

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Lonnie Brokke
Date: December 22, 2020
Re: Notes for Meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

1. Introductions

2. Public Comment Invited

3. Approval of Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of December 1, 2020. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Requested Commission Action: Approve/amend meeting minutes of December 1, 2020.

4. Park Dedication - 196 and 210 So. McCarrons Boulevard

Included in your packet is a proposed subdivision directly across from Lake McCarrons at 196 and 210 So. McCarrons Boulevard.

The proposal includes 20 lots (17 new lots) on 5.42 acres.

The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The cash amount for the 17 additional lots/units would be \$72,250 (\$4,250 per additional lot). The land amount would be 10% of 5.42 acres or .54 acre.

In the submittal, you can see that the developer has suggested that cash be accepted and partially be used to install the sidewalk connection in and out of the development. It is our understanding that this may be required as part of the public improvement contract as the proposal moves further and becomes an official application. Therefore, this is a separate item from Park Dedication and something to be taken up at a later date by others.

This area is located in constellation N. There are no specific plans identified in the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan for parkland in this area. For reference and guidance, included in your packet is a:

- City Parks and Facilities map
- Parcel site map
- Aerial site map
- Park Dedication Ordinance
- Specific guidance from the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan including the constellation map and goals and policies related to Parks and Open Space acquisition.

The primary role of the Commission is to review and make a recommendation on whether to accept land, cash or a combination.

Requested Commission Action: To discuss and make a recommendation to accept land, cash or a combination to satisfy the Park Dedication requirements.

5. Natural Resources Stewardship Program Update

Commission member O'Brien suggested that a Natural Resources Stewardship Program update be included in January and that Volunteer Stewardship Area Leaders be invited to the meeting.

Parks Superintendent Jim Taylor and City Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Boggs will attend your meeting to share an update on the Natural Resources Stewardship Program status, progress and future needs. Area leaders have been invited to attend.

Requested Commission Action: Review, update, provide feedback.

6. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Program Update

Emerald Ash Borer has been an ongoing discussion with the staff, Commission and City Council. Declining Ash Trees are becoming more visible in the community each season with the current limited resources.

Parks Superintendent Jim Taylor will provide his annual Emerald Ash Borer situational update and be available for any questions or feedback.

Requested Commission Action: Review, update, provide feedback.

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

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

A typical Request for City Council Action (RCA) is in your packet for you to review.

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

One item that should be considered as a priority discussion is the Pocahontas Park name. Commissioners should consider what information they would like to share with the City Council about progress thus far, what path you feel is appropriate for next steps and what advice and guidance from the City Council you are seeking?

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

8. Staff Report

a. New or Relevant Communication and Update Items

i. COVID-19 Update

In compliance with the Governors Executive Orders, effective November 21 the City of Roseville temporarily paused most facilities, services and available programming.

With restrictions, Parks and Recreation was able to offer:

- Golf at Cedarholm
- Tennis/pickleball courts (weather permitting)
- Open skating at the MN OVAL

- Skating at neighborhood rinks (currently without warming houses)
- Cross-country ski trails at various sites
- Sidewalks and pathways
- Virtual programming

We continue to monitor additional guidance and adjust as appropriate within the Orders and the Department of Health guidelines.

Upcoming important dates for opening back up with identified restrictions include the following:

- January 4, 2021 – Practices for youth and adult sports may resume, with significant restrictions.
- January 14, 2021 – Games and scrimmages with other teams may begin. Further guidance and restrictions are forthcoming.

9. Other

10. Adjournment