

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Lonnie Brokke, Director
Matthew Johnson, Assistant Director
Date: September 29, 2021
Re: Notes for Meeting October 5, 2021

1. Introductions

2. Public Comment Invited

3. Approval of Minutes of the September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of September 7, 2021. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Requested Commission Action: Approve/amend meeting minutes of September 7, 2021.

4. Update on Proposed Pickleball Courts

At the January 25, 2021 joint meeting with the City Council, there was interest in pursuing a community engagement process to address the growing demand for pickleball in Roseville.

At your June meeting, you received and discussed information on pickleball court options and costs. You settled in on the preferred option of converting Evergreen Park tennis courts into permanent pickleball and refinishing the Anpétu Téča Education Center (Fairview) tennis courts to satisfy the tennis need/interest in the area. Permanent pickleball at Evergreen Park has been a suggested and petitioned option of the pickleball community.

Following that discussion and further guidance, a community engagement process was completed. The process included flyers, posters, informational website, direct mailing, city News Updates, Nextdoor.com and conversations at community events and elsewhere. Generally, the feedback was positive and included the following (details included in your packet):

- Seventy five total written pieces of feedback were received including forty seven from Roseville residents.
- A significant majority of the feedback was supportive.
- Several commented that they would support the conversion of the Evergreen Park Courts only with a tennis alternative was in the area.
- Two residents did express concerns about the upgrade of the Anpétu Téča Education Center courts as they felt there were already enough other courts in Roseville and nearby cities.
- A few residents did express concern that the southwest sector of the city would be the only sector without lit tennis courts.

Requested Commission Action: Discuss and consider a pickleball court recommendation to be communicated as part of upcoming October 25 joint meeting with the City Council if comfortable.

5. Review of the Park Naming Process Related to Possible Renaming of Pocahontas Park

At the September meeting, the Commission decided to recommend to the City Council that the name of Pocahontas Park be changed. This recommendation will be made in a joint meeting at a regular City Council meeting on October 25.

In addition, in preparation for if the City Council concurs with the above recommendation, a discussion occurred on possible ways to move forward with determining a new name.

Traditionally, the Commission has followed the attached City policy (Parks and Recreation Policy 40: Assigning Names to City Facilities) to determine park names. A typical naming process has included the following and has worked well in the past:

1. Review of city policy for assigning names to city facilities.
2. Solicit suggestions from the community.
3. Discuss the history of the property.
4. Discuss options for names.
5. Formulate a recommendation for consideration City Council.

It is important to compare this with any process that you might propose. Please be prepared to identify and outline any deviations you are interested in pursuing so that can be shared with the City Council.

Enclosed are the two most recent examples for the naming of Midland Gardens Park and Unity Park.

At your September meeting, several areas were generally discussed including the following:

- Commission members expressed concern with a lack of name suggestions to date. One possible reason for this could be the lack of a definitive answer regarding whether the name was going to change or not, i.e. residents were reluctant to propose a new name without knowing for certain it was going to change.
- The importance of Native American participation in the selection of a new name. Although several Native American groups and individuals provided feedback on the Pocahontas name, they had been reluctant at this point to suggest a new name. It is possible that if the name is officially changed, they will be more willing to provide suggestions.
- A discussion on the possible use of a stipend to invite Native American individuals to participate in the process.

It is suggested that you take the time at this meeting to discuss and agree as a commission on a defined process to share with the City Council for their concurrence.

Requested Commission Action: Review current naming policy and typical process. Outline and decide as a commission body if you would like to suggest following the above process or identify any specific deviations to suggest to the City Council at your joint meeting on October 25.

6. Discuss and Prepare for the Joint Meeting with the City Council on Monday, October 25, 2021

Your joint meeting with the City Council is confirmed for Monday, October 25, 2021 as part of the regular City Council agenda.

A typical draft of a Request for City Council Action (RCA) is in your packet for you to review and adjust to your comfort level. When making a recommendation, it is important to outline general reasons on why a specific recommendation.

You will have your Tuesday, October 5 meeting to prepare and finalize the RCA, desired attachments and approach, as you are comfortable.

Requested Commission Action: Confirm calendars. Discuss items and approach.

7. Staff Report

a. New or Relevant Communication and Update Items

- Staff will provide updates on projects that have progressed over the summer.

8. Other

9. Adjournment