

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: January 3, 2022

Meeting Type: City Council

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title:

Resolution No. 2022-03, Receiving Final Report and Recommendations of the Park System Improvement Plan Refinement Advisory Task Force

Background

Beginning in 2019, the City of Fridley (City) undertook a community-driven, comprehensive park system planning process known as “Finding Your Fun in Fridley.” The purpose was to develop a planning and implementation document that would identify priorities for park improvements as well as ensure a balanced and equitable park system meeting the needs of the community. Through a public engagement process, which included a resident survey, individual park surveys, and a series of community and public meetings, the City further refined the document into a Parks System Improvement Plan (Plan).

At its June 14, 2021 meeting, the City Council (Council) provided further direction regarding the Plan, which limited the cost and duration of the Plan to \$30 million and 10 years, respectively. As part of the ongoing, community engagement efforts related to the Plan, the Council also created two community Task Force groups to examine the financing and scope of the Plan.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-55, the Refinement Task Force was responsible for recommending priorities for park system improvements. The Task Force met five times in 2021 to deliberate and ultimately make a recommendation to the Council. The Task Force recommended an Implementation Plan at a cost not exceed \$30 million over a 10-year period beginning in 2023.

The Council will be asked to consider adoption of a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Refinement Task Force. Before funding the Plan, a public hearing will be held to discuss the Final Report and Recommendations of the both the Financing Committee and the Refinement Committee. To provide more details the development of the Plan, Candace Amberg, Senior Landscape Architect with WSB Engineering, Inc. will provide a brief presentation to the Council.

Financial Impact

No additional budgetary impact expected to complete this phase of the project.

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of Resolution No. 2022-03.

Focus on Fridley Strategic Alignment

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrant Neighborhoods & Places	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Identity & Relationship Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Stability & Commercial Prosperity	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Environmental Stewardship
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Excellence	

Attachments and Other Resources

- Resolution No. 2022-03
- Exhibit A: Park System Improvement Plan Refinement Task Force Final Report and Recommendation

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

Resolution No. 2022-03

Receiving Final Report and Recommendations of the Park System Improvement Plan Refinement Task Force

Whereas, the City of Fridley (City) began a process of understanding the needs and desires of residents for City parks improvements in 2019 called "Finding Your Fun in Fridley" by conducting public workshops with residents; and

Whereas, Fridley residents expressed an interest in improving City parks by upgrading playgrounds and amenities; and

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-51, the Fridley City Council (Council) directed the City Manager to implement a Park System Improvement Plan (Plan) to address the needs and desires of residents and stakeholders; and

Whereas, pursuant to resident and stakeholder feedback received through engagement efforts, the Council determined that the project cost for the Plan should not exceed \$30 million and 10 years to complete; and

Whereas, on June 14, 2021 the Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-55, which directed staff to organize a Park System Improvement Plan Refinement Task Force who would recommend park improvement priorities for the Plan; and

Whereas, through their deliberations, the Refinement Task Force ultimately recommended a Final Report and Recommendation.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Fridley hereby receives the Final Report and Recommendations Park System Improvement Plan Refinement Task Force.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fridley this 3rd day of January, 2022.

Scott J. Lund – Mayor

Attest:

Melissa Moore – City Clerk