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Park Commission Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2016

6:30 Regular Meeting
Carver County Public Works
11360 Hwy 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call (6:30 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of the December 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes (6:30 p.m.)
- 3) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (6:31 p.m.)
- 4) Approval of Agenda (6:32 p.m.)
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (6:33 p.m.)
- 6) New Business (6:40 p.m.)
 - a. Regional Solicitation for Bike Pedestrians Projects
- 7) Discussion Items (6:50 p.m.)
 - a. Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Planning Work
 - b. Service Delivery
 - c. Park Entrance Electronic Message Boards
- 8) Staff Reports (8:15 p.m.)
 - a. Metropolitan Council, Change to CIP Reimbursement Program
 - b. MN River Bluffs RT
 - c. Legislative Update
- 9) Commission Member Reports (8:30 p.m.)
- 10) Set Next Meeting Date (8:35 p.m.) – Proposed Date March 16, 2016
- 11) Adjourn Meeting (8:38 p.m.)

Please note if a Commission Member cannot attend the meeting, please call the Park Office at 466 – 5250.

Draft Meeting Minutes December 9, 2015

Members Present: Carroll Aasen, Tom Hermann, Jim Boettcher, Jim Manders, Gerald Bruner, Ron Trick, Curt Kobilarcsik and Commissioner Lynch

Staff Present: Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Connie Keller

Call to Order: Manders, called the meeting to order at **(6:36p.m.)**

Approval of Minutes: **(6:36p.m.)**
Trick motioned to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 regular meeting minutes Aasen seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: **(6:37p.m.)**
Boettcher like to report on Chanhassen park fitness equipment to commissioner reports

Approval of Agenda: **(6:37p.m.)**
Hermann motioned to approve meeting agenda
Bruner seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

Commissioner Liaison Report: **(6:38p.m.)**

Excited about TAC meeting last night and the community involvement with Lake Waconia Master Plan, some neat ideas.

Open to the Public: **(6:38p.m.)**
None Present

Staff Reports: **(6:39 p.m.)**

A. Lake Waconia Regional Master Planning Work

Staff reviewed the power point that was presented to County Board and the TAC Committee.

Items covered in presentation are:

- Project goals to meet Met Council 2040 Parks Policy Plan.
- Project overview incorporating Coney Island into the Master Plan, Undertake Community Engagement process, wetland delineation/natural resource inventory, finalize/adopt master plan for LWRP, phase 1 development area and preliminary engineering for phase 1.
- Community Engagement results –High level of Expectations for the Park and Island which consist of water related activities, splash pad, improved playground, trails, park facilities, trail connections and park access. Also part of the engagement process was the park entrance fee issue, enhance as a winter destination, along with Coney Island destination piece.
- Recreational Trends – fat tire biking, mountain biking, disc golf, challenge courses, paddleboards, geocaching.

- Design themes with enhanced development.
- Revenue considerations reviewed the Ballroom event center with pros and cons of the ballroom also reviewed other revenue considerations with camping, camper cabins and new rental facility options with larger pavilion, rental equipment.

Staff reviewed project dynamics consisting of public having a high expectation for park and Coney Island. Also reviewed was the concern with vandalism and trash on island. Staff reviewed other possibilities with church land buyout or the willingness of others to sell property adjacent to the park. Other public concerns are the public boat launch will increase boat traffic on the lake.

Staff reviewed the development themes and opportunities which contained community engagement findings, trends that influence outdoor recreation, barriers, and development themes for mainland and island.

Discussion was had on how to get people in to the parks and to get kids out to the parks and the possible need for different type of activities in the parks.

Questions or Comments:

Lynch asked difference between fat bike and mountain bike; Staff explained the difference.

Kobilarcsik would like to see a good trail system that connects the park to town with a good play system. Staff stated that the consultant agrees trail connections are needed to areas outside the park boundary.

Manders asked about access to Coney Island and if it was a part of the Parks Department or County to get people out to the island or is this something that will be an outside vendor; Staff stated that there is some interest from outside vendors but staff will have to look into different alternatives as we go forward.

Manders asked about park development schedule; Staff stated that between now and January the consultant will put together two concepts one with less amenities and the other with enhanced amenities and then we will bring to public to get input.

No other Questions or Comments

B. 2016 – 2021 Capital Improvement Information

Staff presented a power point on the parks long term financial plan with list of future CIP items.

Items covered in presentation were goals, recent accomplishment and maintenance items and LMP and trail accomplishments. Staff also reviewed the 2016 capital improvement process and reviewed the CIP and CPA of capital equipment replacement and the Coney Island cleanup.

Staff reviewed 2017 – 2021 CIP items:

- 2017 proposed program items MN River Bluffs Regional Trail, pavement management, capital equipment replacement, County Road 10 Trailhead, LWP site grading utility plan, TH5 master plan and maintain what we have.
- 2018 proposed program items are TH5 trail, construction and development planning for LWP, LWP trail connection, LMP playground replacement, capital equipment replacement and maintain what we have.
- 2019 proposed program items are Arboretum Trail, Baylor Park visitor center remodel, capital equipment replacement, funding for natural resource management plans, Phase I development for LWP and maintain what we have.

- 2020 proposed program items are land reimbursement, pavement management, capital equipment replacement, LMP trail lighting, BP splash pad possibility, LMP visitor contact station, trail projects and maintain what we have.
- 2021 proposed program items are capital equipment replacement, natural resource management plans, LMP group camp area, LMP off-leash dog swim pond, trail projects, and maintain what we have.

Staff reviewed issues and opportunities – items covered cleaning up Coney Island in 2016, DNR watercraft access, development of LWP main park area, competing for turn back funds and land acquisition funds.

Staff asked what the Park Commission would recommend to County Board for developing LWP

Lengthy discussion was had on cleanup process on the Island and the funding of the redevelopment of Lake Waconia Park.

Questions or Comments:

Aasen commented that in order to get funding faster to complete the project that we ask the County Board to put out for a vote on the next ballot for bonding money.

Lynch asked if we could use different groups to clean up the island to save money; Staff stated that a large part of the cleanup is removing existing buildings and larger items also stated that the donated money can only be used for what is specified. For the smaller cleanup projects we could use different groups.

Bruner asked if we had a cost for the cleanup on the island; Staff stated that yes we have some preliminary numbers.

Aasen asked if any of the clean-up would be environmental; Staff stated that a study was done and no big environmental issues were found.

No other Questions or Comments

C. 2015 Year Review and Update

Staff shared with Park Commission a power point with pictures of highlights from 2015:

Items and Pictures shared were:

- Grants for the cooperative agreement for the boat access at LMP and the transportation enhancement funding.
- Construction project at Lake Minnewashta Park and the start of the MN River Bluffs Trail.
- Maintenance projects electronic gates, electronic locks, seal coating on the Dakota Rail, seal coating beach parking lot at LMP, new doors for maintenance facilities at LMP and LWP.
- AIS services
- Planning work for the LWP master plan and acquisition and sale of property for DNR and Coney Island.

Staff reviewed the system usage and growth in the regional parks. Discussion was had on how numbers are calculated and when numbers are collected.

Staff shared a couple of awards that the Parks Department received in 2015, from MN Rec and Park Assoc. and 4-H extension office.

Staff stated that 2015 has been a great year for the parks!

Question or Comments:

Manders commented that was very impressed on how many little kids participated in the Bike Konnect event and a good event to get kids out.

Boettcher asked if the numbers come from number of cars or people; Staff stated Met Council has a system they use to determine annual use estimates based on the recorded data we provide them.

Boettcher asked if more people in the park and on the trails results in more funds for park system; Staff stated yes we do get an increase in funding for operation and maintenance.

No other Questions or Comments

Commission Member Reports: (8:08 p.m.)

Boettcher stated that at the Chanhassen Parks & Rec meeting a conversation came up on fitness trail equipment (exercise sites) that may work at Lake Minnewashta Park. The city would possibly finance it; they thought that it would work at Lake Minnewashta Park. He wanted to start a conversation with the staff and park commission on if this would be something that would work at Lake Minnewashta Park. Wanted to know if any interest, Chanhassen could have someone come in and give a presentation.

Bruner stated that the TAC committee met last night and realized how many things need to be considered for the island which also includes the monitoring of the island.

Hermann stated that he has finished his 3rd term as Park Commission member; Staff thanked Hermann for his services on the Park Commission.

Manders brought up the article in the paper on the gateway trail in Minneapolis that it is not plowed and wondering if we plow our trails. Staff stated we don't plow the trails ourselves but if the cities want to plow them they can go ahead. Discussion was had on trail maintenance in the winter.

No other comments

Next Meeting Date: (8:21 p.m.)

Next meeting will be on February 10, 2016 at 6:30p.m. Will be held at the Public Works Building in Cologne

There will be no meeting on January 13th, 2016 Park Commission members are encouraged to attend the Public Engagement meeting for the Lake Waconia Master Plan at the Event center on January 13th at 6:30pm

Adjourn Meeting: (8:27 p.m.)

Boettcher motioned to adjourn the meeting

Aasen seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 to 0.



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission

FROM: Marty Walsh, Parks Director

SUBJECT: Regional Solicitation for Bike and Pedestrian Projects

DATE: February 5, 2016

Staff is recommending two project applications for the upcoming Regional Solicitation for Multi Use Trails and Bikeways.

The first application is for a portion of the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail extending from the Stieger Lake Boat access in Carver Park Reserve to and through the intersection of Rolling Acres Road a distance of one mile. The project fills a critical gap in making a paved trail connection from the City of Victoria and Carver Park Reserve to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The project also connects to the Southwest Regional Trail which had an annual use estimate of over 600,000 user visits. The County has received complaints about the safety of a mid-block crossing of the trail at Rolling Acres Road. The application would work to improve safety at that intersection.

The County made application in 2014 for this described trail segment but the proposed project scored just below the available recommended amount of funding for Multi Use Trails and Bikeways.

The second application is a trail segment of the Lake Waconia Regional Trail which would extend from the City of Waconia along the southern edge of Lake Waconia, through Lake Waconia Regional Park and terminate at Island View Golf Course. The project is approximately 1.2 miles in length and connects the City of Waconia's trail system to regional and area destinations of the park and golf course. The project also works to complete a regional trail connection between the park and the Dakota Rail Regional Trail and Carver Park Reserve. Area residents have expressed great interest in this trail connection.

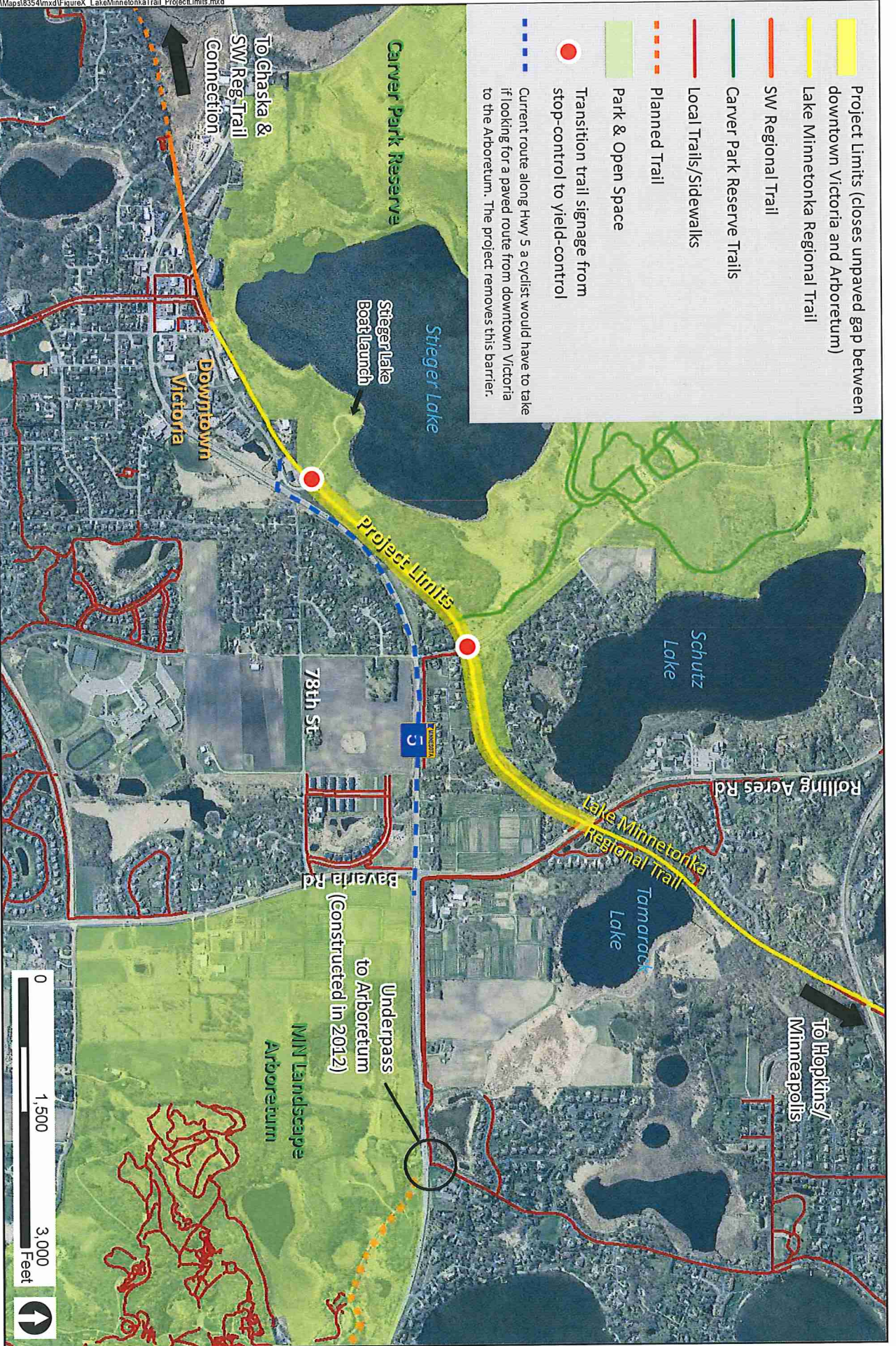
The County made application in 2014 for this described trail segment but the proposed project scored below the available recommended amount of funding for Multi Use Trails and Bikeways.

Both projects would be in Tier 1 or Tier 2 Regional Bicycle Transportation Network Corridors which is a significant planning tool used in evaluating applications for the Regional Solicitation.

Attached are figures of the two project areas.

Recommendation:

It is requested that the Park Commission recommend to the County Board that applications be submitted for the 2016 Regional Solicitation to include the project areas of the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail and the Lake Waconia Regional Trail.



Project Limits

Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail
Carver County Regional Solicitation Multi-Use Trail Application

Figure 1



Project Limits

Lake Waconia Regional Trail
Carver County Regional Solicitation Multi-Use Trail Application

Figure 1



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission

FROM: Marty Walsh, Parks Director

SUBJECT: Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Planning Work

DATE: February 5, 2015

Much work has been done to obtain input for and illustrate conceptual designs of Lake Waconia Regional Park and Coney Island. Draft concept plans were presented to in a public forum on January 13, 2016 at the Waconia Event Center. Over 160 people attended the meeting and provided feedback on the concept designs.

Work to tabulate and summarize the feedback on conceptual designs of Coney Island and the main park area is provided in the attached report of the Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Plan Amendment by WSB, our consulting planner.

To briefly summarize the report, Concept 2 – History Re Imagined for Coney Island and Concept 2- of the Adventure Abounds of the main park area were preferred. This is a general statement and isn't to say that ideas from the other concepts weren't received well or that strong likes from the other concept's wouldn't be considered in a preferred final design. Rather, the feedback on the various concepts was to help us understand the overall level of development desired and interests in types of recreational features and general location of them. The report highlights the stronger liked elements in yellow and less liked elements in blue. A listing of all comments received is also provided in the attached report.

The report and conceptual plans were also presented to the Technical Advisory Committee Members. They have provided further input from perspectives of US Fish and Wild Life Service, DNR, County Land and Water Management, Historical Society, County Park Commission, City of Waconia and Laketown Township. Comments have not yet been received from the perspectives of the Sheriff's Dept., Lake Waconia Township and Human Rights.

Work will begin to blend the ideas and feedback in to one preferred design for both Coney Island and the park.

Staff will present the attached conceptual designs and review the report with the Park Commission seeking additional feedback.

Future meetings include County Board Workshop on March 23rd, Public Open House on March 9th, and Park Commission meeting on March 16, 2016.

A recommendation is not requested at this time.

LAKE WAGONIA REGIONAL PARK

- 1 Lower Lakeshore Trail**
- Interpretive/Adventure Trail
 - Sustainable Design
 - Multiple Seating & Observation Areas
 - Views of Lake & Waconia

- 2 Upper Trail**
- Interpretive/Adventure Trail
 - Sustainable Design
 - Multiple Seating Areas
 - Blinds/Observation Stations
 - Views of Lake & Waconia

- 3 Rookery Area**
- Observation & Photo Blinds
 - Interpretive/Educational Signage
 - May Require Seasonal Trail Closure

- 4 Lower West Camp Area**
- Camper Tents (Portable) or Cabins
 - Docks

- 5 Island Access Point**
- Day Use Docks
 - Day Use Picnic Facilities
 - Island Trailhead
 - Vault or Compost Restroom

- 6 Flexible Day Use Recreation Area**
- Docks/Fishing
 - Group Camping
 - Group Day Use Space
 - Winter Gathering/Event Space
 - 3-Season Shelter

- 7 Woodland Tent Camp Area**
- Individual & Group Tent Camping
 - Winter & Survival Camping

- 8 Picnic Areas**
- Day Use Picnic Tables

- 9 Island Access Point & Day Use Recreation Area**
- Day Use Docks/Fishing
 - Island Trailhead
 - Adventure/Natural Play
 - Beach
 - Several Small Picnic Shelters
 - Day Use Picnic Facilities
 - Vault or Compost Restroom
 - Winter Gathering / Event Space



LEGEND

- Trails
- Seasonal Trails
- Overlooks
- Stairs



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Master Plan Update
Conceptual Designs

Coney Island Concept 1: Historical Voyageur



LAKE WAGONIA REGIONAL PARK

- 1 Lower Lakeshore Trail**
 - Interpretive/Educational Trail
 - Sustainable Design
 - Multiple Seating & Observation Areas
 - Views of Lake & Waconia
- 2 Upper Trail**
 - Interpretive/Educational Trail
 - Sustainable Design
 - Multiple Seating Areas
 - Blinds/Observation Stations
 - Views of Lake & Waconia
- 3 Upper Camping Area**
 - Group & Individual Tent Camp Sites
- 4 Poets Garden**
 - Interpretive/Educational Information
 - Gazebo
 - German Poets Cottage Style Garden
- 5 Historic Central Courtyard**
 - Interpretive/Educational Trail
 - Main Island Visitors Building (restrooms, concessions, deck seating/viewing, historical photos and information, lookout tower)
 - Open Lawn on Eastern Side (events, weddings, lawn bowling, etc.)
 - Identify Historic Hotel Foundations
 - Open Lawn/Small Event Space
 - Keep Natural in Rookery Space



- 6 Lower Camping Area**
 - Day Use Docks & Fishing Piers
 - Tent Camp Sites & Fire Rings
 - Vault or Compost Restroom
 - Picnic Shelter
 - Scattered Picnic Facilities
 - Winter Snowmobile Stop
 - Cabins
- 7 Day Use Area**
 - Beach
 - Picnic Shelter
 - Pier
- 8 Picnic Areas**
 - Day Use Picnic Tables
- 9 Lower Day Use Area**
 - Interpretive/Educational Information
 - Restore/preserve Building & Wall Remnants
 - Multiple Picnic Areas
 - Gazebo Overlooking Lake
 - Views of Lake & Waconia
 - Day Use Docks
- 10 Main Island Access Point**
 - Day Use Docks & Fishing Piers
 - Entrance Shelter Reflecting Historic Bathhouse Towers
 - Historic Walk Up to Central Courtyard
 - Island Maps/Trailhead
 - Historic Boat Ramp

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Coney Island Concept 2: History Re-Imagined

LAKE WAICONIA REGIONAL PARK

- 1 DNR Boat Launch**
- Approx. 24-36 Trailer Stalls
 - Approx. 8-10 Vehicle Stalls
 - Double Boat Launch
 - Washdown / Inspection Area
 - Fishing Piers

- 2 Watercraft Area**
- Potential Watercraft Rentals
 - Storage Space
 - Day Use Docks
 - Island Transfer Location

- 3 Beach Improvements**
- Expand Beach & Umbrella's
 - New Adjacent Playground & Splash Pad
 - Main Park Building (restrooms, changing rooms, trailhead, concessions, picnic space)
 - Informal Lawn/Picnic Space
 - Multiple Picnic Shelters
 - Cafe / Plaza Space

- 4 Lakeshore Walk**
- Interpretive/Educational Trail
 - Boardwalk Character
 - Multiple Seating/Observation Areas
 - Fishing Piers

- 5 Park Trails**
- Paved Trails 10'-12' Wide
 - Boardwalk in Wet Locations
 - Connects to Waiconia
 - Connects to Elementary School
 - Future Regional Trail Connection
 - Numerous Overlooks/ Observation Areas



- 6 Event Center**
- Interim Use
 - Deck Area Focused on Lake
 - Improved Restrooms

- 7 Parking**
- Approx. 160 - 180 Stalls
 - Pulled Away from Lake

- 8 Park Identification**
- Delineate Edges of Park Locations
 - Wayfinding Signs at Key Locations
 - Monument Signs at Entrance Location

- 9 Sledding Hill**
- Modified Length Runs

- Natural Resources
- Management Plan to Control Invasive Species
- Promote Native Habitats
- Vegetative Buffers

- Educational Opportunities
- Viewing Binoculars to Island
- Historical Interpretive Signage Along Trails
- Yellowstone Trail Signs
- Flora and Fauna Signs
- Ecological Signs
- Potential Technological Enhancements in Signs (QR Codes & School Resources)

LEGEND

- Trails
- Boardwalks
- Park I.D.
- Overlooks
- Contact Station



Master Plan Update Conceptual Designs

Main Park Concept 1A: Waterfront Terrace



LAKE WAGONIA REGIONAL PARK

11 Parking

- Approx. 160 - 180 Stalls by Lawn
- Approx. 20 - 25 Stalls by Sledding Hill

12 Large Lawn Space

- Informal Open Lawn Area
- Large Group 3-Season Shelters & Event Space
- Views of Lake
- Picnic Space
- Property Modifications
- Future opportunities may arise to expand / modify property boundaries



LEGEND

			
Trails	Park I.D.	Overlooks	Contact Station
			
Boardwalks			

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Master Plan Update
Conceptual Designs

Main Park Concept 1B: Waterfront Terrace





Graphic Scale



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LAKE WAGONIA REGIONAL PARK

- 1 DNR Boat Launch**
- Approx. 24-36 Trailer Stalls
 - Approx. 8-10 Vehicle Stalls
 - Double Boat Launch
 - Washdown / Inspection Area
 - Fishing Piers

- 2 Watercraft Area**
- Day Use Docks
 - Island Transfer Location

- 3 Beach Improvements**
- Expand Beach & Umbrellas
 - New Adjacent Sand & Water Play Area
 - Informal Lawn/Picnic Space
 - Multiple Picnic Shelters

- 4 Event Center**
- Interim Use
 - Deck Area Focused on Lake
 - Improved Restrooms

- 5 Park Trails**
- Paved Trails 10'-12' Wide
 - Boardwalk in Wet Locations
 - Connects to Waconia
 - Connects to Elementary School
 - Future Regional Trail Connection
 - Numerous Overlooks/ Observation Areas

- 6 Park Identification**
- Delineate Edges of Park
 - Wayfinding Signs at Key Locations
 - Monument Signs at Entrance Location
 - Separate Church Access Road

- 7 Parking**
- Approx. 160 - 180 Stalls
 - Pulled Away from Lake

- 8 Lakeshore Walk**
- Interpretive/Educational Trail
 - Multiple Seating/Observation Areas

- 9 Upper Park Development**
- Parking for 20 - 25 Stalls
 - Disc Golf in Prairie & Woods

- 10 Sledding Hill**
- Modified Length Runs

- Educational Opportunities**
- Viewing Binoculars to Island
 - Historical Interpretive Signage Along Trails
 - Yellowstone Trail Signs
 - Flora and Fauna Signs
 - Ecological Signs
 - Potential Technological Enhancements in Signs (QR Codes & School Resources)

- Natural Resources**
- Management Plan to Control Invasive Species
 - Promote Native Habitats
 - Vegetative Buffers



LEGEND

- Trails (Red dashed line)
- Boardwalks (Blue dashed line)
- Park I.D. (Yellow star)
- Overlooks (Yellow oval)
- Contact Station (Orange diamond)



5 Master Plan Update Conceptual Designs

Main Park Concept 2A: Adventure Abounds



LAKE WAGONIA REGIONAL PARK

- 12 Parking Expansion
 - Approx. 65 - 70 Stalls
 - Pulled Away from Lake

- 13 Park Building Venue
 - Meeting rooms/Event Space with Deck
 - Overlooking the Lake
 - Day-Of-Day Uses (restrooms, changing rooms, concessions, rentals, programs, etc.)
 - Lakeside Plaza/Deck
 - Pedestrian Pier/Relocated Transfer location
 - Small Beach Expansion & Bonfire location

- 14 Open Lawn
 - Open Lawn & Event Space (games, activities, music in park, view fireworks, winter snowmobile stop, etc.)
 - Lakeside Picnic Shelters

- 15 Sledding Hill Enhancement
 - Chalet
 - Tow Rope
 - Potential Summer Sledding (freshape hill)

- 16 Base Camp Adventure Area
 - Parking for Approx. 75 - 80 Stalls
 - Adventure Style Playground
 - Tree Walk / Challenge Events
 - Climbing Activities
 - 4-Season Heated Shelter with Restrooms
 - Adjacent Plaza and Bonfire Ring
 - Winter Sledding / Summer Challenge Course Area

- Property Modifications
 - Future opportunities may arise to expand / modify property boundaries



Master Plan Update Conceptual Designs

Main Park Concept 2B: Adventure Abounds





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Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Plan Amendment

Date: February 2, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Carver County Public Works Headquarters
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Re: TAC Meeting #5 – Concept Feedback Summary
WSB Project No. 1945-06

Concept Plan Feedback Summary:

Coney Island:

Overall, there were fewer preferences for Concept 1 – Historical Voyageur and more preferences for Concept 2 – History Re-Imagined, though the specific elements of the concepts are summarized in more detail below:

Island Trails and Overlooks

- Both concepts ranked high with the trails & overlooks.
- Would like more multi-use trails with the seasonal trails around the rookery to become cross-country ski trails in the winter (3).
- Don't allow motorized vehicles on island trails.
- Some disliked the stairs, others liked them and wanted additional stair connections – in particular next to the old boathouse location on north side of island.
- Don't make the trails too close together.
- Don't overbuild the trails if it costs too much to implement & maintain.
- Lookout tower was a popular item.
- Many requests for being able to walk dogs on trails and on island.

Island Access & Accessibility

- Keep in mind accessibility for seniors or those with disabilities (watch steep slopes and minimize stairs).
- Many likes for the eastern island access location.
- Many likes for the main central island access location with historic tower.
- There were concerns with having one main access point for boats – it may get too congested if all in one location and would prefer not having too many boats in the southern bay area.
- Provide separate docks for non-motorized boats.

- The southern piece of the island and along the SW tip along a sandbar is where many people currently beach their boats for island access.
- Numerous comments for providing a water shuttle service to and from the main park.
- Many comments about making sure there are strategic locations for boat access and various docks so that they can be used according to changes in prevailing wind direction.
- A comment about too many docks and access points if there needs to be an emergency evacuation.
- Concern about cabins along the water as this may prevent day users being able to use the shoreline spaces.

Camping

- Many dots/comments to keep camping out of the west end of the island. Comments that this may be too noisy and too close to residential areas along Waconia lakeshore (WSB: they may not know this already takes place). Also comments that this is highly used for day use by boaters since there are many areas to picnic, it has the rope swing, and the non-motorized watercraft rentals will stop at this point before going back to the city park.
- Many likes for having camping on the eastern side of the island.
- Comments to allow more tent camping along the trail system.
- Pack it in pack it out camping policy.
- Questions about reservation policies and safety measures.
- Like cabins or yurts on island.
- Questions about having carts to haul camping gear around.

Day Use Areas & Amenities

- Many “likes” for day use recreation areas on both concepts, there were comments to keep them on either ends of the island for easy patrolling/viewing and making use of locations people already use.
- Need more open spaces for users, clean up vegetation without removing quality material in order to keep wooded appearance but create an open field space on eastern end where Gophers practiced by proposed beach area.
- Would like rentals for day use areas such as canoes/kayaks and winter snowshoe or cross country skiing.
- Like informal beach area.

Built Features & Amenities

- More votes for a concessions area on the island than against.
- Many comments on providing restrooms and power in specific locations of island.
- Notes to have visitors center feature and restrooms in better relationship with access locations and day use recreation areas.
- Lots of likes for the observation tower.
- Comments that the visitor’s center would be great opportunity for historical displays.
- Comment to create more of a pavilion at the dock entrance with maps, island information, restrooms, etc.
- Many like small pavilion/gazebo area and/or poet’s garden, but differing views on locations with some worries about vandalism.

Historical Interpretation

- Many like the historical interpretation depicted in Concept 2 with many comments (11) on using the historical elements to create the destination feel.
- Provide plot ownership information.
- Provide interpretive signs and/or kiosks along trails.
- A few comments to keep the old car on the island.
- Provide information of original roads/walks and significance (such as deliveries to island).

Natural Resources & Development Level

- Comments that Concept 1 was too minimal and more for the “die-hard” users but thought a few more items from Concept 2 added to it would improve it.
- Many comments to start simple.
- Many commented that the level of development on Concept 2 was appropriate though some thought it was over-developed.
- Comments to avoid over-developing and losing the natural and remote feel to the island – don’t create too many open spaces.
- Both comments had likes on providing rookery observation areas and seasonal trails to protect the area during nesting.

Main Park:

Overall, there were fewer preferences for Concept 1 – Lakefront Terrace and more preferences for Concept 2 – Adventure Abounds, though the specific elements of the concepts are summarized in more detail below:

Trails & Overlook Areas

- Both concepts ranked high with the trails & overlooks.
- Many liked the boardwalk feel along the lakeshore described in Concept 1.
- Would like more multi-use trails (biking, walking, skiing).
- Requests for single track trails that can work with snow shoe trails.
- Like connection to elementary school.
- Provide a regional connection to Victoria and stop at Swedish Institute (?).
- Many comments regarding the importance of providing regional connections to greater trail systems and communities that would connect to the park (Dakota Rail) and north side of lake.
- Highlight the historical Yellowstone Trail route.

Park Access, Accessibility & Wayfinding

- Delineate park edge.
- Wayfinding trail maps needed.

Boat Launch & Watercraft Accommodations

- Many disliked boat launch or prefer it on the eastern side of the beach (NOTE: this has already been approved as is and will be developed by DNR) while there were also comments that the boat launch was too small.
- Many like beaching their boats by the beach area currently and some commented that it would be beneficial to have a dock or place for boats to access the park/beach from the lake.
- Keep ability to beach boats by park.
- Comments to make sure there are enough docks (more needed) or fishing piers along lake for park users.

Beach Area, Playground & Splash Pad Development

- Many like improvements/expansion of beach area, but don't expand it closer to boat launch – go to the east.
- Don't have splash pad and playground too close to beach (kids taking off to lake) or through traffic areas.

Parking

- Make sure that HC parking isn't too far away.
- Provide adequate parking for park events (Vintage Snowmobile Club noted).

Park Building(s) / Event Center

- Comments both for keeping the Event Center and making some improvements to it and comments for creating a new event center – but either way, it was very important to have a large venue available.
- Use park building for concessions, rentals and restrooms/changing room.
- Use park building for historical displays.

Informal & Natural Areas:

- Lawn spaces were very favorable. Great for many types of activities (music in park, tent set up, weddings, food trucks, etc.)
- Keep lawn related to Event Center/Venue.
- Like natural resources – improve.
- Focus on wetland protection and nesting habitat for waterfowl.
- Put observation blinds by wetland.
- Add environmental / educational information by upper parking lot by sledding hill.

Recreational Amenities

- Like basecamp area on Concept 2.
- Like challenge events.
- Maybe a band stage can be added by lawn area.
- Provide lawn amenities (bocce ball, horseshoes).
- Add volleyball.
- Couple of comments to have camping available in main park.
- Like how amenities are spread throughout the park in Concept 2.
- Numerous comments for having an area for dogs.
- Comment that Crown College has a disc golf course that is barely used.

Sledding Hill

- Many likes and comments for incorporating summer use on hill.
- Comments for having the tow rope and chalet.
- Expand snow hill down prairie side for different experience or age level.
- Provide better access to hill.
- Comment to expand hill to be like Elm Creek.

Development Level

- Comments that Concept 1 needs more activities, such as disc golf or challenge areas from Concept 2 that can be phased in.
- Comments that Concept 2 development is favorable, but comments that this should be phased in.

Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Plan Amendment

Concept Review Summary Notes



January 14

Lake Waconia Regional Park and Coney Island Master Plan Update posted

Which Concept for Coney Island do you prefer?

#Parks in Waconia, MN

Concept #1: Historical Voyageur



Concept #2: History Re-imagined



Vote on this poll 11 people have voted

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Coney Island Concept #1: Historical Voyageur

Concept Elements	Like - Green Dot	Don't Like - Red Dot
Island Trails & Overlooks (upper and lower)	10	1
Rookery Area Observation	5	
Lower West Camping Area	3	14
Lower West Island Access Point	3	1
Eastern Flexible Day Use Recreation & Camping Area	3	4
Woodland Tent Camping Area		
Island Picnic Areas		3
Eastern Island Access Point & Day Use Recreation Area	11	
Total Dots:	35	23

Comments:

- 1 provide a water shuttle service / taxi (3)
- 2 Don't like one big access - can be bottle necked
- 3 lake restoration - plant shoreline vegetation for example
- 4 need fishing dock (not boat dock) on East side
- 5 decentralize docks to keep boats out of central bay
- 6 need more docks (6)
- 7 add two fishing piers on north side of island
- 8 move eastern-most dock on other side of overlook
- 9 do not have any docks on all 4 points for emergency evacuation
- 10 omit travel on north side
- 11 remove or relocate more north- docks on East side
- 12 consider prevailing winds of SW. Northern portion of island is normally more calm in summer times - place docks there
- 13 No camping on shore so more people can use areas closest to water (4)
- 14 who maintains cabins on SE point? What about noise etc?
- 15 camping on west side of island is too close to residents
- 16 are there enough camping areas to draw people to the island?
- 17 will there be wells / water at camping areas?
- 18 no cabins
- 19 do not have camping on island
- 20 overlooks are not in the best places
- 21 trails and look out points are appropriate (2)
- 22 have seasonal trails / trails become XC skiing trails (3)
- 23 do not like stairs (4)

- 24 uncontrolled (seasonal) areas may cause vandalism (2)
- 25 include interpretive signs
- 26 need more open areas (2)
- 27 keep picnic areas near shore
- 28 not enough historical or multiple use amenities (3)
- 29 Prefer simple, can always upgrade later. Also cheaper to maintain (7)
- 30 keep more natural
- 31 The amenities appear more for 'diehards'
- 32 This feel is too minimal (4)
- 33 do not see any active spaces
- 34 good balance between active and passive spaces (3)
- 35 lots of key points are identified
- 36 Don't forget seniors (2)
- 37 missing bathrooms and power
- 38 add pavilion from concept 2 (3)
- 39 put poets garden where #6 (Eastern Flexible Day Use Recreation & Camping area) and #9 (Island Access Point & Day Use Recreation Area) areas are
- 40 keep #4 (Lower West Camping Area) day use only
- 41 replace #4 (Lower West Camping Area) and #5 (Lower West Island Access Point) with #9 (Western Lower Day Use Recreation Area) from concept 2

- 42 add #10 (Main Island Access Point with Tower) from concept 2
- 43 add #5 (Central Gazebo & Poets Garden) from concept 2
- 44 please allow dogs
- 45 look at operational and maintenance costs
- 46 why are we trying to save Cormorants?
- 47 splash pad is not necessary

Coney Island Concept #2: History Re-Imagined

Concept Elements	Like - Green Dot	Don't Like - Red Dot
Island Trails & Overlooks (upper and lower)	6	1
Rookery Area Observation	5	1
Upper Western Tent Camping Area	7	
Central Historic Courtyard with Visitors Center Building	20	4
Central Gazebo & Poets Garden	3	
Eastern Lower Camping Area	8	
Day Use Beach Area	8	
Picnic Areas	1	
Western Lower Day Use Recreation Area	8	
Main Island Access Point with Tower	12	2
Total Dots:	78	8

Comments:

- 1 provide a water shuttle service / taxi (9)
- 2 Don't like one big access - can be bottle necked (3)
- 3 emergency access- will trails be paved?
- 4 have two access points (2)
- 5 create pavilion to generate crowd and income to accent large dock entrance
- 6 great spot for live music near large dock entrance and pavilion
- 7 more dock access on north side (5)
- 8 remove dock on east point- too windy
- 9 have non-motorized dock / pier / landings on south side of island
- 10 add docks just north of #9 (Western Lower Day Use Recreation Area)
- 11 primary boat anchor area on windy day. Too many children in water for increased boat traffic
- 12 Build Yurts on the island
- 13 Campsite reservations?

- 14 put camping on interior
- 15 have campers take out what they bring in (Boundary Waters)
- 16 will there be carts to haul camping gear?
- 17 move all camping to one area - not on west side of island
- 18 how will this be staffed / patrolled- address park safety (2)
- 19 offer trail style camping - spread sites out more for privacy
- 20 no cabins (2)
- 21 like stairs connecting upper and lower trails (2)
- 22 too many trails
- 23 Have another set of stair connecting the upper and lower trails (2)
- 24 interested in how much more money the additional trails will cost
- 25 trails are too close together
- 26 trail going through poets garden to east side of island is boring
- 27 multi-use trails in winter - use for biking, xc skiing, snowmobiles (3)
- 28 designate paths that do not allow snowmobiles and ATVs
- 29 do not like stairs
- 30 include concessions at visitor center (5)
- 31 missing bathrooms and power
- 32 is the historical building a vandalism concern?
- 33 can pavilion be saved if gutted and converted to open air building?
- 34 No concessions (2)
- 35 look out tower is a must
- 36 have a shed to store equipment
- 37 restrooms and trash receptacles should be near docks (3)
- 38 have canoe / kayak racks near day use area (rentals) - (2)
- 39 will the main island building have electricity?
- 40 gazebo not needed near #9 (Western Lower Day Use Recreation Area)
- 41 The level of this development is favorable (9)
- 42 The accessibility in this concept is favorable
- 43 The variety of amenities is favorable (3)
- 44 Too much going on in this concept - too developed (4)
- 45 Single day and annual trans fees
- 46 Want to walk dogs to island in winter months- provide area (3)
- 47 have day use area closer to beach and marinas - keep traffic down in front of island
- 48 like accenting historical elements - creating a 'destination' feel (11)
- 49 keep car on island in some way (3)
- 50 keep boathouse on NW side- great safety spot for boaters (4)
- 51 good balance between active and passive spaces
- 52 good that both young and old can enjoy it
- 53 switch #6 (Eastern Lower Camping Area) & #9 (Western Lower Day Use Recreation Area) (2)
- 54 well thought out and different kind of look
- 55 have area #6 (Eastern Lower Camping Area) as open as possible
- 56 have more open space on East side (2)
- 57 have ball field in open play area
- 58 have kiosks to show old ruins
- 59 fireworks should be shot off at the island (4)
- 60 too many trees removed - island is too open (2)
- 61 too many active spaces
- 62 high ground- #4 (Central Historic Courtyard with Visitors Center Building), #5 (Central Gazebo & Poets Garden) ,and #8 (Picnic Areas) might be hard to get to

- 63 keep area near #5 (Central Gazebo & Poets Garden) rustic and easy to police
- 64 respect native burials
- 65 alcohol?
- 66 zip line into water
- 67 rope swing
- 68 is the beach large enough?
- 69 how will people evacuate in case of emergency?
- 70 great for field trips
- 71 Cormorants are gone. Rookery was natural on the eastside of island
- 72 use of roadways and plot histories is important
- 73 have beach for swim access at #9 (Western Lower Day Use Recreation Area)
- 74 north shore - sleepless concerns
- 75 will this development cause erosion and danger fish habitats?
- 76 finish island first so Hoffman's can enjoy their legacy

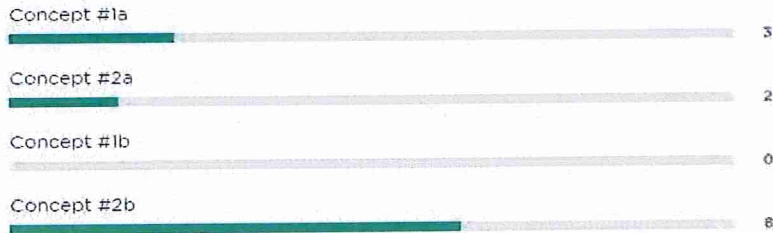


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Lake Waconia Regional Park and Coney Island Master Plan Update posted

Which Concept for the Main Island do you prefer?

#Parks in Waconia, MN



Vote on this poll 13 people have voted

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Main Park Concept #1: Waterfront Terrace

Concept Elements	Like - Green Dot	Don't Like - Red Dot
DNR Boat Launch (By Others)		1
Watercraft Area (rentals, storage space, day use docks)	1	
Beach Expansion	2	
Beach Playground / Splash Pad	2	1
Main Park Buildings (restrooms, changing rooms, concessions)		
Beach Area Café and Plaza Spaces	1	1
Open Lawn Space	4	
Main Parking Lot		
Lakeshore Walk		
Trails & Observation Areas	8	
Event Center Improvements	4	
Event Center Removal	1	
Park Delineation & Wayfinding Signage	1	
Sledding Hill Improvements	1	
Large Group Shelter Buildings		
Future Parking Lots		
Natural Resource Management Plan	3	
Educational & Interpretive Signage	2	
Total Dots:	30	2

Comments:

- 1 provide a water shuttle service / taxi
- 2 no DNR boat launch
- 3 move boat launch to eastern side (2)
- 4 make boat launch smaller
- 5 have non-motorized water activities (paddle boards, paddle boats, canoes, etc)
- 6 is there parking for boats that want to come from the lake to use the park? (lake owner, boats parked at marina, etc)
- 7 minimize trailer parking at boat launch (3)
- 8 concerns about the level of traffic brought to the lake - safety issues
- 9 have multiple parking in area now used for parking for Vintage Snowmobiles
- 10 #11 (Parking) and #12 (Large Lawn Space) are great for music, food trucks, events with overlooks
- 11 like round about
- 12 plan for overflow parking (2)
- 13 add more vehicle parking at boat launch
- 14 have new, larger event center built to host concerts and entertainment (4)
- 15 keep the event center- just update as needed (2)
- 16 keep ballroom - add deck environmental education and path to lake
- 17 change event center to convention center
- 18 do not include a mountain bike course
- 19 include single track trails for biking, running and skiing (2)
- 20 is the distance from school to underpass realistic?
- 21 have boardwalk (2)
- 22 have trail system connect to trails outside park (8)
- 23 have splash pad further from water
- 24 don't have splash pad through traffic area
- 25 splash pad is not necessary
- 26 move smaller rec. beach to west of boat launch
- 27 fresh sand at beach
- 28 please allow dogs (2)
- 29 have dog area around #9 (Sledding Hill)
- 30 dog park in area north of church? -anywhere (2)
- 31 dog park north of trail along hwy 5
- 32 will church and / or other people around park sell land to expand park?
- 33 not enough development
- 34 does not accommodate all ages and all activity is mainly in one area
- 35 include areas for seniors
- 36 not in favor of this concept (2)
- 37 need more amenities to address active play - endurance sports (2)
- 38 have disc golf around in same area as concept 2
- 39 bring fireworks back

Main Park Concept #2: Adventure Abounds

Concept Elements	Like - Green Dot	Don't Like - Red Dot
DNR Boat Launch (By Others)		14
Watercraft Area (rentals, storage space, day use docks)	1	
Beach Expansion	3	1
Beach Sand & Water Play	4	4
Main Park Buildings (restrooms, changing rooms, concessions)	10	
Beach Area Picnic Shelters	4	1
Main Parking Lot		
Lakeshore Walk	2	
Trails & Observation Areas	12	3
Event Center Improvements	10	5
Open Lawn Space	4	1
Park Delineation & Wayfinding Signage	1	
Upper Access & Parking Lot (by sledding hill)	2	5
Sledding Hill Improvements & Summer Use	16	2
Disc Golf	9	1
New Park Building & Event Center	3	
Future Parking Lots	1	1
Base Camp Adventure Area	6	1
Natural Resource Management Plan	4	
Educational & Interpretive Signage	2	
	Total Dots:	
	94	25

Comments:

- 1 limited entrance and exits may cause backups
- 2 have multiple parking in area now used for parking for Vintage Snowmobiles
- 3 limited amount of parking is a concern
- 4 minimize trailer parking at boat launch (2)
- 5 move boat launch to eastern side (4)
- 6 keep boat / truck traffic separate from park traffic
- 7 plan for overflow parking (2)
- 8 push DNR boat launch further from shoreline (4)
- 9 boat launch is too small (2)
- 10 moving DNR launch to East side will create buffer from private properties
- 11 boat launch is too close to Legacy Village- will cause congestion
- 12 have closer parking for handicap
- 13 parking for boats is much closer than park / swimming use
- 14 need more docks (3)
- 15 need more areas to park boats
- 16 have non-motorized water activities (paddle boards, paddle boats, canoes, etc)
- 17 day use boat slip parking
- 18 like new building with food service (2)
- 19 Save ballroom for alternate use

- 20 keep new event center comparable to current one, creating income potential (2)
- 21 keep ballroom - add deck environmental education and path to lake (3)
- 22 consider larger capacity for event venue (3)
- 23 park building as a means to assist in operational park costs is a good idea: event / wedding space, live music area, concessions (4)
- 24 refer to event center in Chaska. Great for older ages
- 25 band stage / amphitheater (3)
- 26 food trucks or small café/bar area in #14 (Open Lawn Space) (Minnehaha falls, Sea Salt)
- 27 #14 (Open Lawn Space) is a good idea- include pavilion for live music
- 28 need access to bike trail
- 29 connect to Dakota Bike Trail. Connect bikers from downtown to North side of lake (8)
- 30 is the distance from school to underpass realistic?
- 31 pave all trails
- 32 include trail access from Victoria
- 33 have bike trails where sledding hill is
- 34 include single track trails for biking and running on southern portion of park
- 35 have trail system connect to trails outside park (7)
- 36 have most trails crushed gravel
- 37 relocate trail closer to water on SW side
- 38 have sledding hill year around (2)
- 39 light sledding hill
- 40 have smaller sledding hill for younger ages (2)
- 41 chalet and tow rope are a good idea (5)
- 42 No tow rope (4)
- 43 large outdoor skating area is a good idea (3)
- 44 summer sledding (3)
- 45 expand snow hill down prairie side (2)
- 46 make beach bigger (4)
- 47 move smaller rec. beach to west of boat launch
- 48 splash pad is not necessary
- 49 keep splash pad
- 50 include sand volleyball courts (2)
- 51 great idea for the basecamp area
- 52 include more structured uses, ie: horse shoe pits, bocce ball (3)
- 53 do not need binoculars and QR codes
- 54 allow off-leash dog area (6)
- 55 dog park in area north of church (2)
- 56 favorable for this concept (3)
- 57 allow phasing for this concept (2)
- 58 will this draw too much attention from outside areas? Can this area handle the traffic? (3)
- 59 good balance between active and passive spaces (2)
- 60 like how activities are spread throughout the park
- 61 blinds near east wetland
- 62 focus on interpretation and env. Edu. near #9 (Upper Access & Parking Lot (by sledding hill))
- 63 focus on wetland protection and nesting habitat for waterfowl
- 64 vegetative buffer along NW side
- 65 have signage to direct people to beach
- 66 incorporate county historical museum in park building venue
- 67 include areas for seniors (2)
- 68 already disc golf at Crown College with minimal use
- 69 display of events center
- 70 no plans address the Midwest Vintage Snowmobile club (3)
- 71 too much going on in this concept



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission

FROM: Marty Walsh, Parks Director

SUBJECT: Service Delivery

DATE: February 5, 2015

Staff would like to briefly report on suggested changes in service delivery for awareness and feedback purposes.

- 1) Waste Management
- 2) Coney Island
- 3) Recreation Equipment Rental Operations
- 4) Policing
- 5) Emerald Ash Borer Disease

It is also requested that if Commission Members have suggested service level changes to bring those items forward.



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MEMO

TO: Members of the Park Commission

FROM: Marty Walsh, Parks Director

SUBJECT: Electronic Message Boards

DATE: February 5, 2015

At the request of Commission Member Carroll Aassen, he has asked for discussion about locating electronic message boards at park entrances for advertising, possible public announcements and public safety messages.

Staff has briefly looked into ordinance language which addresses signage and electronic message boards.

Attached is ordinance language from the City of Chanhassen and from the County's Land and Water Service Department.

From: Ingvalson, Drew [<mailto:DIngvalson@ci.chanhassen.mn.us>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 4:09 PM
To: Martin Walsh
Subject: RE: Signage

Good Afternoon,

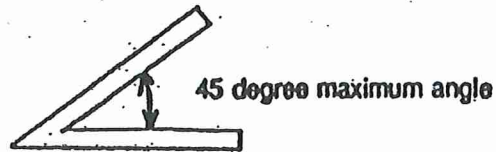
Kate Aanenson forwarded your email to me earlier today. Per your question, I have attached our City Code Section regarding electronic message center signs (emc). For the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, the sign must:

- Not exceed 24 square feet total (emc signage and non-emc signage).
- Not have an EMC signage that exceeds 50% of the total sign (for example a 24 square foot sign would be allowed 12 square foot emc sign)
- Be used for public use only.
- Meet all requirements of Sec. 20-1276 (see attached).

Please, feel free to contact me at the information below if you have any additional questions.

Best Regards,

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City of Chanhassen | Community Development Department
P.O. Box 147 | 7700 Market Boulevard | Chanhassen, MN 55317
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45 Degree Maximum Angle

(b) All on-premises freestanding signs must have structural supports covered or concealed with pole covers. The actual structural supports should not be exposed, and the covers should be architecturally and aesthetically designed to match the building. Pole covers shall be a minimum height of eight feet. The exposed uprights, superstructure and/or backside of all signs shall be painted a neutral color such as light blue, gray, brown or white, unless it can be illustrated that such part of the sign designed or painted in another manner is integral to the overall design of the sign.



Shopping Center

(c) The installation of electrical signs shall be subject to the National Electrical Code, as adopted and amended by the city. Electrical service to such sign shall be underground.

(d) No sign shall be attached or be allowed to hang from any building until all necessary wall and roof attachments have been approved by the building official. Any canopy or awning sign shall have a minimum of an eight-foot clearance.

(e) Illuminated signs shall be shielded to prevent lights from being directed at oncoming traffic in such brilliance that it impairs the vision of the driver. No such signs shall interfere with or obscure an official traffic sign or signal; this includes indoor signs which are visible from public streets. Illumination for a sign or groups of signs shall not exceed one-half foot candle in brightness as measured at the property line.

Sec. 20-1276. Electronic message center signs.

Electronic message center (EMC) signs and time and temperature signs shall comply with the following standards:

- (1) No electronic message center sign may be erected that, by reason of position, shape, movement or color interferes with the proper functioning of a traffic sign, signal or which otherwise constitutes a traffic hazard.

- (2) Electronic and nonelectronic message center space used on a sign shall not exceed the following display area:

Sign display area	EMC Display
0—24 sq. ft.	50%
25—64 sq. ft.	45%
65—80 sq. ft.	40%

- (3) Electronic message center displays shall not exceed 5,000 Nits between the hours of civil sunrise and civil sunset and shall not exceed 500 Nits between the hours of civil sunset and civil sunrise.
- (4) Electronic message center signs shall not cause direct glare, nor become a distraction due to excessive brightness.
- (5) The lamp wattage and luminance level in candelas per square meter (Nits) shall be provided at the time of permit applications.
- (6) There shall be no electronic message center signs in the front setback area within 50 feet of a street intersection (as measured from intersecting right-of-way lines) except where lighting for such sign is indirect or diffused and in no way constitutes a traffic hazard.
- (7) There shall be no electronic message center signs within 125 feet of a residential district.
- (8) Flashing, special effects or animated scenes on electronic message center signs shall be prohibited.
- (9) Electronic message center signs shall not be located in agricultural or residential zoning districts.
- (10) Electronic message center sign display use for signs within 500 feet of single-family residential homes shall be limited to the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (Ord. No. 482, § 2, 8-10-09)

Secs. 20-1277—20-1300. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. SIGNS ALLOWED IN SPECIFIC DISTRICTS BY PERMIT

Sec. 20-1301. Agricultural and residential districts.

The following signs are allowed by permit in the A-2, RR, RSF, R-4, RLM, R-8, R-12, R-16, and residential PUD districts:

- (1) *Public and institutional signs.* One ground low profile or wall sign, not exceeding 24 square feet of sign display area, shall be permitted on the premises of any public or institutional property giving the name of the facility and nature of the use and occupancy. Such sign shall be located at least ten feet from any property line, and shall not exceed five feet in height.

Martin Walsh

From: Steve Just
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 1:37 PM
To: Martin Walsh
Cc: Connie Keller
Subject: RE: Electronic Message Board Signs

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Here's the link to the code- please see Land Usage, Chapter 154 Sign Regulations. In general, off-premise signs and changeable copy signs aren't allowed (see Section 154.23 Unauthorized Signs). An electrical sign, with messages changing occasionally, would be allowed, but the 32 sq ft (36 sq ft total) limitations per parcel would still apply.

Mn/DOT has the Hwy Beautification Act (I think that's what it's called?) so they may have some regulations near State intersections.

Please let me know if you'd like more info, or would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Steve

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From: Martin Walsh
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Steve Just
Cc: Connie Keller
Subject: Electronic Message Board Signs

Hi Steve,

Can you provide me or direct me to County ordinance language pertaining to electronic message boards, for permanent signs, if we have any?

I have a Park Commissioner that would like to explore the ability for the County to consider an electronic message boards as a part of an entrance monument signs at Baylor and Waconia Regional Parks.

Also, if you know whether or not MNDOT has any language pertaining to electronic message boards near their ROW.

Thanks for your consideration,

in accordance with the terms of this chapter by the owners thereof or by the owners of the grounds on which said sign shall stand, upon receipt of proper notice so to do, given by the issuing authority. No rotten or other unsafe sign shall be repaired or rebuilt except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and upon a permit issued by the issuing authority.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07)

§ 154.14 REMOVAL.

In the event of the failure of the owner or person, company or corporation having control of any sign, or the owner of the ground on which the sign is located, to remove or repair said sign within 60 days after the use is terminated, a notice shall be given to the person or entity identified in the sign application and the sign may be removed by the county at the expense of the owner or manager of the sign, or the owner of the ground upon which the sign stands.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07)

§ 154.15 VIOLATIONS.

(A) *Violations.* Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter or who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter or who shall make any false statement in any document required to be submitted under the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) *Stop work orders.* Whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of this chapter, the county may order the work stopped by written notice personally served upon the property owner or applicant named in the permit. All activities shall cease and desist until subsequent authorization to proceed is received from the county or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(C) *Injunctive relief and other remedies.* In the event of a violation or a threat of a violation of this chapter, the county may institute appropriate actions or proceedings, including injunctive relief, to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such violations or threat of violations. The county may recover costs incurred for corrective action in a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction, and such costs may be certified by court order to the County Auditor as a special tax against the real property. These and other remedies, as determined appropriate by the county, may be imposed upon the applicant, permittee, installer, property owner, or other responsible person in addition to or separate from other enforcement actions.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 154.20 SIZE.

(A) No sign shall exceed 32 square feet of surface area. The size of a two-sided sign shall be calculated based on the surface area of only one of the sides, provided the sign surfaces are completely flush (i.e. back to back).

(B) No parcel shall have signage exceeding a total aggregate of 36 square feet of surface area for all signs.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07; Am. Ord. 70-2010, passed 1-25-11)

§ 154.21 REGULATIONS.

Except as hereinafter provided, no signs shall be erected or maintained at any angle to a building or structure which sign extends or projects over the street or highway. No sign which is erected or maintained flat against any building or structure shall extend or project over the sidewalk, street or highway.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07; Am. Ord. 70-2010, passed 1-25-11)

§ 154.22 ELECTRICAL SIGNS.

(A) Electrical signs may be permitted, but devices giving off intermittent, flashing or rotating beam of light shall be prohibited. Flood lighting shall be focused upon the sign. No lighting for

signs shall directly reflect light beams onto any public street or residential structure. Signs may not be illuminated beyond any lot line.

(B) Electrical signs must be installed in accordance with the current electrical code and a separate permit from the building official must be obtained prior to placement.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07)

§ 154.23 UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS.

The following signs are unauthorized signs:

(A) Any sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles any official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or emergency vehicle signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal.

(B) All off-premise signs.

(C) Signs painted, attached or in any other manner affixed to trees, rocks, or similar natural surfaces, or attached to public utility poles, bridges, towers, or similar public structures.

(D) Changeable copy signs.

(E) Private signs, other than public utility warning signs, are prohibited within public rights-of-way and easements, or on any other public property unless the sign is specifically authorized by the responsible public authority.

(F) Any sign(s) placed near the intersection of public roads, or public roads and railroads, in such a manner as to cause any obstruction of vision to a motorist and/or pedestrian as determined by the appropriate road authority.

(G) Any sign containing obscene pictures or wording.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07; Am. Ord. 70-2010, passed 1-25-11)

§ 154.24 SETBACKS.

Signs shall be at least three feet from front and side yard property lines or actual or typical planned right-of-way, whichever is greater.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07; Am. Ord. 70-2010, passed 1-25-11)

§ 154.25 AREA.

The area within the frame shall be used to calculate the square footage except that the width of a frame exceeding 12 inches shall constitute sign face, and if such letters or graphics be mounted directly on a wall or fascia or in such way as to be without a frame the dimensions for calculating the square footage shall be the area extending six inches beyond the periphery formed around such letters or graphics in a plane figure bounded by straight lines connecting the outermost points thereof. Except for the allowance for a two-sided, flush sign, each surface utilized to display a message or to attract attention shall be measured as a separate sign and shall be calculated in the overall square footage. Symbols, flags, pictures, wording, figures or other forms of graphics painted on or attached to windows, walls, awnings, free-standing structures, suspended by balloons, or kites or on persons, animals, or vehicles are considered a sign and are included in calculating the overall square footage.

(Ord. 58-2007, passed 3-27-07; Am. Ord. 70-2010, passed 1-25-11)

§ 154.26 CANOPIES, MARQUEES AND FIXED AWNINGS.

Canopies, marquees and fixed awnings are an integral part of the structure to which they are attached. They are allowed if they meet following requirements and the applicable square footage requirements.

(A) An awning, canopy or marquee may not project into the public right-of-way nearer than 30 inches to the street curb or curb line;

(B) Awnings, canopies or marquees may have no part of the structure other than supports nearer the ground surface than seven feet;