

**Inver Grove Heights
Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
8150 Barbara Avenue
7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS – Items that don't require action.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. You can find information regarding the City of Inver Grove Heights by visiting our web site at www.invergroveheights.org
 - B. Next Meeting; May 8, 2013 Regular Meeting 7:00pm
5. CONSENT AGENDA – All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and have been made available to the Commission at least two days prior to the meeting; the times will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission member or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from this Agenda and considered in normal sequence.
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 - B. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2013
6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the Agenda. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please state your name and address for the record. This section is for the express purpose of addressing concerns of City services and operations. It shall not be used to clarify individual's views for political purposes. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Items that are brought back to the Commission for action from a previous meeting.
8. REGULAR AGENDA - Items requiring action that are new to the Commission.
 - A. Consider Naming of Park Land
9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS - Items that need to be discussed without any actions.
 - A. Department Happenings
 - B. Future of Our Parks Report – Park & Recreation System Plan
10. COMMISSION COMMENTS – A chance for Commissioners to ask questions or make comments.
11. ADJOURN

Since we do not have time to discuss every point presented, it may seem that decisions are preconceived. However, background information is provided to the Commission on each agenda item in advance from Staff; decisions are based on this information and past experiences. In addition, some items may have been discussed preliminarily at Work Sessions. If you are aware of information that has not been discussed, please raise your hand to be recognized. Comments that are pertinent are appreciated.

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**City of Inver Grove Heights Minutes of the Proceedings
Of The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, March 13, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Eiden called the March 13, 2013 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Al Eiden; Vice Chair Dennis Schueller; Commissioners: Chris Solberg, Jim Huffman, Willie Krech, Joe Boehmer, and Mark Freer

Absent: Commissioners Stan Johnson and Mary Hapka
Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson
Recording Clerk Sheri Yourczek

Chair Eiden introduced the newest Commissioner, Mark Freer to the Commission. We look forward to working with him.

Commissioner Mark Freer introduced himself saying he is semi-retired. He worked for the State for about 35 years with the last few years working for Safeway Bus Company. He and his wife are very active with running, biking, snowshoeing, and skiing. They are on the trails and in the parks a lot. He enjoys our town and feels it is a very good Community. He hopes to keep things rolling with the parks system.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Presentation – Member Services –Bethany Adams

Recreation Superintendent Tracy Petersen, filling in today for Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson, introduced our Marketing and Guest Services Supervisor Bethany Adams.

Marketing and Guest Services Supervisor Bethany Adams oversees all of the memberships at the Community Center as well as the Guest Services front desk Staff and the Managers on duty as well as the marketing for the Parks and Recreation Department. Tonight she will go over some membership highlights and marketing items for the upcoming year.

-Revenue:

Membership revenue has increased and is the highest it has been since the aquatic and fitness centers opening.

-Estimated 2012 Revenue: \$836,774

-2011 Revenue: \$829,896

This is a 1% increase over last year and without a dues increase. We consider that increase due to the retention of our current members, our quality programs and services, and our marketing efforts to get new members into the facility.

-Demographics:

Our older adult program continues to grow within this Community. Our Silver Sneakers program continues to grow as well. Silver Sneakers is a free membership program for those with eligible health care plans. We are compensated by the visits that those members make to the Community Center. We have over 700 current enrollees. Payment doubled from December 2012 to January 2013.

We have over 1,100 members over the age of 60. Our oldest member is 91 years old. Our youngest member are newborns who use the water park, or at six months old, the child care area.

Over 78% of our members currently reside in Inver Grove Heights. Some other Cities that our members reside include: South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Eagan, St. Paul, Cottage Grove, Mendota Heights, St. Paul Park, and Rosemount.

-2012 Improvements:

We did a few improvements to the facility.

Painted the leisure pool to go with our rebranding some warmer colors.

New tables and chairs were added in the lobby area.

Added the group cycle studio and bikes which has been a great amenity to our members. It's a popular trend that has been around for awhile.

-Other Highlights:

In January of 2012 we had over 16,000 member check-ins. In January 2013 we had almost 18,000.

Promotions and Marketing Efforts:

Plum District promotion offers a discounted rate to use the facility.

We have continued to use the Money Mailer that goes to 10,000 homes. We had about 700 people redeem those.

Our Facebook page has grown tremendously. We have over 570 people on our page now. We advertise to grow that traffic. This is a great way to communicate for free.

We will be advertising our summer membership again. This is a great way to get people in the door during the summer months. We are trying to promote the pool more for the summer months. We also offer an option for Grandparents and their Grandchildren.

Our Website was improved and updated over the last year.

We created some printed fliers this last year. We did a rental flyer and a membership flyer.

We will be marketing to the new neighborhoods over by the Target store area.

Commissioner Solberg commented she is doing a great job, keep it up.

B. Presentation – Natural Resource Restoration – Mark Borgwardt

Parks Superintendent Mark Borgwardt stated last spring he approached the group, The Friends of the Mississippi River that has already done a lot of work up and down the Mississippi River. He wanted to see if they had any Grant dollars to help us restore the 17.2 acre area around the Rock Island Swing Bridge. With the work going on with the County, we thought we should also try to restore some of that acreage into native vegetation. There is a lot of invasive species down there that we would like to take out. They are speaking with the Marina down there in cleaning it up a bit. We had the Friends of the Mississippi do a Natural Resource Management Plan last May. It was approved by the Council in June.

Commissioner Krech asked if there would be some walking areas down there?

Superintendent Borgwardt stated the Master Plan did include a looped chipped trail down by the river. He thought maybe they could do that as part of this project.

Commissioner Krech asked if they had enough chips?

Superintendent Borgwardt stated Xcel calls him, or Wright Tree Trimming calls. We also trim our own trees; we keep the piles for this reason.

Friends of the Mississippi River have agreed to contribute up to \$15,000 for this project. This will be a two to three year project, but this financing is just for one year. The City Council has also authorized \$15,000 toward this project as well. After this year we would have to apply for more Grant money for additional projects.

Commissioner Solberg asked how they remove buckthorn? Do they re-seed it?

Superintendent Borgwardt responded they have someone go down there with a machine that has a scissors on it that drags it out and then we either chip it or burn it down there. They do re-seed it with an oak savannah mix. They will plant some trees and then prairie. They will treat the stumps with a round up mix.

Superintendent Borgwardt continued to say they could probably do the north side of the bridge next year along the shore and then the County will be working on a plan to restore and irrigate another area around the area and parking lot. They hope to start the last week of March.

Commissioner Krech thinks it's a great idea.

Vice Chair Schueller asked if we sub-contract the work out or does the City do it?

Superintendent Borgwardt responded the Friends of the Mississippi River bid it and contract it, and we are available for consulting. We may have the STS Crew out there or even our Tree Trust Crew.

Chair Eiden asked about the need for additional Grant money? He stated it is one thing to know people are committed and you know what you can get done with that money.

Superintendent Borgwardt responded yes, the City is contributing up to \$15,000 and FFM is also contributing \$15,000. Any Grant money we don't use this year will roll over into next year. He feels they can get 90% of it done this year.

Chair Eiden stated since you know you are going to get done this year. In the fall you should know what you need to get done next year. Then you can apply for those grants early?

Superintendent Borgwardt stated Friends of the Mississippi is already planning for years two and three.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2013

Motion by Commissioner Solberg, seconded by Commissioner Huffman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Aye: 7
Nay: 0 Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Consider Park Dedication Requirements for Plute Homes – Case NO 13-05S

Superintendent Petersen stated Plute Homes is requesting a two lot subdivision to be known as Summit Pines 2nd Addition. The recently adopted Comprehensive Park Plan and Development Guide does not identify a need for a park in this general area; therefore, Staff is not recommending the developer provide any parkland dedication for this development. It is recommended that the developer be required to provide cash in the amount of the rates in effect at the time the final plat is approved. The current 2013 rate is as follows:

Single Family \$4,011 per lot (2 x \$4,011 = \$8,022)

Commissioner Krech asked where they came up with the extra lots. The area was already plotted out in lots. He didn't understand what they were doing here.

Superintendent Petersen was not sure at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Huffman to accept the Cash dedication on this item. Commissioner Krech seconded.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0 Motion carried.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:

A. Department Happenings

Superintendent Petersen stated there is nothing specific to report, but wanted to mention that the summer brochure was mailed out this week.

Commissioner Huffman felt they did a good job.

B. Future of Our Parks Report – Park & Recreation System Plan

Superintendent Petersen commented as you know the Park Champions group is meeting on a regular basis. The group has discussed park service areas, the northwest quadrant, trails, open space, and park amenities. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30. At that meeting the group will look at the parks via Google Earth. We will review some examples from other Communities regarding open space and linear parks, as well as other amenities. We will start to look at some criteria for adding and eliminating amenities in the future. The goal is to develop a vision for the system, bring it back to the Park Commission for their input, and then bringing it to the City Council. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings at anytime during the process.

Commissioner Solberg stated they met last week. They decided there is going to be a greenway in the northwest corridor. We were talking about different amenities in that area. We are going to have one large park connect to satellite parks within walking and biking distance. Last week during brainstorming one idea was brought up to have a refrigerated outdoor rink. These are just big ideas to throw out there for the next 15 to 20 years. Natural walking areas, large park, smaller satellite parks, etc. A lot of great ideas are being thrown out there. Anyone with any other ideas, please attend the meeting and let us know.

Superintendent Borgwardt stated they were going to talk about criteria for future and existing things in the parks. What we want, what do we have, what do we need, those types of questions.

Chair Eiden stated the next meeting may be an interesting one as we get a panoramic view of our parks. Now the idea is to look at it again from a different perspective. There are a number of things that have come to light with this group and the process. We are getting about 9 to 12 citizens at each of the meetings. Please know that the Champions of the Park are not a group of confined people. Anyone is invited at anytime and we are open to everyone joining in with their observations. We have had some interesting and unusual ideas. There are a lot of passive type activities that most are in favor of. There is a lot of discussion about athletic issues as to the aging population, as well as what sports are coming and going. This will be a valuable experience to look at the amenities.

Vice Chair Schueller asked if the Champions of the Park had any ideas about how we are going to deal with the funding gap of \$300,000 since we need to maintain what we have first. They have to realize one of the major problems we have is the funding gap. We need to maintain what we have here in the present.

Chair Eiden stated there were no suggestions regarding financing at this juncture. That is something that has to be considered. We do not have solid lists together yet, but we are still in the deciding stages. We are not dealing with specific dollars right now. We are more interested at first, in seeing what they want to see at the parks. They do know that once it's refined, we need to discuss financing. In terms of maintaining, we can do what we need to do, cut back, or change going forward.

Commissioner Solberg stated it is all part of the process. We are determining what we need and what we don't need. It's not just a wish list for replacement, but an overall list of what may or may not be needed.

Chair Eiden stated the typical meeting has been about an hour and a half. It's usually held in the Vets Center, and we do not have a set schedule. They try to do them every two weeks. The next scheduled meeting April 3rd. The one after that will be about April 17th or 24th.

Commissioner Huffman agreed with Vice Chair Schueller in that we need to take care of what we have until we get the money.

C. Update on the MRRT Trailhead Facility

Superintendent Borgwardt showed a power point summary of what we have done and where we are at regarding the MRRT Trailhead Facility. Information is as follows:

- Rock Island Swing Bridge Area Improvements
 - 2010-2011 the Swing Bridge Project took place at a cost of \$2,300,000
 - 2012 the 66th Street Project was completed at a cost of \$1,200,000
 - 2013 the Trailhead Project is anticipated to cost \$1,300,000
- Trailhead Partners
 - Dakota County
 - National Park Service
 - City of Inver Grove Heights
- Project Goals
 - Provide for off-street parking
 - Provide year round public toilets
 - Provide information center and historical interpretation
 - Provide for picnic facilities
- Restroom Facility:
 - Men's and Women's Restrooms
 - Custodial Closet

- Water Fountain
- Way Finding Signs
- Historical Information
- Overhang
- Floor Plan
 - ADA Compliant
 - Heat for Year Round Operation
 - Men's and Women's Restrooms
 - Overhang area
- Picnic Shelter near Mississippi River
 - Seats 50 to 60
 - River views
 - Electrical
 - Free standing water source
 - Built-in counter
 - Security lighting
 - Rentable
- Site Layout
 - Includes arch that is currently being worked on.
 - Picnic tables
 - Irrigation
 - Stairs made of limestone slabs.
- Project Costs
 - Consultant: KHA Inc. & Partners & Sirmy
 - Anticipated costs at 30% construction documents
 - Interpretative budget may need to be increased
 - Already have made adjustment in project to reduce costs
- Funding Sources
 - Scenic Byway Grant
 - Dakota County Byway Match
 - Dakota County CIP
 - National Park Service
 - City of Inver Grove Heights (via State Bonding Grant)
 - Funding Gap
- State Bonding Grant SG 2010-049
 - \$1,000,000
 - Only used on Rock Island Swing Bridge or Heritage Village Park
 - Must be spent by June 2015 or grant money is lost
 - Must be used on capital investment, cannot be used to purchase land

Commissioner Freer asked if it was part of the project to estimate yearly costs of what the City will need to maintain it? It can't be cheap to maintain.

Superintendent Borgwardt stated he didn't think there was any money dedicated. That isn't figured in and it does concern him. His budget has been frozen for five years. From a maintenance perspective, he wishes that would be taken into consideration before we start building things. We need to maintain what we have. They are also working on a naming plan. It was unofficially named Heritage Village Park, but it was never formally named that. He was fine with the name, but with the Rock Island Swing Bridge possibly being a part of the park, there is some confusion in the naming. Swing Bridge Park was appropriate with the Swing Bridge, and then since the Old Town Hall and Schoolhouse is moving down there, Heritage Village seemed appropriate.

Vice Chair Schueller liked Heritage Village Park.

Superintendent Petersen stated the naming will come before this Commission.

Commissioner Huffman liked the idea of Rock Island Swing Bridge Park because of all the artifacts he saved.

Vice Chair Schueller asked if ADA meant wheel chair accessible.

Superintendent Borgwardt responded yes.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Solberg stated we have a lot happening in our City with our parks. Check out the Heritage Village Park, or Rock Island Swing Bridge. If you are interested in the parks, come out to a meeting and help us design a park from scratch.

Commissioner Krech had no comment.

Vice Chair Schueller stated he spent some time last weekend in the Splash Park with his grandkids and then the hockey rink. We have great facilities. It is a tribute to the Commissioners who are here today and who are retired. It is all an experience that is being enjoyed.

Commissioner Huffman had no comment.

Commissioner Boehmer welcomed the new Commissioner.

Commissioner Freer thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He looks forward to working with them.

Chair Eiden commented there is a lot going on in this town. It would be to your benefit to check out things that you may be interested in. Come join in on all the fun.

11. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Solberg, seconded by Commissioner Huffman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Motion carried.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Naming of Park Land

Meeting Date: April 10, 2013
 Item Type: Regular Agenda
 Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
 Prepared by: Eric Carlson
 Reviewed by: Mark Borgwardt
 Tracy Petersen

Fiscal/FTE Impact:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount included in current budget
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<input type="checkbox"/>	New FTE requested – N/A
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

The Commission is asked to determine the name of specific park land that has been acquired by the City of Inver Grove Heights. Specifically the recommendation is to name the 17 acres that is associated with the acquisition of the Rock Island Swing Bridge.

SUMMARY

In June of 2011 the City Council approved a Park & Recreation Facility Naming Policy (attached) that had been recommended to the Council by the Park and Recreation Commission. The policy outlines the process and considerations that should be given to naming parks and recreational facilities.

The current City of Inver Grove Heights Park System has 27 parks that include approximately 570 acres located across the City, not including the 235 acres at Inver Wood Golf Course. In October of 2009, the City acquired 17 acres of tax forfeited property from the State of Minnesota for the purposes of park, trail, and scenic overlook. The purpose of the acquisition was for the City to become the owner of the Rock Island Swing Bridge so that the City could:

- Reused as a scenic overlook along the Mississippi River
- Connect the Rock Island Swing Bridge to the Mississippi River Regional Trail
- Work with Dakota County on the construction of MRRT Trailhead facilities
- So that visitors could have public access to the Mississippi River

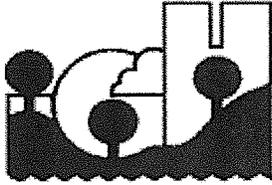
In 2010/11 the City constructed the first phase of improvements by reconstructing portions of the former Rock Island Swing Bridge and turning it into a 670' recreational pier. The second phase of the project occurred in 2012 as the City built connecting trails, rebuilt the portions of 66th St and extended public utilities to the site for the future trailhead. Phase three is schedule for 2013 in cooperation with Dakota County and will include a parking lot, restroom facility, picnic shelter, way finding signage, and historical interpretation.

Given the location of the 17 acres it is recommended that the area be recognized as an Inver Grove Heights park and for it to be named by official resolution of the City Council.

In using the qualifying name categories found in the naming policy some of the recommended options include:

- Rock Island Swing Bridge Park
- Swing Bridge Park
- River Pier Park
- Others?

The staff recommendation is "Swing Bridge Park". The Commission is encourage to discuss the issue and make a recommendation to the City Council for their review and approval.



Administrative Policy & Procedure	
Department	Parks & Recreation
Specific Policy	Park & Recreation Facility Naming Policy
Approved by Council	June 27, 2011
Date Revised by Council	

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a naming policy for public parks and recreational facilities by selecting a name that is appropriate and is in conformance with this policy. Naming of our Park, properties and facilities promotes standardization, consistency and creates a sense of place and allows for better geographic location by all because of this practice.

Objectives

- Ensure that parks, recreational areas, and facilities are easily identified and located
- Ensure that given names to parks, recreational areas and facilities are consistent with the values and character of the area served
- Encourage participation in the naming, renaming and dedication of parks, recreation areas and facilities.

Qualifying Name Categories

- Geographic location to facility
- Outstanding feature
- Adjoining subdivision
- Historical event or group
- Contribution to acquisition/development
- As may be required by acquisition process

Procedure

It shall be the policy of the City of Inver Grove Heights to refer any activity involving the naming or renaming of all city-owned park lands or recreational facilities to the Park and Recreation Commission. The Park & Recreation Commission shall recommend to the City Council, for approval, names of new lands and facilities.

Priority One – per comprehensive plan

- Natural, geological or other prominent feature of the property – i.e.
- Based on the name of the subdivision – i.e. Broadmoor Park
- According to location or street name – i.e. Rich Valley Park

Priority Two – secondary consideration

- Historical ownership of the parcel – i.e. Harmon Park
- Naming as a condition of acquisition – i.e.
- To honor a regional or national people group – i.e.
- According to adjacent public facility – i.e. Veterans Memorial Park
- Based on public comment or suggestion – i.e.

Priority Three – special consideration

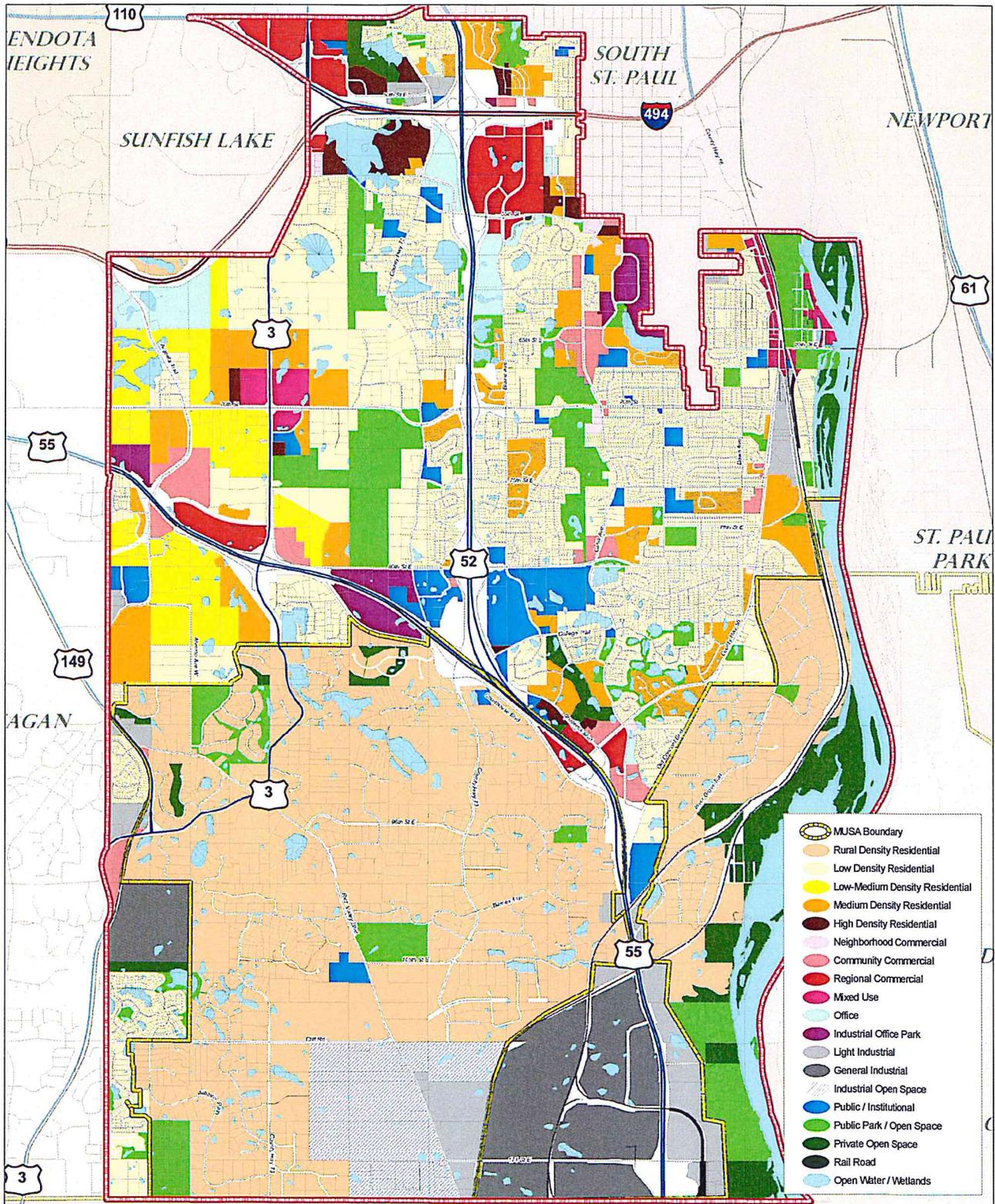
- When 50% or more of the value of the property is donated
- When 50% or more of the cost of development is donated
- When an individual, group, association or business played a specific and major role in the acquisition or development

Priority Four – renaming

- Renaming of parks, recreational areas, and facilities should only be done with great thought and care
- Only those parks and facilities named for location or subdivision shall be considered for renaming
- Before renaming, research as to why the name was established should be reviewed, is the name a part of an agreement the City entered into
- Renaming of facilities named after individuals or groups shall not be changed unless it is found that the character is or was such that the continued use of the name would not be in the best interest of the community
- If it is determined that renaming is necessary, the naming process should be followed

2. Land Use

Figure 2.2: Land Use Plan

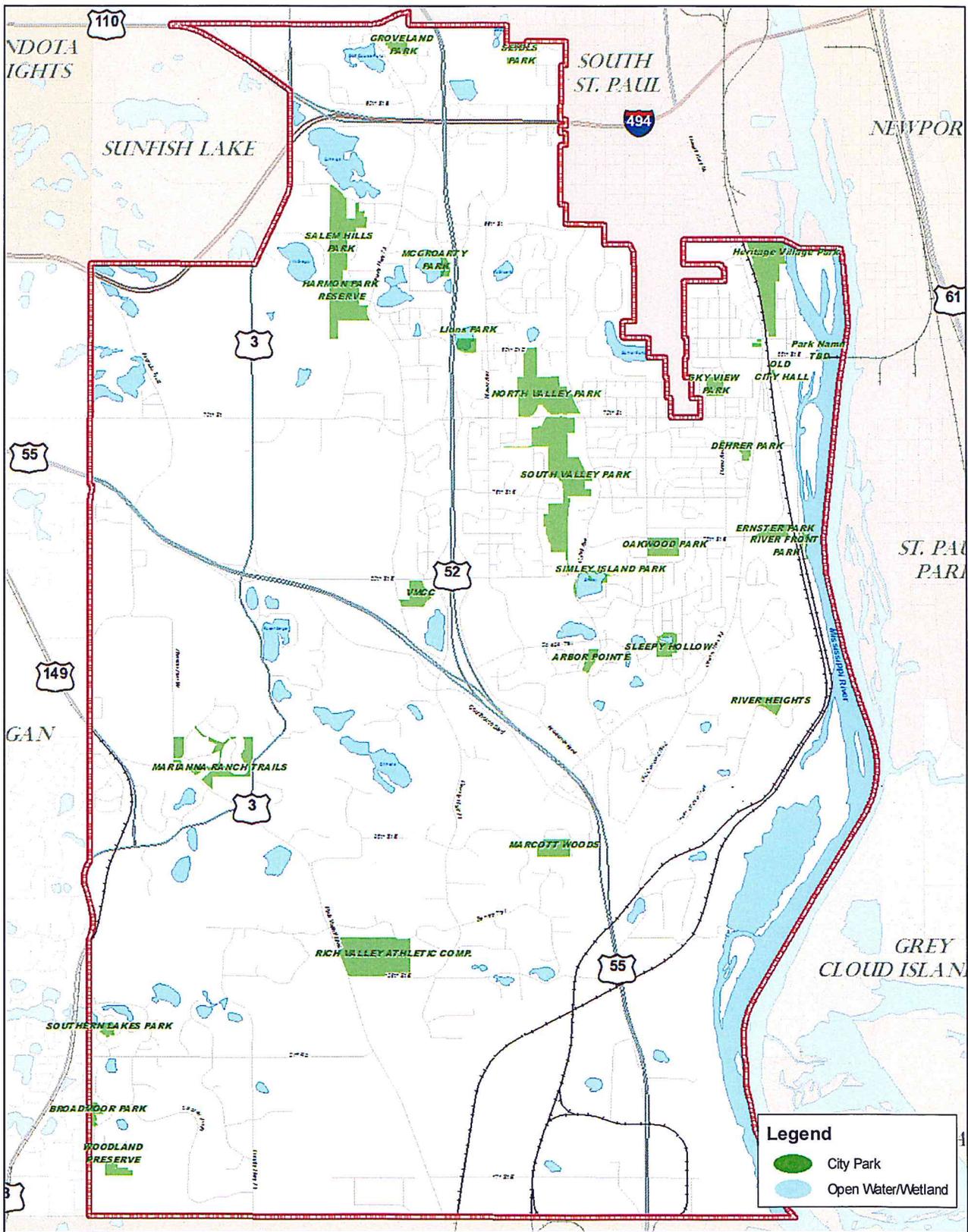


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6. Parks and Recreation

Figure 6.1: Existing Park System

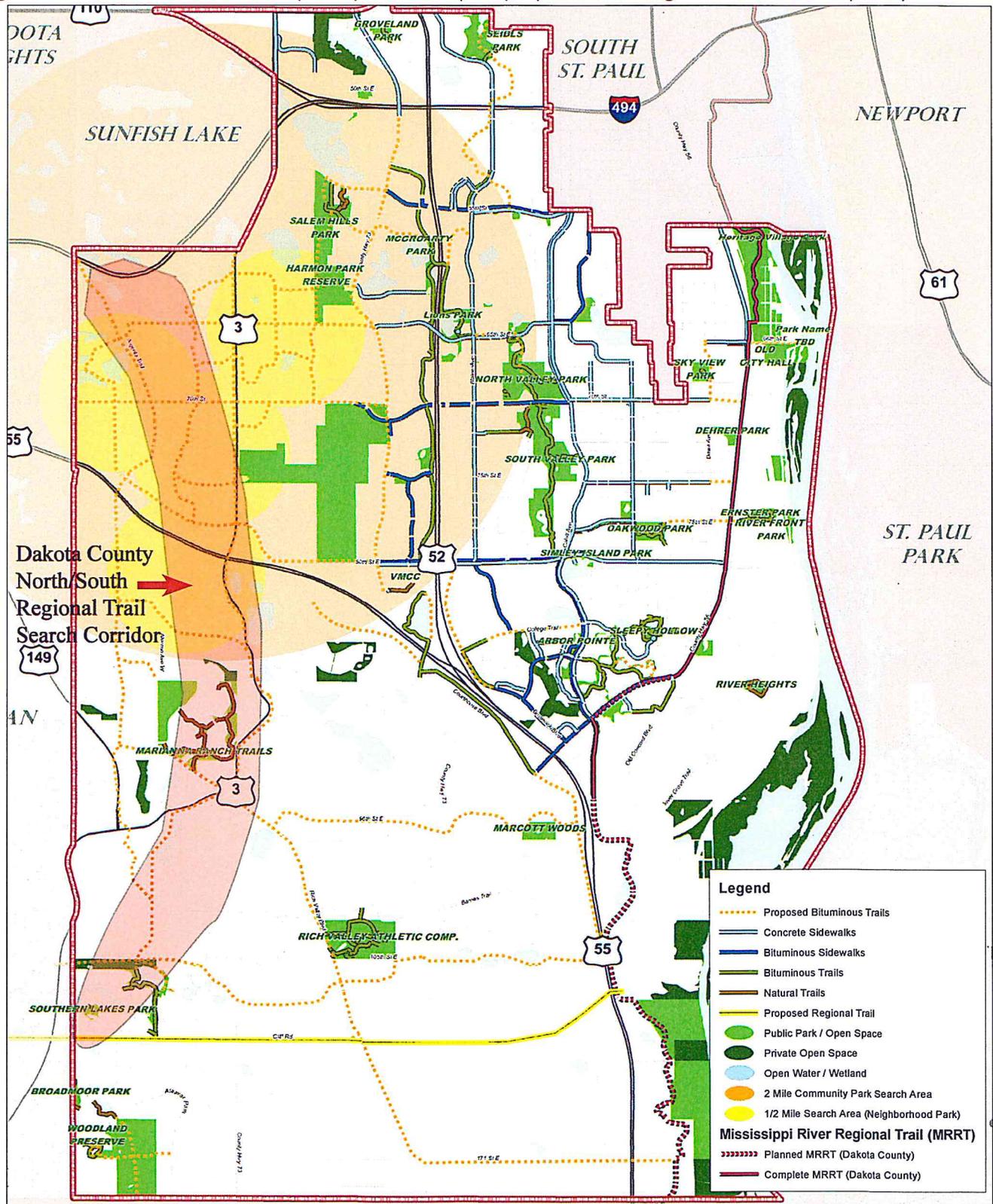


 Existing Park System



6. Parks and Recreation

Figure 6.7: 2030 Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan (The proposed trail alignments are conceptual.)



2030 Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan

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REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Future of Our Parks Report

Meeting Date: April 10, 2013
Item Type: Administrative Presentations
Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
Prepared by: Eric Carlson
Reviewed by: Mark Borgwardt
Tracy Petersen
Bethany Adams

Fiscal/FTE Impact:
 None
 Amount included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 FTE included in current complement
 New FTE requested – N/A
 Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

The subcommittee will provide the full Commission with monthly updates regarding efforts to update our Comprehensive Park Plan and Development Guide.

SUMMARY

The Commission set up a sub-committee consisting of Chair Al Eiden, Commissioners Mary Hapka and Chris Solberg along with Park Superintendent Mark Borgwardt, Recreation Superintendent Tracy Petersen, and myself.

We will provide the entire commission with an update each month.

Feel free to ask appropriate questions regarding the sub-committees efforts.

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REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Department Happenings

Meeting Date: April 10, 2013
Item Type: Administrative Presentations
Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
Prepared by: Eric Carlson
Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount included in current budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Budget amendment requested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FTE included in current complement |
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

No action required. Item is for informational purposes and Commissioners are encouraged to ask appropriate questions.

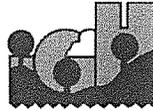
SUMMARY

Items included:

- Department Happenings Report
- Miscellaneous



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Inver Wood Golf Course

Golf Course Opening for 2013 Season

This season will be a very different opening than the past few seasons. As of this writing, there is still considerable snow on the golf courses and driving range. As a consequence, an opening date is difficult to forecast with any certainty. We are just starting to experience favorable daytime high and overnight low temperatures. A good rain or two would be perfect at this point. A projection would be hard to make, but 10 days to two weeks is a reasonable assumption. We will open as soon as possibly we can.

Visit www.inverwood.org

Inver Wood Golf Course's website continues to evolve with new features. For those that have not visited recently, check out our video lesson series located on the lesson tab. Start your season with our brief refresher lessons covering all aspects of the game.

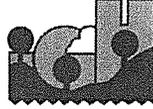
Beyond our assortment of videos, features at www.inverwood.org include:

- Tee Times for both the Championship and Executive Courses 28 days in advance
- Tee Time Booking Interface for your smartphone or tablet
- Registration for Junior Leagues, Junior Group Instruction, and Adult Group Instruction
- Purchase your Patron Card or U.S.G.A. Handicap
- Registration materials for Women's League, Men's League, and Men's Match Play events
- Learn about our Executive Course Family Program
- Free Clinic Information
- Complete course and rate information

Once again, be sure to visit www.inverwood.org for complete course and program details.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Recreation

May Day 5K

Staff will be assisting the School District #199 B.E.S.T. Foundation with the 15th Annual May Day 5K family run/walk on Saturday, May 4. Staff helps coordinates facilities, equipment, race route logistics and pre-event registration. In conjunction with this event, the Department will be hosting its Indoor Toy & Garage Sale from 8a.m.-1p.m.

Dakota County Simple Steps is Back!

The Dakota County walking program is back again this year! Residents in Dakota County can sign up online beginning March at www.dakotacounty.us. Those that track miles are eligible to win prizes. The program is free.

Celebrate National Trails Day with Us!

On Saturday, June 1, we will be hosting a walking event at Harmon Park Reserve at 10a.m. to celebrate National Trails Day. Participants will walk the mountain bike trails and receive a free gift and snack. The event is free and open to the public. More information can be found at www.funatthegrove.com

Passport to Parks

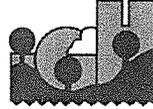
Get out and explore all that our outdoor parks have to offer! Take a picture next to a park sign or a distinguishing feature of the area. Once you have visited ten (10) parks, you can submit them for a prize.

Spring & Summer Youth Lacrosse Leagues

Our youth lacrosse leagues will get underway shortly for the spring season. This year we added girl's lacrosse to the mix. The fun will continue in the summer as well with leagues starting in the end of May.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Veterans Memorial Community Center

Spring Ice Show: "Wizard of Oz"

The Learn to Skate program will be conducting their 6th Annual Ice Show on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. This is a great way for our skating participants to show off everything they have learned in class. The event is free for the public to watch and free for any Learn to Skate participant to take part in.

New Summer Fitness Offerings

Fitness staff will be offering a number of new fitness offerings this spring and summer including a race day training class, outdoor boot camp and outdoor fitness clubs consisting of hiking, biking or running.

Summer Membership Special

Our summer membership is a great way to enjoy our amenities at a great price. Participants can join from May 1-June 15. The membership is good through September 1.

Staff Visits Argenta Hills Neighborhood

Staff visited the Argenta Hills neighborhood to welcome them to the neighborhood and provide them with information about the Community Center and parks and recreation programs.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Commission Comments

Meeting Date: April 10, 2013
Item Type: Commission Presentations
Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
Prepared by: Eric Carlson
Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount included in current budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget amendment requested
<input type="checkbox"/>	FTE included in current complement
<input type="checkbox"/>	New FTE requested – N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

No action required. Commissioners are encouraged to make appropriate comments.

SUMMARY

None.