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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from September 15, 2021 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Comprehensive Plan, Bike and Pedestrian and Park and Recreation Plan-Stephanie Falkers-SRF consulting

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will a joint meeting with HPC Historic Preservation Commission on December 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

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*Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.*



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- Members Present:** Patricia LaRue (Chair) 5:45 p.m., Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart, and Melissa Pedrini.
- Members Absent:** None.
- Staff Present:** Cindi Danke-Recreation Coordinator; Mike Stifter-Public Works Director; Mike Noreen-City Forester; Amy Peterson-Community Development Director; Sam Burns-Planner; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Jaden Barnes-IT Specialist.
- Others Present:** Mark Nippoldt-citizen speaker; Riley Schiefelbein-citizen speaker; Lynn Huiskamp-speaker; Jonas Selb-Boy Scout speaker; Ben Fochs-citizen; AZ Snyder-Pierce County Health Officer; Brittany Mora-Pierce County Public Health; Angie Pilgrim-St. Croix Valley Foundation; and Historic Planning Commission Members Heidi Heinze, Chris Holtcamp, Lisa Moody, Diane Odeen, and Rebecca Prendergast.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Dobbertin/Downing to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting as amended. Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mark Nippoldt encouraged creating scenic overlooks of the Lake Louise Basin at Glen Park and extending the parking lot near the Glen Park pickleball courts.
2. Riley Schiefelbein lives in the Highview Meadows area and discussed ideas for enhancements to the Highview Meadows Park including soccer goals, shade umbrellas, tennis/pickleball courts, removing thistles in woodchips, planting some trees/shrubs to block the view of new apartments, bathroom, and drinking fountain. They understand it would be difficult to get running water to the park but would like to find out if it's feasible.
3. Amy Peterson let Park Board know that new staff in the Community Development Department are Planner Sam Burns (present), Planner Kendra Ellner, and City Planner Emily Shivley.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Boy Scout Jonas Selb returned to Park Board regarding his plan to build a kiosk for the dog park as his Eagle project. He showed a blueprint and photos of two possible locations. Boy Scouts will fund it. He would like to install it before winter.

MSC Downing/Dobbertin for Boy Scout Jonas Selb to design, build, and install a kiosk at the dog park under the direction of Mike and Irv of Public Works. Carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Master of Public Health candidate Lynn Huiskamp was invited by Amy Peterson to share her presentation and paper which indicates that the built environment predicts health outcomes of its citizens and says that a more connected community through a well-designed built environment brings benefits to all. She encourages collaboration between public health professionals and city planners.
2. Mike Noreen gave a presentation about the updated Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Approximately 25% of our 8,000 boulevard trees are ash. He anticipates most of them will be infected by EAB and die within in the next 10 years. The City plans to proactively remove about 150 ash annually and replant most with a diverse species mix. Citizens with an ash tree in their boulevard received a post card with three options: remove and replace it, treat it, or wait and see. In the future there will be an online form for citizens, and more aggressive marketing.
3. Heide Heinze of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) updated Park Board about the seven photos on the exterior of the Glen Park Pavilion. The Cascade Mill photo was supposed to be the Glen Park Kitchen photo (on the east side), so HPC would like to pay to switch it out, and they would also like to pay to switch some nameplates to update the photo credits. Park Board is fine with the changes. Heidi also said HPC would like to add some photos to the interior of the new Pavilion, and they will bring their ideas to a future Park Board meeting. Interior photos may also help with the noise level. HPC is wondering what will happen to the old brown wooden mill sign from the 1970's near the Swinging Bridge when it is removed; it is in bad shape.
4. Amy Peterson updated Park Board about the Sterling Ponds Park Disc Golf Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update/Bike Ped Plan/Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan process. The Disc Golf MOU went through plan commission and will move on to City Council. Plan Commission and Council had a joint workshop to interview two consulting firms for the planning processes and we're undergoing contraction negotiations now. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board will be the committee for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and a bike/pedestrian committee will be formed; anyone interested should email Amy Peterson. The project is expected to get going this year.
5. Mike Stifter updated Park Board about upcoming projects and the CIP. The Glen Park Pool season has wrapped up and the splash pad will be open through this weekend. Brandon's Park and Wells Park are high on the list for next year, and the pickleball court will be resurfaced.

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be October 20, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Gaulke/Dobbertin to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Recreation Assistant

RIVER FALLS PARK AND RECREATION PLAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD KICKOFF MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 17th

5:15pm

1 INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions and Icebreaker
 - o What is your favorite park/facility/recreation element in River Falls

2 INTRODUCTION TO THE PLANNING PROCESS

- What is the planning process?
- What is the Park and Recreation Plan?
 - o How will we use it?
 - o What is included?
 - o Timeline and Schedule

3 WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS?

- Park Board's Role
- River Falls Residents and Stakeholders
- Other Committees and City Departments
- SRF Consulting Group and Alta Planning + Design

4 EXISTING STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

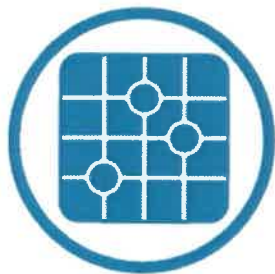
- What are the existing strengths of public recreation opportunities in River Falls?
- What are the existing weaknesses?
- What barriers or hurdles may we experience when planning for the future?

5 NEXT STEPS

- Data Collection
- External Plan Kick Off - January

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN PARK & RECREATION PLAN



Comprehensive Plan

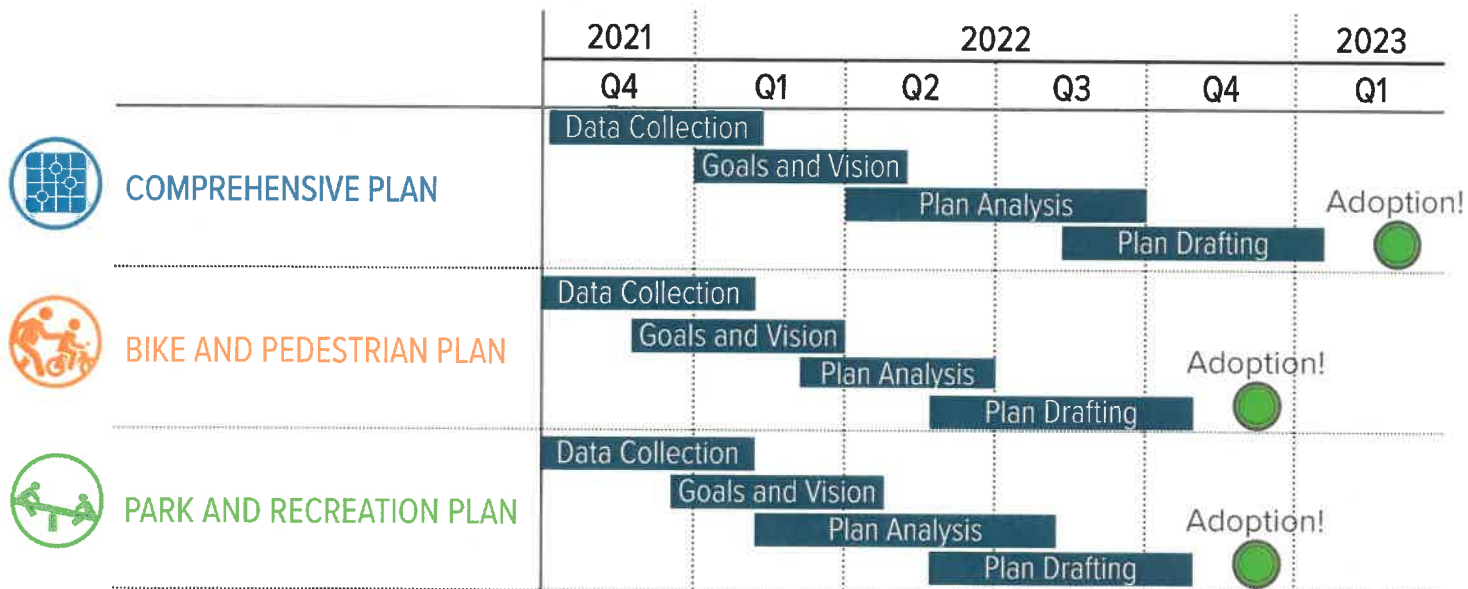


Bike and Pedestrian Plan



Park and Recreation Plan

PROJECT SCHEDULE:



NEXT STEPS:

- **Park and Recreation Advisory Committee:** November 17th
- **Plan Commisison (Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee):** December 7th
- **Bike and Pedestrian Committe:** TBD
- **External Plan Kick-Off:** January

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS:



**Issues &
Opportunities**



Housing



**Transportation
Facilities**



**Community
Facilities &
Utilities**



Land Use



**Agricultural, Natural
& Cultural Resources**



**Intergovernmental
Cooperation**



Implementation

MEETING NOTES:

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