775 RHW	Teri Vatterott	
8775 River Heights Way	Pierce Vatterott	
8755 River Hts Way	Pam Gabriel	
8755 River Hts Way	Todd Gabriel	
8725 River Hts Way	Lori Howard	
8725 River Hts Way	Tyler Howard	
8765 " " "	Charles Kavalouski	
" " " "	Margo Garrett Kavalouski	
8865 River Hts. way.	Patrick Gustafson	
8850 River Height way	Lucy Marshall	
8855 River Heights Way		
8745 River Hts Way	Jen Macdonald	
8735 River Heights Way	Patricia Haugo	
8735 River Heights Way	Dr. Bruce Haugo	
8769 River Heights way	Jake Horsch	
8769 INVERMORE TRAIL	Amyale Horsch	
8723 Crismon Way	John Kelly	
4118 87th St. East, IBH	Corey Anderson	
4118 87th St. East, IBH	Romala Anderson	
8714 CRISMON WAY IBH	DAVID P. SABAKI	
8714 CRISMON WAY IBH	Karla Sabaki	
8717 Crismon Way	Todd Kniss	
8733 Crismon Way	Michelle Kniss	
8732 CRISMON WAY	SEAN CURRAN	
8745 River Hts Way	Jepp Hawthorne	
8745 River Heights Way	Shale Hawthorne	
8905 River Heights	Nancy Cooper	
8705 River Heights Way	Dara Knowlton	
3880 90th St East	Therese Wanzler	
3880 90th St East	Ron Wanzler	

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EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

From: Kenneth Tupper [mailto:K_tupper@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:58 AM

To: Eric Carlson

Subject: Re: River Heights Park Letter

OK, I think you are misguided.

Either you wish to expand an already expanded government and waste more money, or you are trying to decrease response times. However, with an ALL Volunteer Fire Crew, that point is moot!

From: Eric Carlson <ecarlson@invergroveheights.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:18:04 AM

To: 'Kenneth Tupper'

Cc: Joe Lynch; Judy Thill

Subject: RE: River Heights Park Letter

Ken

Thanks for your email and questions regarding the letter that was sent related to River Heights Park. We have identified three existing parks that depending on public input we may decide to sell in their entirety or sell portions of them, they are as follows:

River Heights Park - 8780 Inver Grove Trail

Marcott Woods Park - 2830 90th St E

Dehrer Park - 4085 Dehrer Way

The City has determined a need for a third Fire Station and based on the inventory of land currently owned by the City we are unable to find an adequate piece of property that meets the criteria needed to develop a Fire Station (location, size, topography, site development costs, etc.)

Given the fact we don't own an appropriate piece of property we are in the process of negotiating with a private property owner to purchase their land to build the Fire Station. The location of this property meets our criteria and is ideal for a Fire Station so fire personnel can provide adequate response times for emergency calls.

The land owner desires the ability to continue to live in Inver Grove Heights so instead of purchasing another piece of property we are considering providing them with a portion of River Heights Park since we have determined our long term plan suggests we may not need all or portions of the park. Providing the private property landowner with property currently owned by the City ultimately helps make the acquisition of the private property less expensive to the City.

Hopefully this helps answer some of your question and concerns, if you have others please feel free to email me or call me at 651.450.2587.

Hope you have a great day!

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson

From: Kenneth Tupper [mailto:K_tupper@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Eric Carlson
Subject: River Heights Park Letter

OK, I reviewed the letter; My notes are as follows:

First, I cannot figure out what you are trying to address. It seems that you have NO Plan at all.

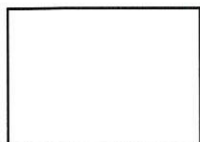
Second, I have NO Idea where Marcott Woods Park is located. It is not on Mapquest or Google Earth.

Third, Is there a particular reason that a New Fire Station could NOT be placed at the Current property owned by the City at 8150 Barbara avenue or thereabouts?

Seems to me that you Gubbiment officials are again wasting public money. resources and time.

Ken Tupper

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Eric Carlson

From: Eric Carlson
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:57 AM
To: 'Tony Guinta'
Cc: Joe Lynch; Judy Thill
Subject: RE: River Heights Park

Tony

Good morning and thanks so much for your email.

The River Heights Park property would be intended for the private property owner to build a new home to live in....it is not our intention to locate the fire station in River Heights Park.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Eric

From: Tony Guinta [<mailto:tonyguinta@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Eric Carlson
Subject: Re: River Heights Park

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thank you for the letter explaining the consideration of selling a portion of River Heights Park for the purpose of acquiring a new fire station. Would you please be kind enough to clarify whether or not the intention is to build a new fire station at the location of River Heights Park or is the intention only to sell it to raise capital for building a fire station elsewhere?

My concern is that I live on Inver Grove Trail and River Heights Park is right down the road from me. I would have great concerns if there were plans to build a fire station on our quiet country road, but I'll reserve those as I don't want to jump to conclusions.

I will greatly appreciate any time you take to answer my question.

Thank you,
Tony Guinta

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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
651-206-0055
tonyguinta@gmail.com

Eric Carlson

From: Greg Bauer [greg.bfc@popp.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Eric Carlson
Cc: 'George Tourville'; 'Paul Hark'; Joe Lynch; Judy Thill
Subject: RE: River Heights park

Eric and All,
There are lot's of people in the neighborhood of River Hts , IG Tr, and Crismon who are in complete disagreement with this and there is a petition going around. Hope we can resolve this!
Have a good weekend as well.

Greg Bauer

From: Eric Carlson [<mailto:ecarlson@invergroveheights.org>]
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Greg Bauer
Cc: George Tourville; Paul Hark; Joe Lynch; Judy Thill
Subject: Re: River Heights park

Greg

Thanks so much for your thoughts and comments. I will be sure to share them with the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission. Hope you have a great weekend.

Eric Carlson
763.350.8850
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2017, at 10:00 AM, Greg Bauer <greg.bfc@popp.net> wrote:

Dear Eric,

We are writing to you to express our disapproval of using River Heights park or any other for that matter, to increase the tax base for funding a fire station. It is true that we need a fire station in this part of town but to remove park land seems a little short sighted, in our opinion. Granted, it is not a heavily used area like maybe Sleepy Hollow, but it does serve a purpose in this neighborhood and if I'm not mistaken, was required, back in 1980 when the land was developed, to have a park. This is a park that seems to require very little maintenance so I am questioning that fact. It is unfortunate that our city does not put the quality of life in our neighborhoods over finances, or so it seems.

There are many empty buildings along the Concord/Cahill area that need occupancy which certainly would help to not only enhance the finances of our city but bring more business to the area. (and make it possible for the landlords to pay their property taxes!) What's being done about that issue?

Inver Grove Trail is already a very busy road, even dangerous to walk on and this addition of the number of homes (probably similar to Crismon Trail and 87th St. development) would be another detriment to pedestrian safety. (I'm not even sure that there is a speed limit sign along our road)

We and our neighbors do hope that another solution can be worked out rather than taking away some of the natural beauty (and potentially, the safety) of our community. This is not to take away from the need for additional fire protection in our community and neighborhoods.

We will be out of town for the 1st 2 meetings noted: on 7-25 and 8-9, but we wanted to express our feelings to you.

Sincerely,

Greg and Shirley Bauer

8955 Inver Grove Trail

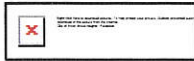
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Eric Carlson

From: Eric Carlson
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:19 PM
To: 'Nankivel, Carol (MPCA)'
Subject: RE: question for you about park land/capita

Carol

Thanks for your email and questions regarding River Heights Park and how Inver Grove Heights compares to other cities.

It is true that the City is considering selling a portion or potentially all of River Heights Park for single family lots (2.5 acres per lot). Ultimately the City Council will decide if this is something that happens and I am sure they will be interested in peoples perspective on the issue.

Regarding how does Inver Grove Heights compare to others I can provide you with the following which is taken from a document I have recently put together on the service level of the City's park and recreation system. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eric

Level of Service

The Level of Service (LOS) analysis produces guidelines that help the City make investment decisions related to parks, facilities, and other built amenities in our park and recreation system. LOS puts the City's inventory of parkland and facilities in terms of "units per population" and creates recommendations based upon multiple resources:

- Average of "smaller communities" (Rosemount, Andover, Roseville, Shakopee, Cottage Grove, S. St. Paul, Farmington and West St. Paul)
- Average of "larger communities" (Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Lakeville)
- National Standards collected by the National Recreation Park Association (NRPA)

These standards should be used as a guide and are to be coupled with conventional wisdom and judgment related to the particular situation and needs of the City of Inver Grove Heights. By applying these facility standards to the population of Inver Grove Heights, gaps and surpluses in park and facility/amenity types are reveled and funding decisions can be adjusted appropriately.

Assumptions: Average small city population 28,000
City of Inver Grove Heights population 34,000
Anticipated City of Inver Grove Heights full development population 50,000
Average large city population 59,000

Prior to adding, repurposing, or removing park infrastructure, a strong effort to engage the impacted neighborhood community should be used to gain support and understanding. Understanding the initial capital investment, on-going operational investments, and future capital replacement investment should be a part of the discussion process when making these decisions.

Parks

					Future Build Out @ 50,000	
	Inver Grove Heights Current	Smaller Cities Average	Larger Cities Average	National Cities (20K – 50K) Average	National Standard	To meet our current ratio
Number of parks	28	31	60			
Per capita	1,214	901	977	1,901		
IGH need to meet ratio	28	37	35	18	NA	41

- NW Area Park Plan assumes we will add 5-6 parks in the NW area at full development.
- The City will have 34 – 35 parks at full development.

Park Land

					Future Build Out @ 50,000	
	Inver Grove Heights Current	Smaller Cities Average	Larger Cities Average	National Cities (20K – 50K) Average	National Standard 24.75 per 1,000	In order to meet our current ratio
Acres of Parkland	608	583	1,272			
Acres per 1,000	17.88	20.87	21.69	9.6		
IGH need to meet ratio	608	709	737	326	1,237	894

- NW Area Park Plan assumes we will add 56-82 acres in the NW area at full development.
- The City will have 665-691 acres of park land at full development.

Bituminous Trails

					Future Build Out @ 50,000	
	Inver Grove Heights Current	Smaller Cities Average	Larger Cities Average	National Cities (20K – 50K) Average	National Standard .75 per 1,000	In order to meet our current ratio
Miles of trail	26	35	90			
Miles per 1,000	.76	1.25	1.55			
IGH need to meet ratio	26	42.5	52.7	NA	38	38

- NW Area Park Plan assumes we will add 10-15 miles in the NW area at full development.
- Closing the priority gaps in the trail gap study would add approximately 7 miles of trail
- The City will have 42 – 48 miles of trails at full development.

From: Nankivel, Carol (MPCA) [<mailto:carol.nankivel@state.mn.us>]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:02 AM

To: Eric Carlson

Subject: question for you about park land/capita

Hi Eric, as expected, our neighborhood is all shook up about the proposal to sell River Heights Park. I don't know my own mind about it yet. I'm opposed to it just on principle but I understand the dynamic of parks needing to provide return on investment.

I'm planning to come to the meeting on Tuesday to hear more. But I was wondering if there are any figures about what the "right" amount of parkland is. Does IGH have comparable acreage of parkland per person when compared to other suburban communities? Are we higher, lower or in the same ballpark (little park/rec pun there)? You don't have to reply back, just wanted to let you know that I'll be asking that question.

Carry on.

Eric Carlson

From: Eric Carlson
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 2:29 PM
To: 'Margo Garrett'
Cc: Joe Lynch; Judy Thill; Kristi Smith; Tom Link
Subject: RE: Tuesday night Public Information Meeting

Margo

Thanks so much for your email and questions concerning River Heights Park, I will do my best to answer the questions you have:

What zoning exists to protect us from indiscriminate construction?

The current zoning of the property is P/Institutional, if the Council approves of the repurposing of the park, City staff will recommend zoning of R1-C which is appropriate for single family residential homes

Are you considering placing a fire station on River Heights Park land?

No, the City does not intend to locate a new fire station in River Heights Park.

.....If we must, we must increase taxes. I personally will want to review the entire budget/actual expenses of the city to determine other possible sources of support. Are they online?

The City Council is sensitive to increasing taxes, here is link to the 2017 City Budget so you can review the City's overall budget <http://www.ci.inver-grove-heights.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/5325>

May I suggest that one week's notice - your letter was dated July 17 and surely could have arrived not before the 18th or 19th - is not enough time to guarantee attendance by all who would wish to be there? We are a case in point. Are there provisions for us to know all the information to be shared tomorrow night? Streaming? A recording secretary and letters sent online or via hard copy?

My apologies for not providing more notice before Tuesday's meeting, Tuesday's meeting is meant to be informational in nature, gives residents an opportunity to ask questions etc, there will be no decisions made on Tuesday and no recording/minutes of the meeting. As outlined in the letter, the first public meeting is the Parks and Recreation Commission scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th, and then the Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 5th. At these meetings the advisory commissions will review a staff report and take visitor testimony, all of this information will be broadcast live, and in tape delay on the local cable TV channel, in addition minutes of the meetings will be taken for the record. All of

the comments, letters, emails, and testimony will be provided to the City Council prior to their meeting which has yet to be scheduled.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson

-----Original Message-----

From: Margo Garrett [<mailto:margogarrett@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:10 PM

To: Eric Carlson

Subject: Tuesday night Public Information Meeting

July 24, 2017

Hello Mr. Carlson:

I am also known as Margo Kavalovski. My husband, Charles (Chuck) Kavalovski and I live at 8765 River Heights Way, IGH but are sadly unable to be at tomorrow's meeting. I am working for a month in Massachusetts and Chuck is here visiting family in the area.

If we had had earlier notice of this meeting, Chuck would have chosen to be at the meeting rather than travel here, so important does it seem to us. I know he has written or spoken to you, but I wanted to also speak for myself.

I vehemently object to the selling of even a portion of any of the current parks. I can only speak for what River Heights Park means to us, as I do not use Marcott Woods or Derher Parks. Indeed, the purchase price of our home, which seemed high to us in 2003, was agreed upon, largely because of the setting the the park provided the neighborhood, a desirable separation between the peacefulness of our cup de sac and the faster pace of Inver Grove Trail's traffic and beyond into, now, all the new home construction. Our home values will absolutely be affected negatively in the park is sold.

And what zoning exists to protect us from indiscriminate construction?

Certainly, you are not considering putting a fire station actually on the River Heights Park land! But perhaps I should rephrase this into a question. ARE you considering placing a fire station on River Heights Park land?

Why take away parks in order to find adequate resources to maintain the park system? Nonsensical. You are simply taking services away from your citizens. If we must, we must increase taxes. I personally will want to view the entire budget/actual expenses of the city to determine other possible sources of support. Are they online? I will certainly look, but if you know I won't find them online, I would appreciate how I might study these.

May I suggest that one week's notice - your letter was dated July 17 and surely could have arrived not before the 18th or 19th - is not enough time to guarantee attendance by all who would wish to be there? We are a case in point. Are there provisions for us to know all the

information to be shared tomorrow night? Streaming? A recording secretary and letters sent online or via hard copy? I request knowing what is planned for those unable to attend.

Thank you for reading and for your answers to my questions,

Respectfully and sincerely,

Margo Garrett Kavalovski
917-685-8533

Eric Carlson

From: Eric Carlson
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 2:34 PM
To: 'Zachary Alsterlund'
Cc: Joe Lynch; Judy Thill; Tom Link
Subject: RE: River Heights Park

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Zach

Good afternoon and thanks for your email. The City Council is considering the future of River Heights Park over the course of the next few months. At this point I'm not sure if the Council will elect to sell any or all of the current Park property. I would suggest you check back with me towards the middle of September to see what decision the Council has made/is thinking about.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eric

-----Original Message-----

From: Zachary Alsterlund [<mailto:zalsterlund@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:56 PM
To: Eric Carlson
Subject: River Heights Park

Hi Eric

I have some friends in the River Heights Way/Inver Grove Trail area and I recently heard the River Heights park lots may be on the market in the near future. I am very interested in purchasing one of the lots. I am unable to attend the public information meeting tomorrow regarding the properties - can you please send me the meeting minutes/any and all information regarding the potential sale/timeline of those lots?

Thank you

Zachary Alsterlund
612-309-8479

Eric Carlson

From: rita meyer [ritakob@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Eric Carlson
Subject: River Heights Park

I am opposed to selling any of River Heights Park for any reason. Building a fire station there is preposterous. The road is already very small and narrow and the neighbors don't need the added traffic or noise. Don't destroy our neighborhoods.

Rita Meyer

And those who were seen dancing were thought to be
insane by those who could not hear the music - Nietzsche

Eric Carlson

From: Williams, Misty A [MAWILLI6@travelers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Eric Carlson
Cc: Tom Link; Nicole Cook; Joe Lynch; Misty Williams (crabbymisty@gmail.com)
Subject: RE: Question regarding a proposed development

Hi Eric,

Thank you for the quick follow up to my inquiry and thank you for resending the notice! I double checked and didn't find one, but we were out of town for a couple of weeks so it's possible that it got missed or lost in the shuffle.

I will be unable to attend the August 9th meeting, but will try to attend the future meetings for this topic. In the mean time I wanted to share my thoughts about the possible sale of all, or part, of River Heights Park:

Though River Heights park is undeveloped, it does not appear to be under-utilized. I walk to River Heights Park from my house every morning and enjoy the park with my dogs, and I routinely run into other IGH residents who are also enjoying the park. I think a boy scout troop even did a project in the park last year and hung bee hives which were aimed at trying to revive the Mason Bee population.

In speaking to residents in the neighborhoods next to, and surrounding the park, it appears to be commonly agreed that the park is a value-add for the area, and several residents have told me that the River Heights wooded park was promoted as a selling feature when they purchased their homes in the new development near the park.

Another thought about park-usage: the park trail does not seem to get routinely mowed unless residents send multiple emails requesting for it to be done. The grass will often times be chest-high before the trail gets mowed and that could be a turn-off for anyone looking to use the park.

My other concern with developing the park is that there would be a disruption to the animals and birds that call River Park Heights home. My dogs and I often encounter a family of deer that bed-down in the field. We also have come across foxes, turkey, pheasants, and a multitude of birds and other creatures that live within the park boundaries. Is there a plan in-place to address this disruption?

As a last thought: The homes immediately surrounding River Heights Park all have 2+ acre lots. Though I can't speak for the owners, I can't imagine that these residents would be in-favor of disrupting their development by adding additional housing to a previously wooded and secluded area.

Again, I appreciate the quick response and thank you for taking the time to read my comments on this proposal. Please let me know if I should direct them elsewhere or if you have any feedback.

Regards,
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From: Eric Carlson [mailto:ecarlson@invergroveheights.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Williams, Misty A <MAWILLI6@travelers.com>
Cc: Tom Link <mlink@invergroveheights.org>; Nicole Cook <ncook@invergroveheights.org>; Joe Lynch

<jlynch@invergroveheights.org>

Subject: RE: Question regarding a proposed development

Misty

Good afternoon and thanks so much for your email. It is accurate that the City is currently considering selling all or a portion of River Heights Park located at 8780 Inver Grove Trail. To be clear, the potential sale of the park is related to the City's acquisition of private property and the property owners interest in continuing to live in the City, if sold the park area would be developed into a private residence, not a Fire Station. We are not considering the sale of River Heights Park or any other park to fund the construction of a Fire Station. The potential sale of River Heights Park, Marcott Woods, and/or Derhrer Park(s) is based on the Parks and Recreation Commission's determination that these parks may not be needed in the future because they are located in the rural area of the community and are currently undeveloped. The Commission and City Council will be taking public comment at upcoming meetings and you are encouraged to participate in the process, please see the attached letter for more information.

We mailed out approximately 200 notices and the address you have listed (8830 Coopersmith Ct) is on the list we mailed too, so I'm not sure why you didn't receive a letter.....I am attaching one now for your review. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson

From: Williams,Misty A [<mailto:MAWILLI6@travelers.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 1:48 PM

To: Eric Carlson

Subject: FW: Question regarding a proposed development

Hi Eric,

I was recently informed by another resident that the city is proposing a sale of one of three parks (River Heights Park, Dehrer, and ?) in Inver Grove Heights to fund an additional Firehouse.

I never received a notice about this and I am an IGH resident. Can you help me or get me to the correct person to learn more information about this proposed land sale/development?

Thank you!

Misty

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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Department Happenings

Meeting Date: August 9, 2017
 Item Type: Administrative Presentations
 Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
 Prepared by: Eric Carlson
 Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:

☒	None
☐	Amount included in current budget
☐	Budget amendment requested
☐	FTE included in current complement
☐	New FTE requested – N/A
☐	Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

No action required. Item is for informational purposes and Commissioners are encouraged to ask appropriate questions.

SUMMARY

Items included:

- Department Happenings Report
- Miscellaneous



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



PARKS DIVISION

NW Area Park Update

Evergreen has contacted Mr. Peltier regarding the City's interest in purchasing a portion of his property for park purposes. Mr. Peltier seemed excited to receive the call and asked that the offer be mailed to him as opposed to it being hand delivered. Evergreen will follow up with Mr. Peltier in the next few weeks to see what questions he may have.

East Rink Update

The East Rink project is coming along, at this point the contractor plans to pour the concrete floor Thursday, which is a little behind schedule. While the "schedule" is important, city staff has been preaching that it is more important that the project be done correctly than "on-time". Once poured, the floor has to go through a 28 day curing process before the refrigeration equipment can be turned back on, and there are a number of additional items that need to be worked on before the project is complete. If the concrete is poured on Thursday, we should still be in good shape to have skateable ice on Sunday, September 17th, as planned.

Joint Meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission

At the June Work Study Session, the Council suggested it may be a good idea to have a joint meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission to discuss the Park Capital Improvement Plan. Staff has identified Monday, October 16th, or Monday, October 30th, as potential dates. Please let me know your preference and we will schedule the meeting accordingly.

Heritage Village Park Update

The Parks Commission and citizens advisory group have met with WSB to develop preliminary plans for improvements to Heritage Village Park which may include:

- Parking lot
- Dog Park
- Trail connections
- Burying of overhead utility lines

The next meeting of the subcommittee is schedule for Tuesday, July 25th. The likely schedule is as follows:

June – August 2017	PRAC, Dog Park Committee meet with WSB
September 2017	PRAC/Council review proposed feasibility report
October - December 2017	Plans and specifications developed for proposed improvements
January – February 2018	Bid project, open bids
March 2018	Award contract
April – June 2018	Construct project
June/July 2018	Open improvements including Dog Park



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



GOLF COURSE DIVISION

Youth on Course

Inver Wood will be joining a program call “Youth on Course” as a test site in Minnesota. The program is designed to provide youth with a inexpensive opportunity (\$5 per round) to play the game of golf at participating courses. Nationally the program is popular in Michigan, California, and some southeastern states. Generally speaking the program includes:

- Inver Wood becomes a “Youth on Course” member, no fee or cost to Inver Wood
- Youth (19 and younger) become “members of the program” by paying a \$5 membership fee with the proceeds going to the “Youth on Course Program”
- Members show their membership card at participating courses and we track all of the “Youth on Course” rounds. The member is charged \$5 for their round and we turn in a monthly report to receive the difference between what we normally charge and the \$5 we have already collected. So, in the end, Inver Wood is receiving full price for a youth round of golf

This is an excellent program to be involved with so we can encourage the next generation to learn, enjoy, and play the game of golf. More information can be found here: <https://youthoncourse.org/>

Inver Wood Customer Appreciation Events Rescheduled

The Inver Wood Customer Appreciation Event originally schedule for June was canceled due to a poor weather forecast and the events have been rescheduled to August 4th – 6th. Games, prizes, and food will all be a part of the celebration. Stop out and join us if you can.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



RECREATION DIVISION

Fall Brochure Hits Homes

Our fall recreation brochure hit homes the first week in August. The brochure covers programs from August - mid December.

IGH Days

City staff will be assisting with IGH Days as a participant in the parade and business expo, sponsoring a disc golf tournament and organizing the Kid's Court area for the Sunday events on Cahill Avenue.

Meeting with ISD 199 Community Education Director

Staff recently met with the new Community Education Director for School District #199 to discuss the City's new role with Active Older Adults 55 Plus as well as to discuss new partnering opportunities moving forward.

Adult Softball

City staff has been contacted by the City of South St. Paul to host some of their fall adult softball leagues at Rich Valley beginning in September. South St. Paul has been experiencing some field drainage issues making their fields unplayable when it rains.

Upcoming September Events

The recreation division will be sponsoring two great events this September with our Harmon Farms 5- mile & 10-mile trail runs on Sept. 17 and our Touch-a-Truck event on Sept. 16. Both have been very successful in the past.

Junior Vet Camp

A new junior vet camp for youth ages 6-12 was held in July. The camp was done in partnership with Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital and was well-received.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



VMCC DIVISION

Water Park Renovations

The water park renovations will begin on August 21. The project is as follows:

August 21 st – mid October	Construction
August 21 - September 1	Painting of water park ceiling
September 5 – October 13	Slides, stairs, pool shell, play structure renovations
Mid-late October	Splash Pool Re-Opens to the Public
November 4	Grand Re-Opening Event

Aging Mastery Program

Through a grant from the National Council on Aging, we will be hosting the Aging Mastery Program. This is a comprehensive and fun approach to aging well that encourages people to take actions to enhance their health, financial well-being, social connections and overall quality of life. This 5 or 10-week course will be offered in September and October at various times of the day.

Community Round Table-Active Adults 55 Plus

We want to hear it! We are inviting adults 55 plus to share their thoughts on current and future services. Input from participants will help identify strengths and articulate specific needs now and into the future. This process will assist in creating a five-year strategic plan that will provide guidance to staff. These round tables will be held in October and are free.

Outdoor TRX a Success

The fitness staff recently purchased outdoor TRX equipment from the City of Eden Prairie. The outdoor equipment has provided a new, fun element to our boot camps, personal training and other fitness classes.

Surf N' Turf Nights

While the water park is being renovated, we are offering some fun Friday nights on the turf and in the lap pool. Participants can play on the turf or swim for \$4 per participant on scheduled nights in September and October.

Tuesday, July 25 th	Dog Park Mgt with Subcommittee	Review two concept plans with goal of turning them into one plan	WSB @ meeting
Wednesday, August 23 rd	HVP Open House	Hold open house for neighborhood/public to comment on HVP improvements including: dog park, parking lot, trails along Doffing, etc.	WSB not @ meeting
Tuesday, August 29 th	Dog Park Mgt with Staff	Review plans and make adjustments based on feedback from Open House	WSB @ meeting
Wednesday, September 13 th	PRAC Mgt	PRAC to review proposed HVP plans including cost estimates	WSB not @ meeting
		PRAC to review proposed Babcock Trail improvements including cost estimates	WSB not @ meeting
Monday, October 2 nd	City Council Work Study Mgt	City Council to review proposed HVP plans including cost estimates	TBD
		City Council to review proposed Babcock Trail improvements including cost estimates	TBD
Monday, October 9 th or 23 rd	City Council Mgt	City Council approves HVP plans	WSB not @ meeting
		City Council approves Babcock Trail plans	WSB not @ meeting

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Commission Comments

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☐	Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

No action required. Commissioners are encouraged to make appropriate comments.

SUMMARY

None.