

1 **ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
2 **MEETING MINUTES FOR**
3 **JUNE 7, 2022 6:30 p.m.**
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5 **PRESENT:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra
6 **ABSENT:** Boulton, Baggenstoss, Carlson
7 **STAFF:** Johnson
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9 **1) INTRODUCTIONS**

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11 **2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

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13 **Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson
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15 Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience.
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17 **L. Peterson, 1021 Roma Ave.**

18 Ms. Peterson joined to advocate for the addition of AED's in the park buildings. She relayed that
19 AED's are an external device that provides an electric shock to the heart if a person is in cardiac
20 arrest.
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22 Staff responded that the City Council authorized the purchase of seven AED's for each of the park
23 buildings as well as the Roseville Dance Studio.
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25 The Commission discussed placement of the AED's in the Park Buildings.
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27 **3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 3, 2022 MEETING**

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29 Chair Dahlstrom motioned to amend line #76 and #77 of the May 3 meeting minutes from
30 Commissioner Lenhart voting to "abstain" to Commissioner Lenhart voting "no".
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32 Commissioner Matts-Benson moved to approve the amended minutes. Vice-Chair Hoag
33 seconds.
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35 **Roll Call**

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

37 **Nays:** None.

38 **Abstain:** None.
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40 4) **PARK DEDICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION – 2986-2994 OLD HIGHWAY**
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42 Staff provided an overview of the purpose, options and process for Park Dedication. Location maps
43 of the development located at 2986-2994 Old Highway 8 were reviewed by the Commission. The
44 development is located in Constellation A of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. There
45 are no specific park plans identified in this area in the Master Plan.

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47 The proposal for 2986-2994 Old Highway 8 includes 2 lots on 1.29 acres. The project qualifies for
48 Park Dedication. The proposed development is residential with 6 total units. The cash amount would
49 be \$4,250 per unit or \$25,500. The land amount would be 10% of 1.29 acres or .129 acres.

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51 A representative from the development company was present at the meeting to provide additional
52 information on the development and answer any questions.

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54 Vice-Chair Hoag made a motion to recommend cash in lieu of land, in the amount of
55 \$25,500, to the City Council to satisfy Park Dedication at 2986-2994 Old Highway 8.
56 Commissioner Brown seconds.

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58 The Commission discussed that if any land became available along Sandcastle Park, in the future,
59 there could potentially be interest in increasing the existing parkland.

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61 **Roll Call**

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

63 **Nays:** None.

64 **Abstain:** None.

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67 5) **2021/22 DEER MONITORING AND REDUCTION PROGRAM REPORT**

68 Staff provided a summary for the Commission on the history of the deer population in Roseville and
69 prior reduction efforts. Roseville has monitored the deer population since 2004 via the Ramsey
70 County flyover survey. Due to weather during the winter of 2021/2022 Ramsey County was unable
71 to complete a flyover survey.

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73 Roseville has collaborated with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department
74 of Natural Resources (DNR), and Ramsey County to help manage the deer population the last 5
75 Seasons. It was determined that the deer population needed to be managed in Roseville based on the
76 expert assessment of deer habitat in the community by the DNR (15–19 deer can be sustained in
77 Roseville based on the available wildlife habitat) and feedback from residents.

80 The five seasons of deer management included the following years:

- 81 • 2016/17 – 20 removed
- 82 • 2018/19 – 20 removed
- 83 • 2019/20 – 46 removed
- 84 • 2020/21 – 31 removed
- 85 • 2021/22 – 43 removed
 - 86 ○ 7 nights
 - 87 ▪ 28 from NE Roseville
 - 88 ▪ 15 from SE Roseville

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90 The USDA provided a harvest log detailing information about the 2021/22 program as well as the
91 age, sex and fetus count (if applicable) for the removed deer.

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93 Staff reviewed community input information on the deer as well as data from the Roseville Police
94 Department, MN Highway Patrol and Roseville’s Community Development Department. This
95 feedback is tracked and analyzed on a continual basis.

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97 Utilizing the calculation method suggested by the USDA and the DNR it is recommended to reduce
98 the herd by 49 deer for the 2022/23 season. Below is the calculation method based on the current
99 deer population in Roseville:

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101	Spring Population		SP
102	Assume ½ are female		(1/2)SP
103	Assume 2 fawns each		<u>(1/2)SP*2=</u>
104	Fall Population		FP
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106	Habitat for healthy herd		-17
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108	Reduce		FP – 17=
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110	Spring 2021 Population		33
111	Assume ½ are female	(16.5)	(1/2)SP
112	Assume 2 fawns each	(33 new deer)	<u>(1/2)SP*2=</u>
113	Fall Population		66
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115	Habitat for healthy herd		-17
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117	Reduce		49
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119 Additional program considerations include the number of tags issued vs. used and overall budget
120 amount. For the 3 previous years the number of tags used was less than the number of tags issued.
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122 <u>Year</u>	<u>Tags Issued</u>	<u>Tags Used</u>
123 2018/2019	20	20
124 2019/2020	50	46
125 2020/2021	85	31
126 2021/2022	49	43

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128 Commissioner Brown asked if any of the reduction locations were on private property. Staff relayed
129 that there was an attempt to use private property but no deer were removed from the location due to
130 safety and site restrictions.
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132 Commissioner Brown motioned to recommend that the city request 49 deer tags from the DNR for
133 the 2022/23 deer reduction program in Roseville, with the understanding that not all tags need to be
134 utilized. Seconded by Commissioner Arneson.
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136 **Roll Call**

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

138 **Nays:** None.

139 **Abstain:** None.
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141 The Commission discussed the recipients of the deer meat from the Roseville reduction program.
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144 **6) STAFF REPORT**

145 **a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

- 146 • Over 100 volunteers participated in planting over 5,000 flowers in Central Park along
147 Lexington Ave. The majority of the flowers were donated by Friends of Roseville Parks.
- 148 • The Roseville School of Dance Recital had over 100 participants.
- 149 • The Roseville Figure Skating Competition took place with participants competing from
150 all over the Midwest.
- 151 • 22 rentals took place in one weekend last month at the Roseville Park Buildings. In
152 addition, the outdoor picnic shelters are booked most weekends. Staff also relayed that
153 the bathrooms at all the shelters are open from dawn until sun-down.
- 154 • Community engagement meetings are underway for the new playgrounds at Pioneer and
155 Owasso Hills Parks. The new playgrounds are anticipated to be done this fall via
156 community builds.

- 157 • The four new fitness pods in Central Park will be installed in the next few weeks. The
158 usage of the new pods will be monitored by staff to assess the popularity of the
159 equipment.
- 160 • The Emerald Ash Borer Accelerated program has seen 45 ash trees removed during the
161 first weeks of the program. The first tree planting volunteer opportunity will be June 11.
162 Additional information on volunteer Emerald Ash Borer opportunities can be found at:
163 <https://treetrust.org/non-profit/twin-cities-volunteer-opportunities/volunteer-events/>
- 164 • The Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to lead Roseville’s community-wide
165 visioning process has been issued. Proposals are due on Friday, June 10, 2022. Results of
166 the RFP will be brought to the City Council on July 11.
- 167 • The four new tennis courts at Anpétu Těča are ready for play. Work on the pickleball
168 courts at Evergreen Park will begin in the coming weeks.
- 169 • Upcoming events:
 - 170 ○ Rosefest Parade on June 27
 - 171 ○ Run for the Roses (10K, 5K and Kids fun Run) on June 25
 - 172 ○ Party in the Park and Fireworks on July 4
 - 173 ○ Taste of Rosefest on June 23
 - 174 ○ Teddy Bear Band and Touch-a-Truck on June 26
 - 175 ○ Superhero Carnival on June 29
 - 176 ○ Roll-in Movie “Soul” on June 10
- 177 • Internal and external posting for the Roseville Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
178 position will be posted in the coming days with interviews for chosen candidates taking
179 place after July 4.
- 180 • Do Good Roseville is hosting a Juneteenth event at Central Park Lexington (4pm) on
181 June 19

182 **b) DISCOVER YOUR PARK SIGNUP SHEET**

183 The Discover Your Park signup sheet is now available on-line. You can find the dates and times
184 for this year’s DYP events and signup here:

185 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DAAAB2DA7F58-2022>

186 **c) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS**

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188 **7) OTHER**

189 Commissioner Brown inquired if any of the new playground equipment at Pioneer and Owasso Hills
190 Parks will be inclusive. Staff relayed that all equipment will be ADA accessible with additional
191 inclusivity in mind. Cost does make full inclusivity a challenge.

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193 Commissioner Matts-Benson thanked staff members, Carrie Anderson and Liz Leverty for their hard
194 work on the dance program and recital this year.

196 Commissioner Lenhart relayed that Oasis Park is a favorite for her children if staff are needing any
197 ideas for the new playgrounds at Owasso Hills and Pioneer Parks.
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199 Commissioner Lenhart inquired if staff has looked into the opportunity for the city to become a Blue
200 Zone. She added that Blue Zones are identified locations where people commonly live to be 100
201 years old. Researchers are working to share the common characteristics and lifestyles of people in
202 Blue Zones with other communities. Staff relayed that they are familiar with the book “The Blue
203 Zones” and shared that the author is from the Twin Cities. Staff asked Commissioner Lenhart to pass
204 along the article that she read regarding The Blue Zones.
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206 Chair Dahlstrom reminded the Commission to sign up to attend the upcoming Discover Your Parks
207 (DYP) events. Staff added that the first DYP event will be on Wednesday, June 22 and that they will
208 resend the electronic sign-up sheet.
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210 Chair Dahlstrom noted that there is not a Commission meeting in July and the August Commission
211 meeting will be on Thursday, August 4 due to Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 2.
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213 Vice-Chair Hoag congratulated staff member Matt Johnson on his promotion to Director of the
214 Roseville Parks and Recreation Department.
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216 Commissioner Ybarra relayed that there has been a fox in her neighborhood recently. Staff shared
217 that there is not an Animal Control Division in Roseville and the tasks are split between the Police
218 and the Parks and Recreation departments. Also, noting that mitigation of wild animals does not
219 currently take place.
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221 Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.
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223 Respectfully Submitted,
224 Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant
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