



**Inver Grove Heights
Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
City Council Chambers
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
7:00pm**

Televised on Town Square TV

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS –
 - i. Introduction and Induction of New Commissioner
 - ii. Congratulations to Reappointed Commissioners
 - iii. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioner Sethre
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. You can find information regarding the City of Inver Grove Heights by visiting our web site at www.ighmn.gov
 - B. Find us on Facebook at Inver Grove Heights Parks & Recreation
 - C. Follow us on Twitter at @IGH Parks
 - D. Follow us on Instagram: @ighparksrec
 - E. Next Meeting; July 8th Regular Meeting 7:00pm
 - F. Introduce New Interim Parks and Recreation Director
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 Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2021
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. Election of Officers

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS - Items that need to be discussed without any actions.
 - A. Department Happenings
 - B. Northwest Area Neighborhood Park #1 Concepts
 - C. South Valley Park Update
 10. COMMISSION COMMENTS – A chance for Commissioners to ask questions or make comments.
 - A. Commission Comments
 - B. Input from Commissioners on the Next Agenda
 11. ADJOURN
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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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**MINUTES ARE REVIEWED/APPROVED
BY THE COMMISSION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING**

**City of Inver Grove Heights Minutes of the Proceedings
Of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
8150 Barbara Avenue
Wednesday, May 12, 2021: 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting Held Via Zoom Videoconferencing and/or Phone ONLY
Televised on Town Square Television
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Steve Cook called the May 12, 2021 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present via Zoom/Phone: Chair Steve Cook; Commissioner's: Kevin Sethre, Willie Krech, Sandra Christensen, Elaine Prickel, Derek Schwanz, Greg Stone, and Kari Miller.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Jon Oyanagi, Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak, Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda, and Information Technology Manager Marc Gade.

Absent: Vice Chair Niki Barker.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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C. Follow us on Twitter at @IGHParks

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E. Next Meeting: June 9, 2021. Work Study Meeting 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2021

C. Approval of Work Session Minutes of April 14, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Christensen second by Commissioner Prickel to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Peltier Reserve

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Jon Oyanagi stated at the last meeting in April the Commission looked at the Peltier Reserve Preliminary Plat and recommended Cash Dedication. There would be 124 home units and

180 apartment units. Northwest Area Park #1 is right across Argenta Trail. For that reason, Cash Dedication was recommended in lieu of land. He stated before it got to the City Council meeting, several residents, mostly from the Argenta Hills neighborhood, expressed desire for a park in the development. Due to that, the Preliminary Plat was tabled until this past Monday evening. Staff met with the Developer who was able to carve out a small park within their development that could have a playground and one or two other amenities.

Interim Director Oyanagi stated Jim Peltier would be staying in his home. Located northwest of that are two lots in the original Preliminary Plat that is proposed to be Park Dedication. Because it does not satisfy the total Park Dedication for the development, it would be a part Land/part Cash Dedication. The City Council approved the Preliminary Plat with the park in it.

He stated next to the two lots is green space identified as an outlot housing the Magellan Pipeline that runs through the whole development and to Park #1. The easement for the pipeline is encumbered, the City cannot accept encumbered land as a part of Land Dedication. It is limited as to what could be put on top of it. It could be a trail or left as open space. He stated the two lots are large enough to develop a park with a pre-K playground and a 5-12 playground, and possibly a small sun shelter with a picnic table or two under it.

The Developer would like to develop the park, Interim Director Oyanagi stated he would like to meet with the Developer beforehand to make sure they have the experience to do it. A public process still needs to take place so people can provide input. He stated this has changed since the last month's meeting. He suggested the Commission vote to accept the Land/Cash Dedication combination for this development.

Commissioner Stone asked if the Commission would be able to see what the Developer would put on the land. Interim Director Oyanagi responded yes stating Staff would take over at some point and develop like they would any of the parks.

Commissioner Prickel commented that whatever Cash amount is given, it likely won't get put toward this development, but could go toward another park. Interim Director Oyanagi agreed stating it would be submitted at the time of final plat, Cash Dedication would go in the Fund. Commissioner Prickel commented the Fund can be used anywhere. Interim Director Oyanagi agreed responding it was likely to be used in the parks in the area since they are the next parks to be developed.

Chair Cook asked if a Developer wants to develop the park, how does it affect the cash contribution as they use their own funds to do it. Interim Director Oyanagi responded Staff would determine the value of the Land Dedication and the amount of the Cash Dedication owed. They would use that as a balance to work with to develop the park. He stated the Developer would either stay within that amount or the City would have to add to it from the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund.

Chair Cook referenced where the Peltier home would still be and commented it looks like it abuts the land being dedicated. Interim Director Oyanagi responded he hasn't seen the physical land layout. He stated the Developer spoke of a fence as the park area borders two streets.

Commissioner Schwanz clarified stating there would be no money going into the 402 Fund, the Developer would just pay for some of the park items themselves. Interim Director Oyanagi responded it depends on how much they owe and would draw down from that to do the development. He didn't believe they would spend it all, but would still have a little in the Park Acquisition and Development Fund. The Developer is responsible for the finished grade.

Chair Cook asked why the Developer wanted to do it themselves. Interim Director Oyanagi responded they may want the park ready as they build homes so people see the park as a place to buy and build.

Commissioner Sethre commended the residents in the area who requested this.

Motion by Commissioner Stone second by Commissioner Prickel to approve a combination of Land and Cash Dedication for the Peltier Reserve.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:

A. Department Happenings

Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak gave the following update:

- COVID restrictions are being lifted slowly.
- The first set of restrictions wouldn't impact the Community Center and Recreational Programs until May 28th.
- Once May 28th is here, there would be no masks outside.
- Do not have to do social distancing.
- Would not have capacity restrictions.
- Continues until the State becomes 70% vaccinated, the Governor changes something, or until July 1st. They would still have to take reservations for all programs.
- Still cannot turn on water fountains anywhere in the system. There have been complaints about this at the Community Center and the parks system. This is a specific COVID restriction imposed by the State.
- Cannot turn on the Sauna's until July 1st.
- Biggest challenge is requiring people still wear masks indoors.

Program Updates:

- KIDS Rock is looking strong.
 - There are two spaces where the program will be offered.
 - 41 participants are signed up.
 - The 5-Day option is most popular.
 - The 2-Day option is also very popular.
 - Less than what was expected, but still encouraging. They have heard that most have their care programs for the summer and are not really looking for childcare. Some are looking for something to do, so the 2-day option has been popular.

Fitness:

- Specialty Classes. These are additional cost classes people sign up for.
 - Numbers went up by 32% from March and April, to May and June.
 - 70 participants versus 47.

Working on:

- Marketing all the different programs.
- Strategizing how to let people know of activities.
- Working on how to encourage the older population to come back. Once the social distancing requirement is gone, they may start coming back.
- Will begin offering the Older Adults programs.
- May be getting the Gym back in July.

Staffing:

- There is such a staffing shortage, they are slowly getting the Staff needed.
- Many Staff have left for other activities.
- Positions available are located on the City Website. Positions include: KIDS Rock Staff: Leaders and Assistants. The Parks Superintendent needs a Facilities Supervisor for evenings and weekends. Aquatics are in need of Staff, such as Life Guards (will be trained). 20 more people are needed.

Comprehensive Plan:

- Focus Groups will be done over the summer.
- Doing Pop Up Parks. More information is still being gathered on this and could include:

- Giving away popcorn or pop tarts.
- Give away prizes.
- Get people to come and talk. They are looking for more ideas for future programming. Ideas are needed for youth, family, and teen programming.
- Possibly start an Advisory Board for teen input.
- Will be at the Farmer's Market.
- Food Truck Events.
- Maybe tournaments.

Commissioner Krech joined the meeting via phone/Zoom.

Chair Cook asked how they would be utilizing the available space with the Gymnastics Program leaving. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak responded that is another great topic point they would like to receive input from. Staff would like to see older adult or youth programs in the space. They could have programming such as Black Light Volleyball Nights or Dodgeball.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak stated Staff could write some Grants and find sponsorships to help funds. She hoped they could get the Community to come out and give input. Staff is trying to determine the best way to do that. She commented they received a good response from Zoom calls with those in the northwest area. She stated Staff would try going out to the public and finding people where they are. An update will be given at the June meeting.

Parks Superintendent Brian Swoboda gave the following update:

Projects:

- Went through the final walkthrough of Heritage Village Park's Phase 3 today along with Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi.
 - Met with WSB and the Contractor to review the checkpoint list of what is left to do such as:
 - Rock to pick
 - A fence to fix
 - Water the hydroseed.
 - Waiting for the fence that goes on top of the retaining wall. This item is 2-3 weeks out.

Chair Cook stated there is a video that Community Television taped about the progress at Heritage Village Park. He asked if that would be shared. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi responded he has the video if the Commission would like to watch it at the end of the meeting. He stated the videographer came out to Heritage Village Park and interviewed a family who has a five-year-old in a wheelchair and how they are looking forward to the inclusive playground, and the challenges had at other playgrounds. He stated they also interviewed Vice Chair Niki Barker, as a parent, and how difficult it is to navigate playgrounds, watch kids, and ensure safety when unable to reach all the different play features. He stated the short video is supposed to air on May 15th and is on Facebook and Twitter.

Parks Superintendent Swoboda continued to discuss:

Projects:

- The Grove/VMCC Parking Lot project:
 - Doing the final touches on the grade.
 - Plan to pave tomorrow (May 13th)
 - The initial deadline was at the end of the month. Likely finish a week ahead of time.
- Staff has been working with HKGi, the Consultants for South Valley Park and Northwest Park #1:
 - Getting closer to plans and specifications.
 - Working with Jody next Monday.
 - More to share at the June Meeting.
- Working with The Friends of the Dog Park:

- Putting up a couple of shelters with the money that was fundraised.
- Materials were ordered and have come in.
- The Friends would get together along with the Parks Department to put up the shelters in the next couple of months.
- A member of MORC (Minnesota Off Road Cyclists) and a few other Trail Stewards volunteered to do some of the following work on the Mountain Bike Trail at Harmon Reserve:
 - There were erosion issues and a few other minor adjustments.
 - One of the gentlemen is a retired landscaper that has equipment. He would be volunteering his time and equipment to make other skills-type items on the course such as rollers and tables.
 - The City is supplying the material.

If getting a chance to walk or bike the course, take note of some of the skills-type courses. This will be helpful when developing the larger and smaller kids bike skills courses in the northwest area. Could be a possible Consultant for the City.

- Seasonal Staff:
 - Still struggling to hire.
 - Five people began this week.
 - Still searching for additional Staff.
- There are 15 playgrounds in the parks system:
 - Over the course of time, there are issues whether it is cracked plastic on a slide, decks exposing metal, vandalism, or swing chains needing repair.
 - Thorough Inspections are done monthly.

With recent years and things happening on playgrounds, it was decided to get a third-party audit on three to four playgrounds per year and go through the cycle.

- This week the audit is being done on three playgrounds.
- Will receive a report.
- Would be nice to compare the City inspection to the audit inspection.

Crew update:

- Overseeing and dirt work is being done.
- Replaced or top-dressed all engineered wood fiber in all playgrounds.
- Soccer fields have been busy.
 - There was a soccer tournament at Rich Valley Park last weekend.
- Ball fields have been busy.
 - First baseball tournament the weekend of May 21-23, utilizing all nine fields.
- Gardens are prepped and the isles are laid out and tilled.
 - Half the sites are already planted.
- Few trees left to plant throughout the parks.
 - 15 containers to plant.
 - Trying to keep up with mowing. With the cooler temperatures and lack of rain, it isn't growing as fast.

Chair Cook asked if the City would be using the Tree Trust Crew over the summer. Parks Superintendent Swoboda responded yes; they would continue with the stair project at Seidl's Lake starting mid-June.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi stated they are in the early stages of the Comprehensive Park and Recreation System Plan with HKGi. The beginning would be a review of the public engagement that took place in 2020. There will be focus groups and pop-up surveys to fill gaps in information. When completed they would have a nice foundation for a needs assessment.

B. Northwest Area Neighborhood Park #1

Interim Director Oyanagi stated they are waiting on soil borings to verify engineering and placement of stormwater structures and hardscapes on site. HKGi submitted the final concept plan to Magellan Pipeline. Once Magellan approves, can move forward with plans and specifications.

He stated on Monday the City Council approved applying for a DEED Grant with the State. The City is eligible each year for a Grant in the amount of about \$415,000. Last year it was used at Heritage Village Park for Phase 3. For this year's Grant, the Council approved applying for Northwest Area Neighborhood Park #1. The Grant has been submitted and will hear back in about a month if approved. If the Grant is approved, it would help the budget and saves \$415,000 of Acquisition and Development Fund. It will be used to keep to the plan and make sure the plan is done well. He stated some costs for picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles were going to be taken out of the Parks Maintenance Budget, but now it can be taken out of the Project Budget.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak reminded the Commission there is a meeting coming up on May 26th.

C. Park Naming – Northwest Area Neighborhood Park #1

Chair Cook stated the Commission came up with three possible names at the last meeting. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi stated there were some concerns after the last meeting where the Commission narrowed down possible park names to the following three:

1. Lakota Park
2. Lakota Pines Park
3. Pine Overlook or Towering Pines or Vista Pines

Interim Director Oyanagi stated when using the term "Lakota", they should check with the Native people to make sure that is an appropriate use of the name and not doing something inappropriate or offensive. He has reached out to the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a State Association, with many emails and phone call messages, and has not received a response. He stated an internal Staff member had some connections with Native Associations, and have also not heard back from them. He asked if they should wait for a response or move forward with the names. The intent was to put it out to the public for reactions and votes to determine which to use. Once a name is chosen it will go before the City Council as a recommendation to approve.

Commissioner Prickel stated putting it out there and saying there has not been a response or input and are looking for feedback, there is still the opportunity to try and connect with the Native American Community with time to change course if needed. She felt the Interim Director has gone above and beyond as a courtesy and commented there needs to be some responsibility on the part of the Organization to respond.

Commissioner Christensen asked if the Lieutenant Governor was part Native American, if so, maybe she can be reached.

Commissioner Stone suggested help from Joe Atkins.

Chair Cook suggested a Motion to move forward with the three options. He thought the Pines had a different name option. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak responded she watched the video, and while it didn't seem very clear, Pine Overlook and Towering Pines came up. She suggested revisiting that conversation to be sure.

Commissioner Prickel asked if they had to have three options and suggested four. Two with the Lakota name and two without. Commissioner Miller asked when this goes out if they would allow comments from people to write in names. She asked if Argenta or Argenta Pines could be options. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak responded they heard comment from the neighborhood that they didn't like the Argenta name in there at all, it could be confusing. Chair Cook stated he liked Vista Pines, there was a great view.

Commissioner Stone suggested being careful that they don't have too many names.

Chair Cook asked if they should allow write in suggestions or if they should put out the three options. He commented the problem with write in's is what to do with them. Commissioner Schwanz commented they may receive inappropriate names.

Motion by Commissioner Stone second by Commissioner Sethre to put the three names forward for public comment without a write in as follows:

- 1. Lakota Pines**
- 2. Lakota Park**
- 3. Vista Pines**

Commissioner Stone stated if people object, they would likely contact the City. Commissioner Sethre agreed and stated they could come to a Commission meeting and give additional ideas. Commissioner Krech suggested putting the names online and have people vote for the ones they are in favor of.

There was some confusion with the third option for a park name, Chair Cook took a vote on each of the following with the Commission: Towering Pines (1), Pine Overlook (0), Vista Pines was the favored.

Recreation Superintendent Dorshak stated the names will be discussed at the upcoming meeting with those in the northwest area. It will also be added to the City Website. She stated she would have Jody add the options to the Northwest Area Park site.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

D. NW Area Parks Update

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi updated the Commission on the same update he provided to the City Council at their May 3rd, Work Study Session as follows:

- Overview of current status of the Northwest Area Parks.
- #1 and #2 are the Cole properties.
 - These are in limbo until Mrs. Cole leaves the property.
 - Nothing will happen until then.
 - There is a lot of water on the property.
 - Would be a natural area with nature-oriented park amenities.
 - 13 acres of usable parkland.
- #3 is the Park they are currently working on and will name soon.
- #4 is a little area previously identified.
 - Small area that is developable.
 - There is a big hill over most of the property.
 - Would have enough space for a playground and court.
 - Target is nearby.
- Proposal coming soon for an area that may be multi-family or luxury townhomes.
 - There may be an opportunity to work with them.
 - They are proposing a clubhouse with pool.
 - Amana Trail and Argenta Trail are crossings to get to another park.
- #5 Fleming Property.
 - Has an area identified for Park Land Dedication.
 - Has steep slopes that are heavily wooded on three sides.
 - Playground and a couple amenities may fit.
 - Area is smaller.
- Peltier Reserve (two lots) proposed in the Preliminary Plat.
 - A lot of topography in between.

- Cannot see the two parks easily.
- May end up being three smaller parks due to topography.
- 70th Street, Robert Street, and Argenta Trail: Riley Property.
 - Developer is close to submitting.
 - Carved out 4.03 acres.
 - Rolling area, has topography, more manageable for development of several amenities and larger amenities for a neighborhood park.

He stated the City Council seemed pleased with all that is on the horizon and being developed.

Chair Cook asked if this changes the projections made about the fund balances and if they decrease or increase available funds for park development. He was thinking about the future phases of Heritage Village Park or other projects. Interim Director Oyanagi responded this question was based off information given to the Chair and Vice Chair earlier. It guesstimates the balance in the Acquisition and Development Fund, knowledge of what parks are coming up, and what other development in the City would be contributing to the 402 Fund. He stated everything balances out and would be an adequate amount from other developments within the City giving Cash Dedication. There is also the possible \$415,000 Grant. He stated they should be in good shape with the 402 Fund and have enough in there for Heritage Village Park and the future phases.

E. YMCA

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi stated the last conversation with the YMCA left things as it could be in the future sometime before doing any programming collaboration or facility exploration. The YMCA was excited to help with the Comprehensive Park and Recreation System Plan. The YMCA has expertise with serving families, youth, and Seniors and are willing to help out in anyway with Community engagement, surveying, and assessment needs of the City. He suggested consideration for including them in information along with the School Districts and any other groups. He stated they would assist with the planning part of things. The YMCA wants to see what the City sees as a need, and they can fill in. He stated the Plan would need to be completed first.

Commissioner Sethre asked if anyone has had conversations with ASFME on what their input would be. ASFME is the Employee's Union. Recreation Superintendent Dorshak responded she was not aware of any conversations with Union Representatives. At this time, it hasn't impacted Staff.

F. VMCC Parking Lot Update

This item was previously discussed in Agenda Item 9A.

G. Other

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

A. Commission Comments

Commissioner Sethre stated this would be his last meeting. He has elected not to reapply. He would be spending his time with his three Grandchildren while they are living close by. He wished to comment about an email he sent about three weeks ago in response to Steve's email. He hoped nobody took away anything negative regarding the Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi or anything else. It was more of a challenge to everyone to try and put on a different hat and look at some of the proposals as a taxpayer and citizen. He hoped nobody took that negatively as it was not intended to be.

Chair Cook appreciated his service. He stated he looked to Kevin as the Chair at that time. He thanked him for his time and wished him the best going forward.

Interim Director Oyanagi stated Kevin has had six years of service to the City on the Commission.

Commissioner Krech stated Kevin has done a good job and thanked him. He thanked Interim Director Oyanagi for filling in during this time. He felt it worked out well for the Commission and appreciated the efforts.

Commissioner Christensen thanked Interim Director Oyanagi and Commissioner Sethre for their service and all they have done.

Commissioner Prickel appreciated the Interim Director coming in and helping the Commission. She didn't feel there was lost momentum or progress due to the change. She appreciated Commissioner Sethre's candor, commitment, and passion, and hopes he will come around.

Commissioner Stone thanked Interim Director Oyanagi and Commissioner Sethre for their service.

Commissioner Schwanz thanked Interim Director Oyanagi for stepping in and getting the projects rolling and appreciated everything he has done. He thanked Commissioner Sethre for his leadership on the Commission. He appreciated all he has done, and has learned from all. He commented as Chair, Commissioner Sethre did a good job and he appreciated the help.

Commissioner Miller stated she would miss working with Interim Director Oyanagi, she learned a lot from him. She stated Commissioner Sethre has been very welcoming. She wished both the best of luck.

Chair Cook stated Interim Director Oyanagi was very supportive and easy to work with. He appreciated how he fit in. He wished him well and appreciated the contribution. He stated the Interim Director stepped out of retirement and stepped in on a part time basis, if not more so, and he appreciated the help during this time.

Interim Director Oyanagi stated this has been a great Commission to work with and he has worked with many Commissions. He would say this is the best in terms of functioning and fun. They keep Parks and Recreation moving forward in the City. He enjoyed working with all. He stated Vice Chair Niki Barker was the only one he was able to meet in person and really enjoyed working with her.

B. Input from Commissioners on the Next Agenda

11. ADJOURN:

Motion by Commissioner Prickel seconded by Commissioner Schwanz to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

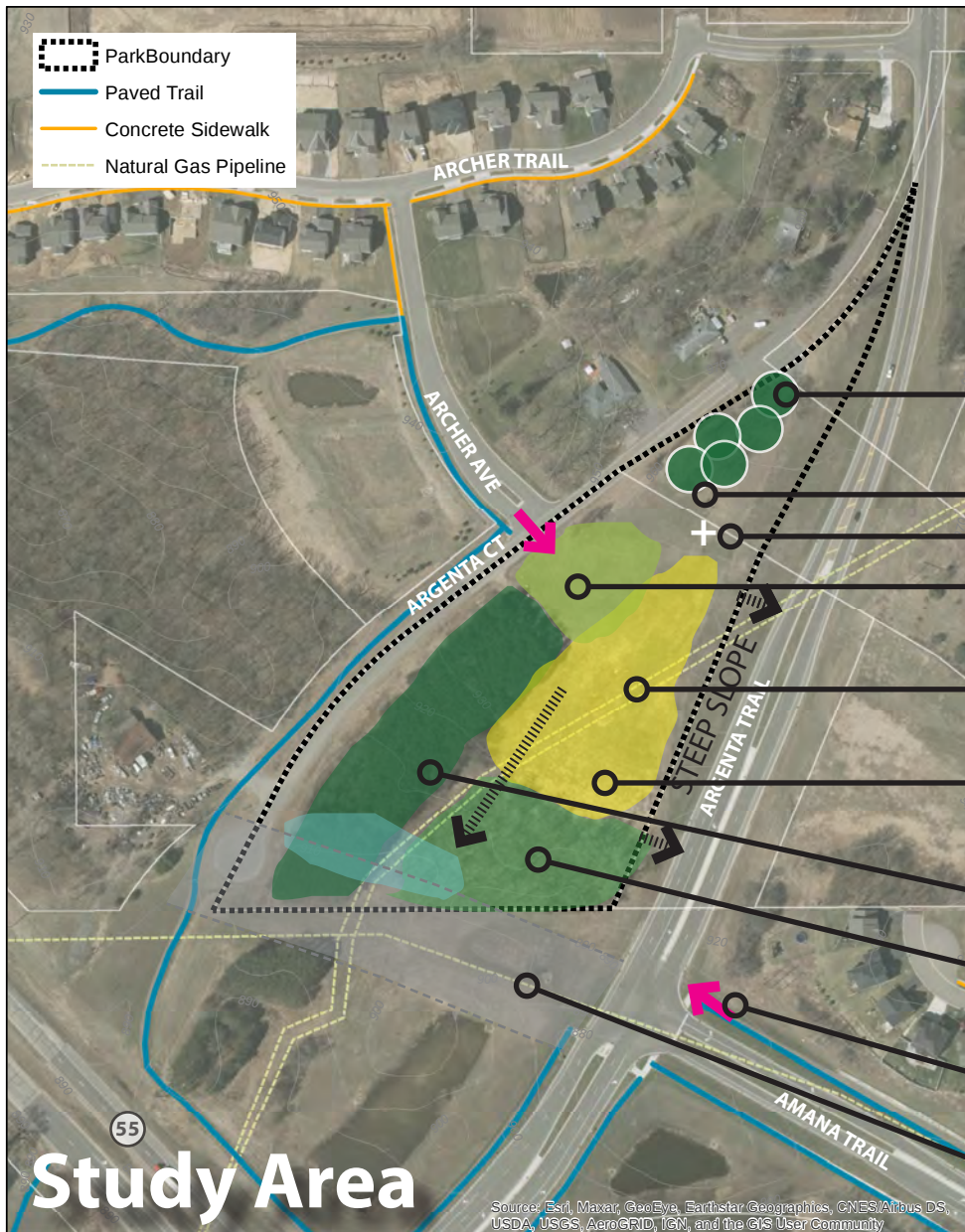
Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Sheri Yourczek.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Item: 9B



MATURE TREES (SOME ASH)

REMNANTS OF PREVIOUS FARMSTEAD

HIGHEST ELEVATION

LEVEL AREA,
LIKELY MAIN ENTRYWAY TO PARK

MAGELLAN NATURAL GAS
PIPELINE (SUBSURFACE)

SEEDED PRAIRIE (NATIVE GRASSES
AND FLOWERS) APPROX. 1.9 ACRES

1.8 ACRES PINE STAND

1.2 ACRES YOUNG DECIDUOUS TREES

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM EAST

POTENTIAL FUTURE ROADWAY
PLANNING AREA

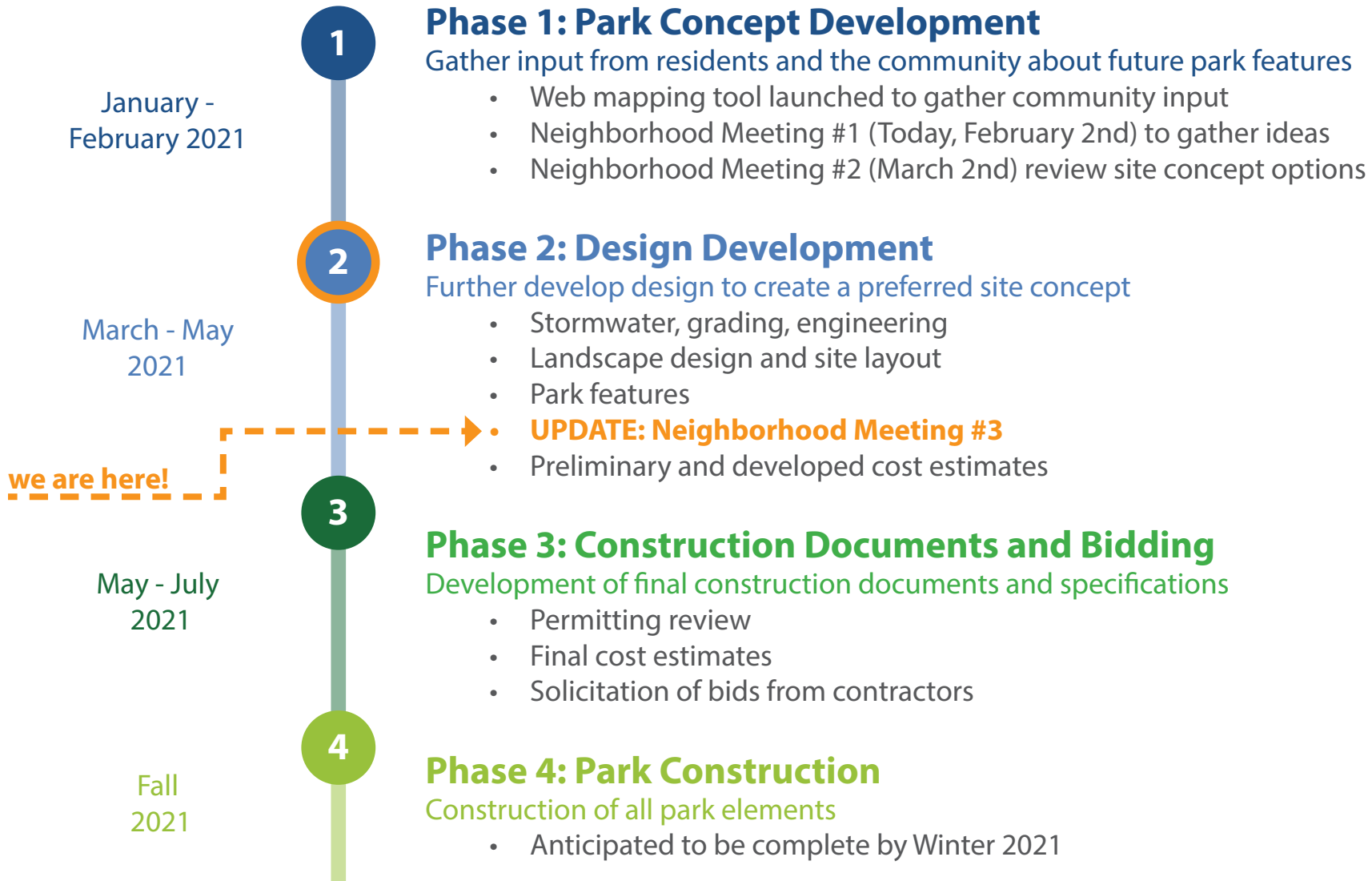
NW AREA Neighborhood Park

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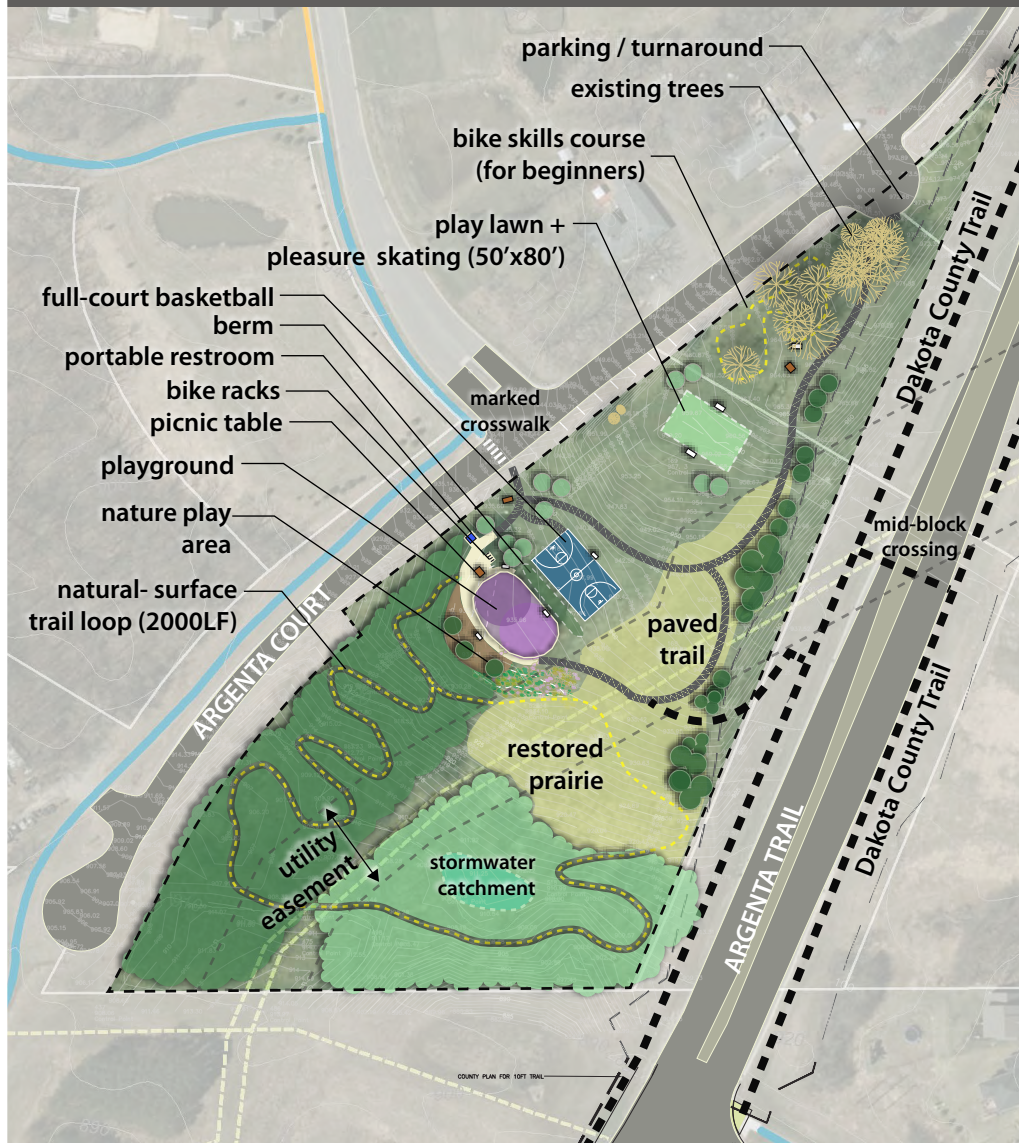


PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Schedule:



Preferred Concept 5/25/2021



NW Area
Neighborhood Park #1



0 75 150 300 Feet



bike skills course (beginners)
450 LF



play lawn 50'x80'



pleasure rink
50'x80'



playground approx. 5,000 SF



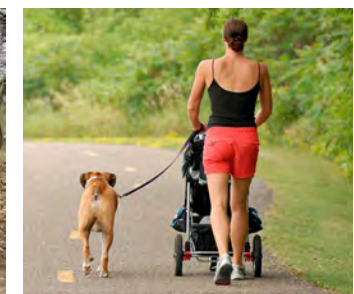
basketball (full-court)



nature + adventure play



cleared, natural surface trail
loop (shared use) 2,000 LF



paved trail loop (shared use)
approx. 1,000 LF





Basketball, playground, nature play area at entrance



View east towards playground (equipment shown as placeholder)



Bike skills course (north end of park)

Natural surface bike trail and bike skills course to be designed and installed with MORC (Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists)

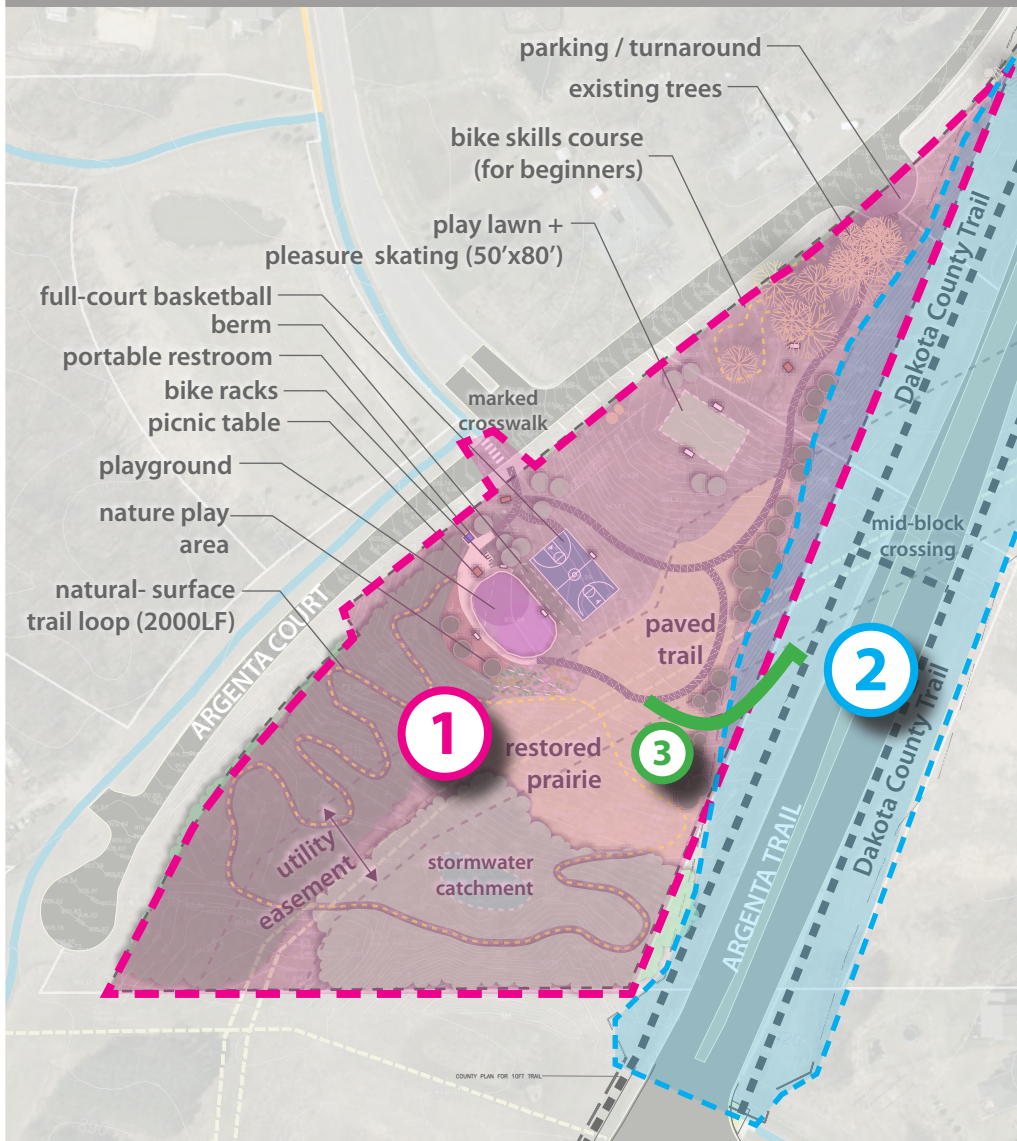
Example image of skills course jump and cleared trail in wooded area



Natural surface (cleared) trail in wooded area

CONSTRUCTION PHASES

Preferred Concept 3-03-0.0/



- 1 **NW Area Neighborhood Park, Fall 2021**
(City of Inver Grove Heights)
- 2 **Argenta Trail Roadway Reconstruction, 2022**
With trail along Argenta Trail and mid-block crossing*
(Dakota County)
- 3 **Trail Connection to Park, 2022**
after road reconstruction
(City of Inver Grove Heights)

**pending decision by Dakota County*

NW Area
Neighborhood Park #1



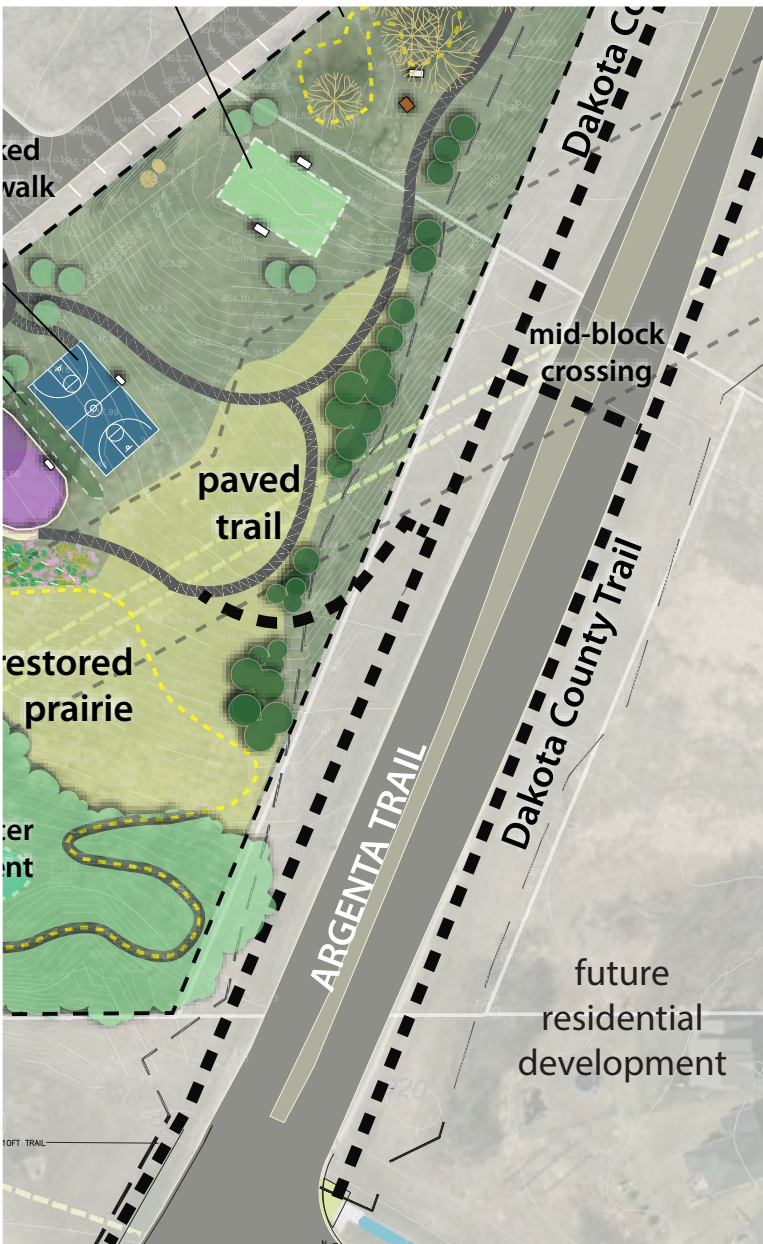
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Northwest Area Neighborhood Park #1: Neighborhood Meeting 3-04-0.0/

DAKOTA COUNTY / MID-BLOCK CROSSINGS

From Dakota County:



Crosswalk challenges

- Marked crosswalks alone are insufficient
- Painted crosswalks need to be paired with other improvements to be effective
- Painted crosswalks can have a negative effect if installed in improper settings
- Produces multi-lane threat if installed on multi-lane roads
- Additional measures needed to enhance crosswalk safety include:
 - ✧ Rapid flashing beacon
 - ✧ Pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK)
 - ✧ Lane reduction
 - ✧ Median refuge island
 - ✧ Bumpouts



- Mid-block crossing to be installed in location where pedestrians are only crossing one lane of traffic in each direction, with a median island in the middle.
- This is generally Dakota County's preference. Final design will be determined with County's Visioning Study (Fall 2021)

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



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(3) vendors supplied designs and equipment layouts for review, with the following parameters (gathered from previous meeting/online engagement feedback)

- Approximately 5,000 SF container (play area) size with wood fiber surface
- Larger climbing/slide structure for 5-12 year olds
- Climbing /slide structure for 2-5 year olds
- Swings
- Zip line (if it can fit)
- Natural theme or natural elements
- Slide built into hillside (if it can fit)

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VENDOR B



VENDOR C



VENDOR C



VENDOR A



VENDOR B



VENDOR C



PARK NAME DISCUSSION



NEXT STEPS



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- » Project team to develop construction details and documents
- » Project team to work with MORC to design trails
- » Bidding / contracting in late summer
- » Construction in Fall

THANK YOU!





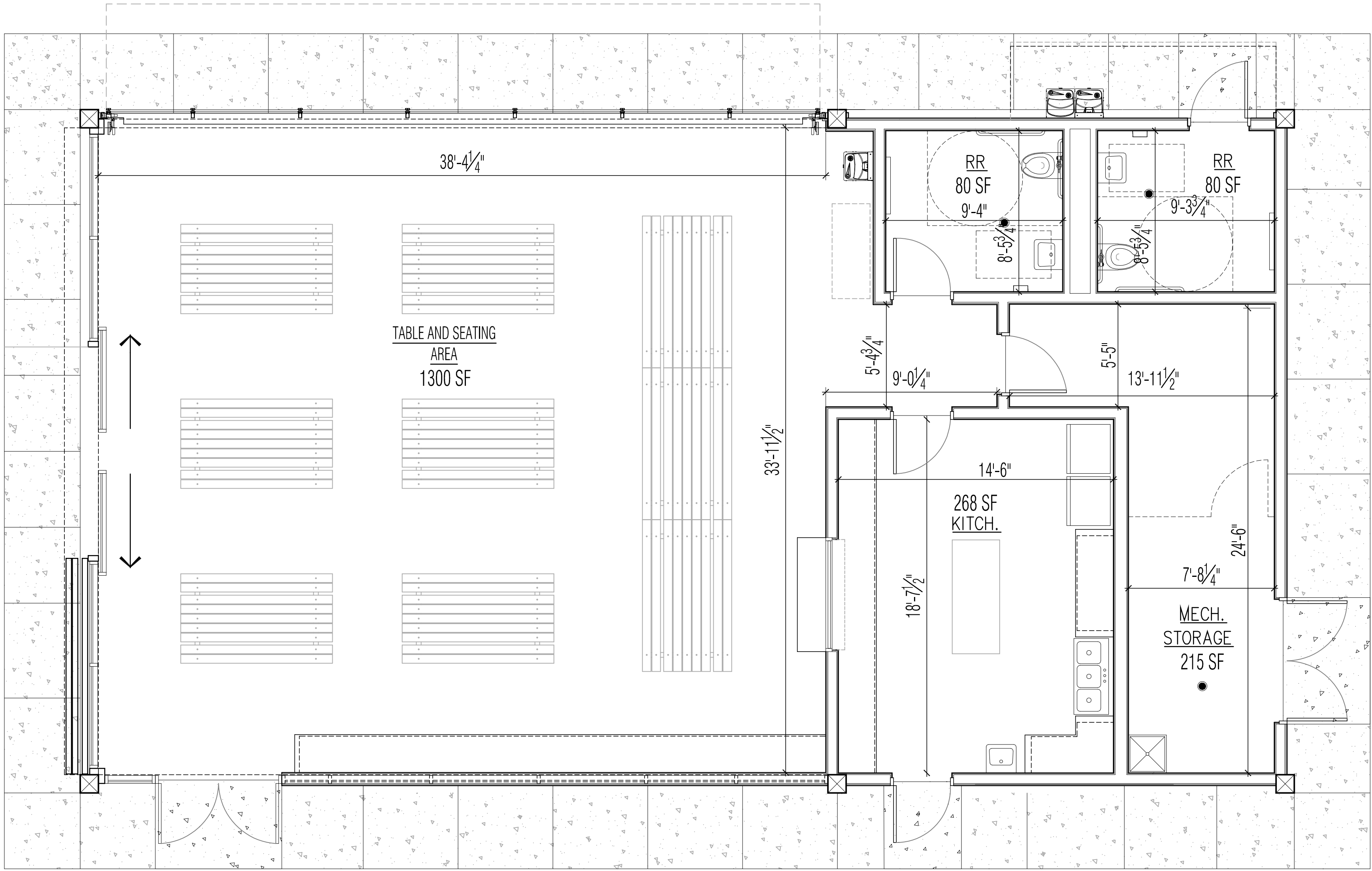
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1 FLOOR PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"



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Free Skate

Patio w/
Fire Rings

8' Bitu Trail

Pollinator
Gardens

Entry Plaza
w/ Kiosk

Stair Case

Reception Area /
Secondary Plaza

Plaza

Flexible
Performance
Space

Sloped
Lawn
Seating

Playground
2-5

Playground
5-12

Berm w/
Embankment
Slide

8' Walk

6' Walk

Sledding Hill w/
Embankment

South Valley Park Layout
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