



## City of Faribault: Journey to 2040 "Shaping our Future"

### Parks, Trails, and Open Space Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting #4 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: Review Preliminary Park Concepts

Meeting Date: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Faribault City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room

Action items are shown as bold, italic, and underlined items.

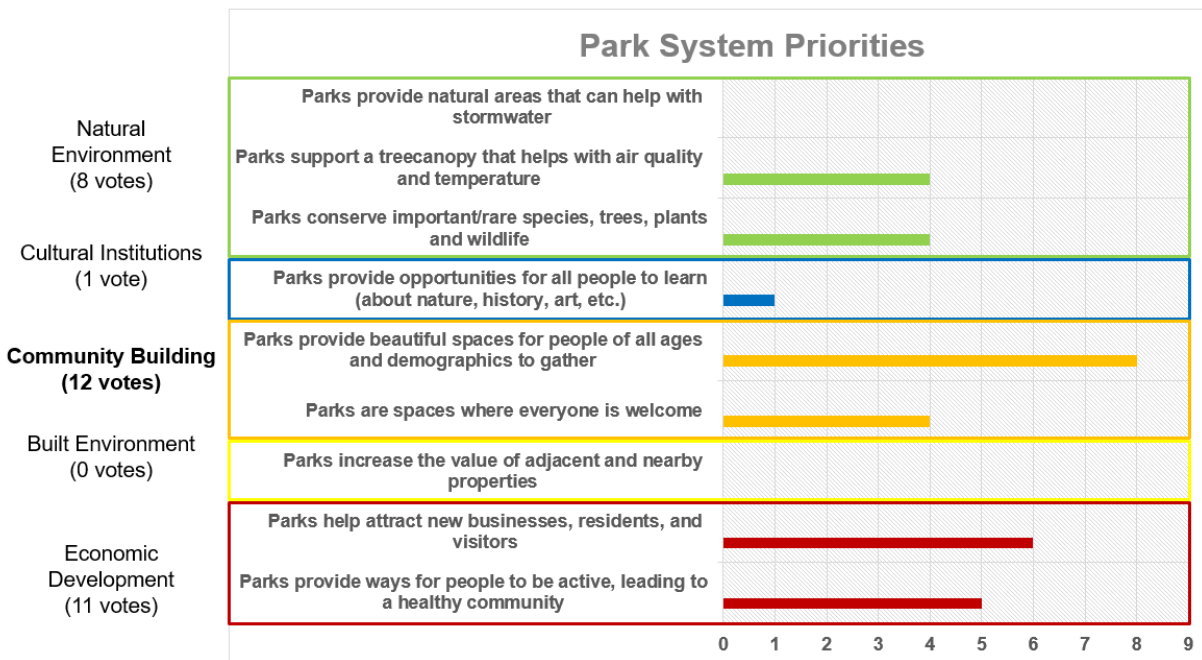
#### Meeting Goals:

- Review results from Community Forum and other relevant public engagement
- Review overall park system plan and how it links individual parks together through a network of trails and open spaces
- Build consensus for where and how best to better connect the park system

#### Meeting Overview.

Review Results of December 13 Community Forum:

Samantha provided an overview of the results from the second community forum held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Below is a summary of the park system priorities as determined by the public:



#### *Review Revised Park Concepts:*

Select park master plans were presented to the committee for final feedback. The following is a summary of the feedback from the committee:

Park Name	Feedback
Maple Lawn Park	Should the City invest anything if it isn't City owned?; the group agreed that some improvements are necessary because it services a large area of the community
North Alexander Park	Accessibility of the proposed community center is a concern; the group wants a new community center but did not agree that North Alexander is the most appropriate location; Janna liked the location because of economic draw; Tim suggested a dual usage with the school district; Lisa suggested placing it along a bus route; the group agreed the park improvements were appropriate
Prairie Ridge Park	The group liked the revised concept and hoped improvements could happen quickly
Teepee Tonka Park	The committee liked the trail along the river and suggested all elements be designed to flood
Wapacuta Park	The committee liked the improvements and had no changes
South Alexander Park	Everyone liked having disc golf and wanted it added; make sure the fishing pier is handicap accessible

#### *Review Overall Park System Plan:*

Samantha provided an overview of the improvements made to the park system as a whole. This included new facilities added, improvements to water and nature based facilities, improvements to winter programming, improvements made to athletic uses, and proposed amenities near senior care facilities. The committee asked about adding a skate park to the park system. A location downtown was suggested.

The committee reviewed an updated trail system map. They discussed the challenges of Highway 21 and where potential crossings could go. There were concerns about the feasibility of implementing the trail improvements and agreed it would take a strong commitment to implement.

The committee also discussed possible gaps in the trail system.


























#### *Prioritization Activity:*

The committee participated in a group activity to help determine their short term and long term priorities for implementation. They were given a limited amount of short term resources and a limited amount of long term resources. They were then asked to allocate those resources accordingly. Below are the results from the activity:

1. Short term priorities:
  - a. Nature play areas
  - b. Fire pits
  - c. Canoe/kayak access to the rivers
  - d. Splash pad downtown
  - e. Athletic fields at Prairie Ridge

2. Long term priorities:

- a. Reduce lawn and increase natural plantings
- b. Public art
- c. Sidewalk/ADA connections at every neighborhood park
- d. Upgrade play equipment at neighborhood parks
- e. Pickleball courts
- f. Sports courts
- g. Restroom facilities throughout parks
- h. Improve trail connections and close trail gaps

REDUCE LAWN & INCREASE NATURAL PLANTINGS \$ 	PUBLIC ART \$ 	WAYFINDING/ INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE \$ 	SLEDDING HILL \$ 	NATURE PLAY \$ 
FIRE PITS \$ 	SIDEWALK/ADA CONNECTIONS AT EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK \$ 	CANOE/KAYAK ACCESS TO RIVERS \$\$ 	NATURALIZE RIVERBANKS \$\$ 	SKATING RINKS \$\$ 
UPGRADE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS \$\$\$ 	PICKLEBALL COURTS \$\$\$ 	SPORTS COURTS \$\$\$ 	RESTROOM FACILITIES THROUGHOUT PARKS \$\$\$ 	FISHING PIERS \$\$\$ 
SPLASH PAD DOWNTOWN \$\$\$ 	ATHLETIC FIELDS AT PRAIRIE RIDGE \$\$\$ 	TREE CANOPY WALK \$\$\$\$ 	TREE HOUSE AT TEEPEE TONKA \$\$\$\$ 	ADVENTURE PARK DOWNTOWN \$\$\$\$ 
RENTAL FACILITIES \$\$\$\$ 	IMPROVE TRAIL CONNECTIONS AND CLOSE TRAIL GAPS \$\$\$\$ 	EXPANSION OF SOCCER COMPLEX \$\$\$\$ 	CAMPGROUND NORTH OF WHITE SANDS PARK \$\$\$\$ 	COMMUNITY CENTER \$\$\$\$\$ 

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