

Open Space & Recreation Commission

January 27, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Valley North Room
Brookview Golden Valley
316 Brookview Parkway S

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**

___ Roger Bergman	___ John Cornelius	___ Bill Delaney
___ Max Hyberger	___ Kelly Kuebelbeck	___ Bob Mattison, Chair
___ OPEN	___ Matthew Sanders	___ Dawn Speltz, Vice-Chair
		___ Della Daml (Youth)
3. **Agenda Changes or Additions**
4. **Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2019 and December 16, 2019**
5. **Introduce New Recreation Coordinator Maddy Champa**
6. **Fall and Winter Program Update and Summer Preview – Maddy Champa and John Stutzman**
7. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Annual Review Future Process**
8. **New Park System Dog Waste Station Sponsorship and Neighborhood Adopt-A-Station Program**
9. **Commission and Staff Updates**
 - Commission and Staff Updates
 - Bassett Creek Trail Open House – February 24 at 4:30 pm at King of Grace Church
 - Regional Trail Flooding In Theodore Wirth Park Scheduled Project
 - Art Showcase – January 31 from 5-9 pm at Brookview
 - Winter Curling Leagues and January Comedy Show
 - Final Off-Leash and Community Garden Survey Results
 - Nordic World Cup/Loppet Event – March 13-17 at Theodore Wirth Park
 - Joint Council and Commission Meeting – Wednesday, February 26 at 5:30 pm
10. **Adjournment**



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Open Space & Recreation Commission

November 25, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Bassett Creek North Room
Brookview Golden Valley
316 Brookview Parkway S

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Open house for residents to review and discuss proposed Medley Park amenities with Open Space and Recreation Commission members (6:30–7 pm).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mattison.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners present: Roger Bergman, John Cornelius, Bill Delaney, Kelly Kuebelbeck, Bob Mattison, Kimberly Sanberg, Matthew Sanders, Dawn Speltz, and Della Daml.

Commissioners absent: Max Hyberger

Staff present: Rick Birno, Director of Parks and Recreation, Al Lundstrom, Park Maintenance Supervisor, and Sheila Van Sloun, Administrative Assistant.

3. Agenda changes or Additions

None.

4. Approval of October 28, 2019 Minutes

MOTION moved by Bergman and seconded by Cornelius to approve the October 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Staff Presentation of Proposed Off-Leash Pet Exercise Area by Al Lundstrom

Lundstrom reviewed the proposed off-leash pet exercise area, including pavement management and storm water plans in the area. Lundstrom then answered brief questions from the Commissioners.

6. Staff Presentation of Proposed Community Garden by Rick Birno

Birno reviewed the proposed community garden concept. He also shared the many issues with the existing tennis courts. Birno then answered brief questions from the Commissioners.



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7. Public Input to Open Space and Recreation Commission

About forty residents were in attendance. Several residents spoke to the Commissioners regarding the proposed changes to Medley Park. Comments included:

- Concern about increased traffic and parking in the area where the streets have been narrowed.
- No adequate off street parking/parking lots.
- Concern regarding access for maintenance vehicles.
- Walkway to dog park area is too close to the play structure therefore increasing the potential for children to be harmed by dogs.
- Potential dog behavior issues like barking and aggressive behavior.
- Increased animal feces in the park.
- There seems to be no regard for the value of open space.
- Poor and damp soil conditions and flooding in areas of the park.
- Cost to maintain proposed amenities.
- Proposed amenities are taking half the park away.
- Tennis courts are utilized by residents and should be reconstructed.
- Keep tennis courts in their current condition and allow residents to utilize at their own risk.
- Who to contact for issues and/or aggressive behavior by dogs or owners.
- Not the appropriate area for either amenity.
- Not at Medley – look for alternate location that is more centrally located within the city.
- Consider adding an asphalt trail loop in the park.
- Consider what the neighborhood is giving up to add both amenities.
- Consider long grasses and open spaces designed for butterflies.
- Addition of a dog park will benefit those without a fenced yard.

Birno said in addition to taking public input tonight, the city has also created an online survey regarding the proposed amenity changes at Medley, which will be available through the city website from November 25 thru December 31, 2019. He said all input will be compiled and share with the City Council.

8. Commission and Staff Updates

A. Regular meeting scheduled for December 16 at 6:30 pm at Brookview

Birno reminded the Commissioners about the December 16 meeting.

9. Adjournment

MOTION moved by Bergman and seconded by Kuebelbeck to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Bob Mattison, Chair

Sheila Van Sloun, Administrative Assistant

Open Space & Recreation Commission

December 16, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Bassett Creek North Room
Brookview Golden Valley
316 Brookview Parkway S

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mattison.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners present: Roger Bergman, John Cornelius, Bill Delaney, Max Hyberger, Kelly Kuebelbeck, Bob Mattison, Kimberly Sanberg, Dawn Speltz, and Della Daml.

Commissioners absent: Matthew Sanders

Staff present: Rick Birno, Director of Parks and Recreation, Al Lundstrom, Park Maintenance Supervisor, and Sheila Van Sloun, Administrative Assistant.

3. Agenda Changes or Additions

None.

4. Approval of November 25, 2019 Minutes

Approval of the November 25, 2019 minutes tabled until the January meeting.

5. Brookview Goose Management Update

Birno said staff implemented a goose removal plan at Brookview Golf Course during the 2019 season. Brookview was provided with a permit from the DNR to remove up to eighty geese. Thirty-four of the eighty tags were utilized during the contracted removal in late June. He went on to say that GPS nest location was not implemented and that eggs were not disturbed.

Birno said staff met with representatives from the University of Minnesota in an effort to develop a potential site partnership for long range management of geese at Brookview. Unfortunately, the proposal to work with a graduate student from the U of M annually was too expensive. Birno said they will continue to look for other options.

6. Proposed Improvements to Medley Park

Birno shared partial results of the citywide online survey, which is open for input until December 31. He said at this point in the survey process, most of the respondents are from the northwest area of



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Golden Valley and not in support of the proposed amenities. He also noted that there are not many residents from the southwest and southeast quadrants providing survey input. Commissioners asked staff about the 2016 survey results and how many residents were contacted during that process. Lundstrom responded that the 2016 City Survey results are based on 400 residents being contacted and this survey currently has 198 participants.

Birno then reviewed all additional input received by staff as well as the Medley Park Community Input Report information updated to this point.

Commissioners expressed two initial concerns regarding the results. One concern is the neighborhood focus which may, possibly skew results based on the small percentage of voters. The second concern is the survey not being easily visible online.

Staff and commission discussed both the positive attributes of the off-leash area proposed at Medley Park and the negative aspects. Kuebelbeck and Bergman said they would like to see the park left as open space without adding a dog park. Sanberg noted she is concerned there is a lack of data from the community based on the survey input at this point. She would like to look at the city more comprehensively with regard to a dog park. Cornelius said he is not sure there is a strong enough desire for a dog park.

Discussion then focused on the tennis courts and community garden. Commissioners were in agreement to leave the tennis courts as is for neighborhood use until removal is necessary in 2022. Birno questioned if they were recommending routine maintenance or funding capital improvements over the next two years. The Commission supported routine maintenance over the next two seasons and no capital investment. Lundstrom added the removal in 2022 would be done in-house. Chair Mattison requested a motion for the recommendations.

MOTION moved by Sanberg and seconded by Hyberger to leave the tennis courts open at Medley Park for two more seasons without any capitol reinvestment, and to pursue, educate, and promote, a new community garden once the tennis courts are officially closed. Motion carried unanimously.

Lundstrom and Birno were asked about other possible locations for an off-leash area. Their concern is most of the location options in the Golden Valley park system would probably generate the same neighborhood issues brought forward by the residents around Medley Park. Commissioners continued to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed off-leash area. Comments included leaving the park as open space without the addition of a dog park, lack of neighborhood support for the proposed amenity, questionable demand for a dog park, northwest location, soil conditions, parking issues, distance of proposed amenity from the small parking lot, and the future water management project. Chair Mattison asked for a motion to provide staff with a recommendation.

MOTION moved by Delaney and seconded by Kuebelbeck to temporarily table the proposed dog park for future discussion, remove ballfield, and work with Golden Valley Engineering staff and the

Watershed District to create a conceptual plan for a green space infrastructure at Medley Park. Motion did not carry.

MOTION amended by Cornelius and seconded by Delaney to eliminate dog park concept at Medley Park. Motion did not carry.

MOTION amended by Delaney and seconded by Cornelius to not move forward with an off-leash area, remove west ballfield, keep the area as open space, and eventually work with Golden Valley Engineering staff and the Watershed District on a conceptual plan for the park area. The future plan should accommodate the storm water management needs and preserve and enhance the open space, improve internal park trails, and provide connectivity to the current park access points. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Commission and Staff Updates

• Staff Updates

- Lundstrom announced the ice rinks will open Saturday, December 21.
- Birno said the city was awarded the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant and a donation from Golden Valley Little League, which will be used to add two new scoreboards at Isaacson Park.

• Brookview Winter Recreation Trail Lights

Birno said the trail lights at Brookview are up and working great. He added the trails are groomed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

• Spin Scooters

Birno gave an update and shared the annual report for Spin Scooter use in Golden Valley for 2019.

• New Catalog Mailing Process

Birno explained the new catalog mailing process. He said the decision came after the Communications Department did research on the mailing process. He added that the new process is more accurate and will reach residents more efficiently.

• Artist Showcase

Birno said that Golden Valley Arts and St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts are partnering to host an Artist Showcase featuring local artists from Golden Valley and St. Louis Park. The opening reception will be held at Brookview on January 31 from 5-9 p.m.

• Next Meeting

Birno said the next meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Brookview.

• Joint Council and Commission Meeting

Birno said the Joint Council and Commission meeting will be held on February 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

• Commissioner Sanberg Final Meeting

Staff and Commissioners thanked Sanberg for her service and celebrated her final meeting with refreshments.

8. Adjournment

MOTION moved by Bergman and seconded by Sanberg to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Bob Mattison, Chair

Sheila Van Sloun, Administrative Assistant