

Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission

Agenda Item

Date: January 3, 2023

Item No: 3

Item Description: Approval of Minutes of the December 6 Meeting

Background:

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of December 6, 2022. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Requested Commission Action:

Approve/amend meeting minutes of December 6, 2022.

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2022

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
DECEMBER 6, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson,
Ybarra
ABSENT: Boulton
STAFF: Johnson, Taylor

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson,
Ybarra.

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience members were present.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING

Commissioner Lenhart requested the following edits to the November 1, 2022 meeting minutes: Update name of public commenters from “Andrew Lenhart” to “Anders Lenhart” and “Quinn Plaih” to “Quinn Plain”.

Vice-Chair Hoag moved to approve the minutes with amendments. Commissioner Arneson seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

4) DETERMINE NAME RECOMMENDATION FOR POCAHONTAS PARK

Staff provided a brief summary of the project history of the renaming of Pocahontas Park that the Commission has undertaken:

- Engagement Summary
 - Multiple Native American Groups and Individuals with expertise on the subject
 - Roseville residents of all backgrounds
 - Park neighbors
 - Roseville residents who identify as Native American
 - Utilized academic and other research sources

- What we Heard
 - Received more than 60 name suggestions
 - Consensus among Native American individuals that the name and/or signage would reflect
 - Land was home of Dakota tribes within MN.
 - Some concern about pronunciation
 - Developed some possible resources to review possible names as it relates to Native Americans
- Process (Agreed to on October 4)
 - October 4: Preliminary conversation and plan development
 - November 1: Reduce list to an acceptable number of “finalists” to be reviewed, thought about and analyzed between November and December meetings.
 - Name Finalists:
 - Tiwahe (family)
 - Keya (Turtle)
 - Wodaŋota (Peace)
 - Koda (Friendship and/or soulmates)
 - Wastemna (Bergamot)
 - Skatapi (They Play)
 - Dakota Makoce Park (Dakota Land)
 - December 6: Tentatively plan to reach a name recommendation
 - Additional comment invited
 - Discussion/motion
 - Early 2023: Recommendation to City Council

Staff reviewed additional items to consider as part of the naming process, such as: naming criteria, Roseville’s Racial Equity Narrative and Equity toolkit, interpretive signage, and further engagement.

Based on the request from the Commission at the November 1 meeting, staff reached out to partners who had previously contributed to the park naming discussion and were identified as having expertise in the Dakota language, indigenous issues, or Dakota naming issues. Staff asked the contributors: generally speaking if the Commission is on the right track, if there is anything missing from the list of name finalists, and if there are specific names they would recommend.

A response to staff’s e-mail was received from Maggie Lorenz, Executive Director & Wakanj Tipi Center Director, Lower Phalen Creek Project. She recommended the names Keya (Turtle) as it is playful, and a fitting name for a park, or Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land).

Staff reviewed additional prior feedback received from indigenous partners in the community.

Commissioner Baggenstoss joined the meeting.

Commissioner Arneson relayed that he liked Keya (Turtle) Park as it aligns with the naming policy and is in the Dakota language.

Commissioner Matts-Benson appreciated Ms. Lorenz listing names that may not be appropriate and she does not feel those names should be considered by the Commission. She added that she would lean more towards Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) Park.

Vice-Chair Hoag noted that Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) Park may be easier to explain using interpretive signs at the park. However, he noted that Keya (Turtle) was suggested by a resident who lives near the park and that a turtle could potentially be incorporated into the new playground that will be constructed at the park in 2023.

Commissioner Brown shared that he appreciated Ms. Lorenz' comments and suggested potentially combining Keya (Turtle) at Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) for a name.

Commissioner Lenhart liked that Keya (Turtle) Park is a short easy name that could teach people about the Dakota language. In addition, she suggested using Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) in an interpretive park sign, but not in the name.

Commissioner Ybarra relayed that she liked Keya (Turtle) Park for the name.

Commissioner Baggenstoss stated that potentially picking a short name, which aligns easily with the English language, should not be a reason to choose a particular name. He added that Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) could be a good name to relay that there is an understanding that this is Dakota Land. For Keya (Turtle) Park he relayed concern that he believes it does not have a significant meaning.

Chair Dahlstrom acknowledged that Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) may potentially have more meaning as a park name.

Commissioner Baggenstoss suggested expanding on the Dakota language within the park by utilizing interpretive signs with Keya (Turtle), Wastemna (Bergamot), etc. to identify park features.

Commissioner Arneson agreed with Commissioner Baggenstoss that Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) should be included in the interpretive signs at the park. However, he feels that Keya (Turtle) Park, even though it is not a long name, could still be a good name that aligns with the city's naming policy.

121 The Commission discussed the advantages and disadvantages between the names Dakota Makoce
122 (Dakota Land) and Keya (Turtle).

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124 Vice-Chair Hoag added that it may become known as Turtle Park and not Keya Park, similar to
125 Rosebrook Park historically becoming “Robot Park” as the previous playground at that park had a
126 robot theme.

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128 Commissioner Arneson suggested calling the park Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) Park and calling
129 the play structure Keya (Turtle) Playground.

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131 Commissioner Matts-Benson shared that there is a large amount of potential opportunities for
132 community education of the chosen park name.

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134 The Commission discussed potential educational opportunities at the park.

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136 Commissioner Lenhart suggested recommending both Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) or Keya
137 (Turtle) Park to the City Council.

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139 Chair Dahlstrom suggested recommending only one name to the City Council.

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141 Commissioner Arneson added that there was an Eagle Scout project underway that incorporates
142 Dakota language onto natural resource signs at Reservoir Woods Park.

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144 The Commission and staff discussed interpretive signs in the park. Staff recommended that the
145 Commission focus on the recommendation of a park name, as individual interpretive signs would
146 need to be part of a larger discussion encompassing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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148 Commissioner Baggenstoss suggested potentially creating a shared stewardship model to bring forth
149 suggestions within the community.

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152 Commissioner Brown motioned to recommend renaming Pocahontas Park to Dakota
153 Makoce (Dakota Land) Park to the City Council. Vice-Chair Hoag seconded.

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156 Commissioner Arneson questioned if it is ok to name a park Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) Park
157 but not to return the land to the Dakota people. Staff relayed that they had a similar concern.

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159 The Commission and staff discussed any potential name implications of suggesting the name
160 Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) Park to the City Council.

Commissioner Ybarra suggested recommending the name Dakota Park. In addition, she also believes Keya (Turtle) Park would be an appropriate choice.

Commissioner Lenhart shared that she supports Keya (Turtle) Park as it is a fun short name.

The Commission discussed the name Wastemna (Bergamot) Park.

Commissioner Arneson suggested that naming the park Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) and not returning the land to the Dakota people could potentially be viewed as disrespectful.

The Commission reviewed Parks and Recreation Operating Policy #40: Assigning Names to City Facilities.

Commissioner Lenhart challenged that using the name Dakota Makoce (Dakota Land) would not align with Parks and Recreation Operating Policy #40.

Commissioner Brown withdrew the current motion. Vice-Chair Hoag Seconded.

Commissioner Lenhart motioned to recommend renaming Pocahontas Park to Keya (Turtle) Park to the City Council. Commissioner Arneson seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Brown, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Nays: Baggenstoss, Dahlstrom.

Abstain: None.

Staff relayed that they will notify the indigenous community partners who had previously provided project guidance to the Commission of the recommendation of Keya (Turtle) Park. Any feedback received would be provided to the Commission.

5) 2023 PARKS AND FACILITIES PROJECTS AND PLANNING

- Parks and Facilities Projects – 2022 Review
 - Playground Replacement
 - Owasso Hills Park
 - 3 neighborhood meetings
 - Community build
 - Pioneer Park

- 3 neighborhood meetings
- Community build
- Evergreen Pickleball and Anpétu Téča Tennis Courts
 - Evergreen Pickleball
 - 6 new pickleball courts
 - Nets have remained up and in use during the winter

Commissioner Arneson asked if it made sense to offer a warming facility for winter pickleball users at the park building located at Evergreen Park. Staff relayed that the park building is currently being used for affiliated group storage as the previous storage at Fairview Community Center was not included in the new Anpétu Téča building. However, staff offered that it was an idea that warrants additional conversation.

- Usage Anpétu Téča Tennis Courts
 - 4 courts resurfaced
- Legion Field
 - Regrade entire infield
 - Re-cut lip and baselines
 - Rebuilt mound
 - Replace home plate area
 - Re-sod entire infield
 - Support from Roseville Area Baseball and Roseville High School Boosters
- Project management of OVAL Bonding Project
- Central Park
 - Fitness pods added around the frog pond area
- Acorn Tennis and Basketball Court
 - Crack seal
 - Re-paint both tennis and basketball courts
 - Replace damaged basketball hoop
- Parks and Recreation Maintenance – 2022 Review
 - Central Park North – Intense, initial restoration work was completed, including invasive brush/tree removal, native seeding and follow-up spot treatment
 - Reservoir Woods – Ongoing incremental thinning of invasive/nonnative trees in the prairie/oak savanna/woodland area, which appeared to have responded quite positively this year with a significant expansion of native flowers and a large flight of great spangled fritillary butterflies
 - Central Park Bennett Lake – Continued savanna restoration on the north side of Lake Bennett with additional thinning of invasive/nonnative trees and shrubs and enrichment seeding of native grass, flower and sedge species

- Reservoir Woods – Invasive brush and small tree removal around the top of the historic 1888 open reservoir, improving the ability to see this historic feature
- Villa Park North – Installation of several thousand woodland flower plugs. Funded through MN DNR Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) Grant
- Park system wide – Completion of work related to the natural resources components of the Park Renewal Program, which began in 2014.
- Park Project Areas – 2023 (Capital Improvement Items)
 - Playground Replacements
 - Pocahontas Park
 - 3 neighborhood meetings
 - Community build
 - Start this winter
 - Lexington Park
 - Meeting schedule TBD
 - Unique process
 - Potential for more inclusive play
 - More discussion in 2023
- Park Project Areas – 2023 (Capital Improvement Items)
 - Facility Improvements
 - Central Park Victoria Tennis Courts
 - Concordia Park
 - Gymnastics Center equipment
 - Skate park equipment pieces at the OVAL
 - Pathway Connections
 - Central Park Victoria (adjacent to tennis courts)
 - Pathway Into Oasis Park from the South
- Planning and Design – 2023
 - Lexington Woods
 - Lexington between C2 and Woodhill
 - Tentative concept is predominantly a conservation parcel with pathway and benches
 - Community engagement via mailing and open house
 - Midland Legacy Area
 - Co. Rd. B and Eustis
 - Multiple meetings
 - Likely will involve a consultant
 - Funding and implementation likely in 2024
- Park Project With Outside Funding – 2023 (Park Maintenance Operational Projects)
 - Arboretum Pathway Project
 - Funded by Central Park Foundation

- Replace gravel pathways
 - MN OVAL Infrastructure Replacement
 - Complete Remaining items from 2022/23 project
 - Pursuing Bonding Dollars for items that were not included in 2022 project
 - Additional Amenities
 - Donated by the Friends of Roseville Parks
 - 2 new basketball hoops and stanchions
 - 3 new hoops and backboards
 - Several benches
 - Villa Park
 - BDale Club Donation
 - Pavilion Apron (2022 Completion)
 - New Tables
 - Additional Benches
 - HANC Entrance Sign and Lighting
 - Private donation
- Park Project Areas – 2023 (Park Maintenance Operational Projects)
 - Emerald Ash Borer Accelerated Program
 - Continue our accelerated EAB Program with Tree Trust
 - Plan to remove more than 300 diseased ash tree
 - Plan to plant more than 350 replacement trees
 - Additional Neighborhood Meeting
 - Natural Resources Management Program
 - Continue transitioning to Roseville management
 - Expand volunteer leadership and volunteer led events
 - Implement next phase in Natural Resources Management
 - Continue grant funded work at Villa and Reservoir Woods
 - Step up garlic mustard pulls throughout the city
- Internal Park Maintenance Projects (Park Maintenance Operational)
 - Lexington Shelter (Old Building)
 - Roof
 - Siding and paint
 - Amphitheatre
 - Siding and paint
 - Address Site Conditions at Multiple Parks
 - Central Park Victoria Softball Field 6
 - Autumn Grove Hockey Rink Area
 - Sandcastle Hockey Rink Area
 - Dale Street Soccer South
- Park Improvement Projects – 2023

- Project Areas
 - Playground safety surfacing
 - Tree planting and maintenance
 - Fencing
 - Facility improvements
 - Landscape mulch
 - Amenities
 - Ag lime for ballfield and pathways
 - Sign program
 - Landscape and site work
 - PIP is preplanned work on existing facilities

6) 2023 DRAFT MEETING CALENDAR

Commissioner Matts-Benson moved to approve the 2023 draft Parks and Recreation Commission calendar. Commissioner Brown seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

7) STAFF REPORT

- The Guidant John Rose MN OVAL is now open.
- The Holiday Craft Fair was December 3 and 4 at City Hall. Over 2,000 people attended.
- Cookies and Cocoa with Kris Kringle was a sold out event held at the Cedarholm Community Building on December 3.
- New Year's Eve on Ice will be held at the Skating Center on December 31 from 2:30-10 p.m.
- Candlelight Snowshoe event on January 27 at the Cedarholm Community Building and Golf Course.
- The city is in the process of changing providers for the Commission packets. Going forward the Parks and Recreation Commission packet may look slightly different.
- Staff thanked the Commission for all of their work in 2022.

359 8) **OTHER**

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361 Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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363 Respectfully Submitted,

364 Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant

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