

41 program which recognizes projects. The Natural Resources Stewardship Program was nominated,
42 and won, an Award of Excellence in 2020 under the “Volunteer Initiatives” category. Peterson
43 congratulated Roseville Parks and Recreation on their commitment and creative approach to the
44 Natural Resources Stewardship Program during the pandemic. She specifically noted the ingenuity
45 and creativity shown by staff which allowed members of the community to continue engaging in
46 volunteer outreach through adapted events such as the Central Park flower planting, tree planting
47 and food donation apple picking.

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49 Brokke thanked the staff and volunteers for their commitment and initiative to the project.
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51 **5) MIDLAND LEGACY ESTATES PARK DEDICATION UPDATE**

52 Staff provided the location, history of the proposed development and an update on the Park
53 Dedication proposal. On May 4, 2021 the Commission reviewed and recommended land.
54 Adjustments have since been made to the proposal by the developer and those have been resubmitted
55 to the city for review. The updated plans still include the .61 acre of 95% useable Park Dedication
56 land in the SE corner. However, the shape of the parcel may change to be slightly narrower.

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58 The developer has also proposed to sell to the city, for a price yet to be finalized, an additional .24
59 acre of land just north of the required .61 acre. If the land could be acquired for a reasonable price it
60 would allow for a .85 acre park of flat useable land. This additional acquisition would be in line with
61 Goal 3 of the Master Plan which stressed the importance of acquiring parkland to allow equitable
62 access to all residents.

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64 Commissioner Ybarra asked what would happen to the additional land if the city did not purchase it.
65 Staff responded that the contingency plan is to add it into two existing lots and it would become
66 private property.

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68 The Commission discussed their support of purchasing the additional parkland.
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70 Chair Hoag motioned to recommend that the city pursue the purchase of the additional
71 .24 acres of land, providing the land can be purchased at a reasonable price and turned
72 over to the city as useable parkland. Commissioner Heikkila seconds.
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74 **Roll Call**

75 **Ayes:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Heikkila, Hoag, and Ybarra.

76 **Nays:** None.

77 **Abstain:** None.
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80 6) **DISCUSS SEPTEMBER LISTENING SESSION ON THE POCAHONTAS PARK NAME**
81 **CONVERSATION**

82 Staff provided an overview of the thorough feedback and outreach that the Commission engaged in
83 through the process of learning more about the appropriateness of the name of Pocahontas Park. The
84 outreach process was defined in the Engagement and Analysis Plan:

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- 86 • Objective
 - 87 ○ To engage the impacted communities to assess the impact of the name on their feeling
 - 88 of being “welcomed, included and respected” in Roseville, including the:
 - 89 ▪ Native American people who live in Roseville
 - 90 ▪ Indigenous populations of Minnesota who have expertise
 - 91 ▪ Neighbors of Pocahontas Park
 - 92 ▪ Entire Roseville community
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94 Staff also shared the one page informational flyer, pictures of community engagement and articles
95 from external media on the Pocahontas Park name conversations.

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97 The Commission discussed Roseville’s park naming policy and how it may be utilized if a new name
98 is needed.

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100 Commissioner Arneson suggested potentially naming the park Dakota Park.

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102 Chair Hoag confirmed that the listening session would be in the style of a formal public hearing,
103 with limited additional meeting topics.

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105 7) **STAFF REPORT**

106 a) **NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS**

- 107 • Staff introduced Zeke Walker the summer department Intern. Zeke is going into Parks and
108 Recreation at Mankato State University and is attending the Commission meeting as part of
109 his summer learning.
- 110 • The Park Dedication Ordinance with the language adjustments that were recommended by
111 the Commission was approved by the City Council.
- 112 • The OVAL bonding projects and architect (B32) was approved by the City Council.
- 113 • The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
114 Management Program was approved by the City Council. Also, an additional \$50,000 was
115 approved for ash tree removals this year, due to the significance of EAB on the city’s trees.
- 116 • The inclusive playground at Central Park Victoria is open. A short celebratory ribbon cutting
117 dedication will be at the Discover Your Parks event on Wednesday, August 11 from 6pm-
118 8pm at Central Park Victoria West.

- 119 • Outreach on the proposal to convert the Evergreen Park to pickleball and refurbishing the
120 Fairview tennis courts has been well received.
- 121 • Roseville Parks and Recreation staff continue to monitor the COVID-19 updates.
- 122 • The citywide garage sale will be September 9-10. Registration is still open to get your home
123 listed on the citywide garage sale map.
- 124 • The fall 2021/early winter 2022 recreation program brochure will be in homes in the next
125 week.

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127 8) **OTHER**

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129 Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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131 Respectfully Submitted,

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