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NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 – 5:30pm

City Hall Council Chambers, 310 Elm Street West

AGENDA

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| Brooke
Allen | 1. Call to Order
A. Pledge of Allegiance |
| Sharilyn
Feltmann | 2. Adoption of Agenda |
| Bill
Grundahl | 3. Approve Minutes
A. May 21, 2024, Parks & Recreation Meeting |
| Karla
Hormann | 4. Introductions, Presentations, and Public Comment
(Citizens may address the Parks & Recreation Commission about any non-agenda item of concern. Speakers must state their name and address and limit their remarks to three minutes. The Parks & Recreation Commission will take no official action on these items but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled for a future meeting.) |
| Dan
Stender | 5. Business/Updates
A. Disc Golf
B. Outlot A
C. Friendship Park – Dog Park
D. Arbor Day Event
E. Old Town Update
F. West Carver Community Pool
G. Casper Circle Park
H. Kehrer Park
I. South Park Hockey Rink |
| Jim
Zellmann | 6. Community Education Update |
| Open Seat | 7. Commission Updates |
| Comm ED
(ad hoc) | 8. Upcoming Meeting - Next P&R meeting – 5:30pm, September 17, 2024 |
| | 9. Adjournment |

Upcoming City Meetings/Events:

August 22 nd -25 th	Stiftungsfest	Willkommen Park (See schedule for times)
August 26 th	Workshop/EDA/City Council Meeting	5:00 PM/6:00 PM
September 3 rd	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 PM
September 9 th	City Council Meeting	6:00 PM
September 11 th	EDC Meeting	6:00 PM

Cancelled	Park and Rec Commission Meeting	5:30 PM
Cancelled	Sr. Advisory	9:00 AM
September 23 rd	Workshop/EDA/City Council Meeting	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

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Minutes

Members present: Dan Stender, Jim Zellmann, Sharilyn Feltmann, Bill Grundahl, Brooke Allen

Members absent: Karla Hormann

Staff present: Community & Economic Dev Director Karen Hallquist

Others:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance – all those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: JZ/DS to adopt the agenda as written. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approve Minutes

A. April 16, 2024, Parks & Recreation Meeting

Motion: JZ/BG to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Introductions, Presentations, and Public Comment - none

5. Business/Updates

A. Disc Golf

Hallquist started researching the sport of disc golf and all the requirements. Both Prairie Dawn Park and Friendship Park could accommodate a course. Commissioners asked to review the Prairie Dawn Master Plan at the next meeting.

B. Outlot A – Rezoning

Feltmann shared that there were discussions at one time about nature preserve signs to be included with this project. Those conversations were prior to 2019. Staff will research.

C. Friendship Park Trail Project

Hallquist shared that staff received notice that the city was not selected for the grant dollars through the AARP challenge. The project will need to be budgeted for in 2025. Commissioners did discuss the fenced-in area of the park for a potential dog park. Staff contact Community Ed about their usage of the area and do more research. If not used significantly by Community Ed, the area would serve as a great spot due to its location and the existing fencing.

D. Arbor Day Event

Hallquist confirmed that everything is set for the event. City staff will be present to help place the trees.

E. Old Town Update

Donations are still be accepted. Staff will be meeting with representatives from the YA Cardinals and Stiftungsfest to plan the Pack the Park Old Town Dedication for Friday, June 21st as this is a home baseball game. Commissioners discussed the following ideas for the event:

- History Center to be open
- Music/concertina playing
- Pavilion open with coloring opportunities for kids
- Dedication ceremony to acknowledge Council, Commission, YA Cardinals, Stiftungsfest, and original Old Town committee

More information will be shared with the Commission in the coming days.

F. West Carver Community Pool

The pool opening date is June 1st and all lifeguards are good to go.

G. Carver Co Community Foundation Grant

Hallquist reported the City was not selected for the award.

6. Community Education Update - NA

7. Commission Updates - NA

8. Upcoming Meeting - Next P&R meeting - 5:30pm, June 18, 2024

9. Adjournment

Motion: JZ/DS to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by:

Karen Hallquist, Community & Economic Development Director



TO: NYA Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Karen Hallquist, Community & Economic Development Director
DATE: August 20, 2024
RE: Business/Updates

5A. Disc Golf

According to the Prairie Dawn Master Plan, a 12-hole disc golf course will be installed in Prairie Dawn Park north of Lakewood Trail within the 7.99-acre parcel. Commissioners are to review the Master Plan for discussion.

5B. Outlot A

Staff will be meeting with the city engineer to discuss the proposed trail. An update will be provided at the August meeting. The application for the DNR Outdoor Recreation Program is due in February 2025.

5C. Friendship Park - Dog Park

District 108 Community Ed Recreation Specialist Melissa Laubach confirmed that the fenced-in soccer field at Friendship Park is used six weeks in the spring and fall (one time per week), for about 12 times per year. Because of the new turf field being added, practices and/or games could be moved if this fenced-in area becomes a dog park.

The fenced-in area is approximately 0.76 acres, with two entrances on the northwest and southwest sides. The fence is 8 ft high. The only additional amenities to install for a dog park could be some picnic tables, the planting of some trees, and a doggy waste station and waste receptacle. A watering station is unnecessary, as pet owners should be encouraged to bring their own water/bowl.

The packet includes an attachment with a suggested Friendship Park Dog Park Rules.

Recommended Motion:

Motion to recommend converting the 0.76-acre fenced-in area of Friendship Park to a dog park.

5D. Arbor Day Event - Prairie Dawn Park, May 30th 9am

The event was a success, with about 30 children in attendance. Staff recommends that Arbor Day be held at Friendship Park in 2025.

5E. Old Town Update

The Old Town Dedication will be postponed until a later date. Weather and the incomplete project are factors in the delay.

5F. West Carver Community Pool

The closing date of the pool is August 16th. New, less-maintenance landscaping has been planted around the pool perimeter. Administration has started looking into contractors to satisfy the MDH requirements of new doors, floors, and traffic flow through the building. These improvements will be completed prior to the 2025 season. More details to come.

5G. Casper Circle Park

Staff removed the park equipment last week. The City announced that it was happening due to safety concerns and that future conversations about the park would include Casper Circle neighbors. Two neighbors reached out to ask questions about the process. They understood the equipment's age and standards. City public service staff will soon clean up the remaining pea gravel and spread grass seed. Until further notice, the park will remain greenspace and City staff will continue to mow/maintain.

5H. Kehrer Park

The Kehrer Park playground equipment has been identified as needing to be either removed or replaced due to its age and change in standards. As it currently stands, there is also a lack of impact material. The packet includes pictures of the accessibility, parking, playground, greenspace, list of amenities, and staff suggestions to complement those amenities. Commissioners are to discuss:

1. Replacement or permanent removal of the playground equipment
2. Ideas for enhancing the park

5I. South Park Hockey Rink

Staff is proposing a hockey rink concrete project to the CIP for the 2027 year. The project would include:

- Concrete entire rink
- New boards/gate
- Hockey and Pickle Ball striping

Friendship Park Dog Park (Proposed)



- 0.76 Acre Lot
- 8ft fence
- 2 entrances on north and south west sides



Additions to the proposed Friendship Park Dog Park Sign:

- Dog Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk
- Dogs must be properly licensed and vaccinated.
- Animals other than dogs are prohibited.
- In case of an emergency (dog bit or unsafe behavior), immediately call 9-1-1 for assistance.
- Be Courteous, Respect Others, Play Safe, Have Fun!



PO BOX 59
NYA, MN 55368-0059

Property Description

Lot, Block

1.79 Acres

Zoning P-1: Parks/Open Space

[PROPERTY REPORT CARD](#)

Building Information

Year Built:

Home Style:

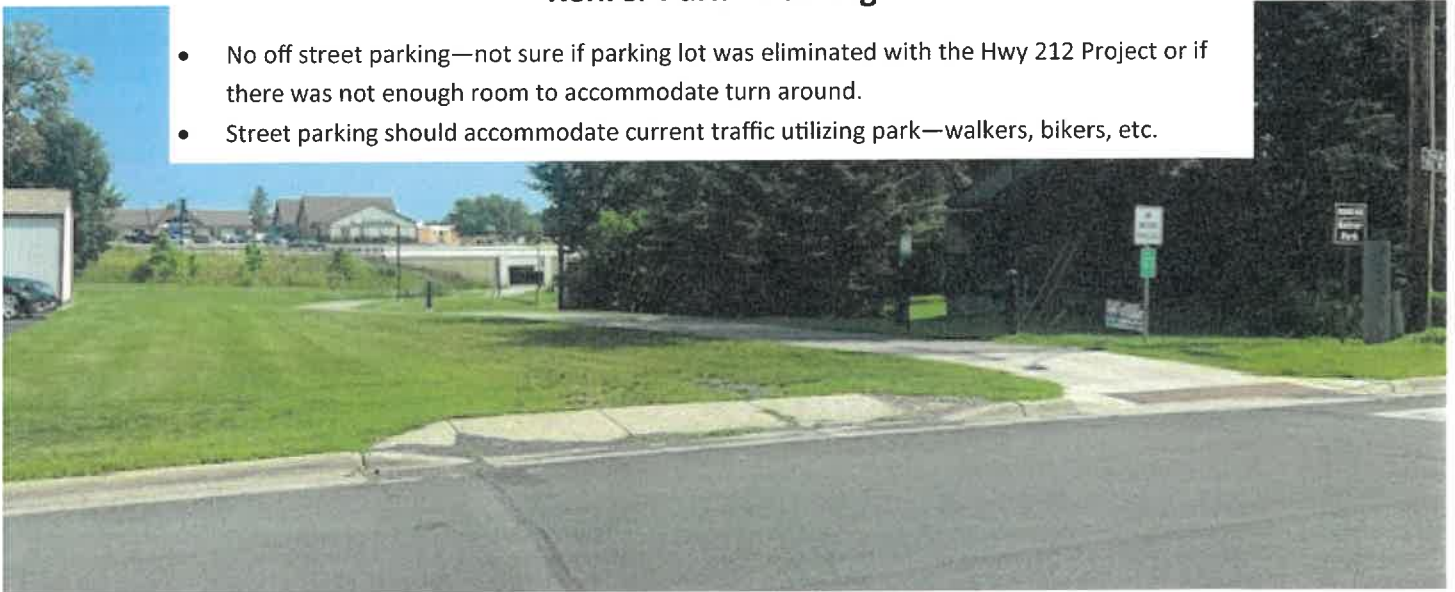
Finished Sq. Ft.:

Bedrooms:

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Kehrer Park—Parking

- No off street parking—not sure if parking lot was eliminated with the Hwy 212 Project or if there was not enough room to accommodate turn around.
- Street parking should accommodate current traffic utilizing park—walkers, bikers, etc.





Kehrer Park

- Underutilized park
- Per League of MN Cities, equipment needs to be removed or replaced due to lack of impact material and outdated equipment standards
- Not a “play”ground park, rather a nature, greenspace, connectivity park

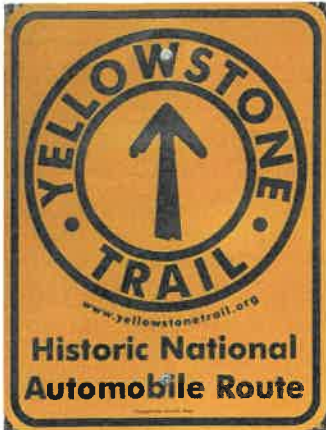


Kehrer Park current amenities:

- Beautiful green space, shade, established trees
- Connectivity
- Along Hwy 212/Hwy 5/25 (Yellowstone Trail)
- Underpass artwork
- Civic organization acknowledgements

To complement amenities:

- * Utilize Yellowstone Trail acknowledgement
- * Picnic area for visitors and residents alike who may be driving/walking thru the area
- * Other ideas?



South Park Hockey Rink

1 (concreted) hockey rink with striping would accommodate 6 or more pickleball courts.

