

**Breezy Point Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**October 26, 2023 - 5:00 pm**  
**Committee Workshop Minutes**

A workshop of the Breezy Point Parks & Recreation Committee began at 5:00 pm. Committee Members present were Megan Zierden, Gail Arne, Jim McKellar, Deanne Trottier, Sandy Logelin, and Diane Williams. Assistant City Administrator Daniel Eick was also in attendance. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and plan a redrafting of section 3, the Trails section, of the City of Breezy Point Parks & Recreation Master Plan. However, it should be noted the Committee also finalized their redrafting of the entire plan in addition to section 3.

Assistant City Administrator Daniel Eick walked the Committee through the original 2011 Master Plan and requested their input. Areas of discussion included:

- Removal and Reorganization of Sections
  - o The Committee agreed to remove or condense several sections from the current Master Plan. Those changes are outlined below:
    - Removal of the future trails planning section.
    - Removal of the open spaces/linear parks section.
    - Condense and overhaul the maintenance and operations and financial resources sections.
    - Removal of the strategic plan section.
    - Condense and overhaul of the marketing and public relations section.
    - Removal of the conclusion section.
  - o The Committee requested staff condense the individual Trail descriptions to better match the redrafted Park descriptions.
  - o The Committee revisited discussion on standardizing the names of all City Parks and Trails settling on placing "City of Breezy Point" in front of all current names.
- Individual Trailhead and Parkland Considerations
  - o The Committee briefly discussed the naming of the Breezy Point Park Reserve and voiced a desire to install or recognize a location within the Park as an official sledding hill.
  - o The Committee debated the efficacy of including several trail systems in the plan given the City's lack of control over them. Those sections are outlined below:
    - The Pelican Lakes Conservation Club Trail was removed as the City does not own that property and has no part in its maintenance.
    - Conversation regarding inclusion of the Pelican Woods Nature Trail was tabled for further consideration pending Committee Member Trottier contacting Members of the City of Breezy Point Cemetery Commission to discuss further.

- The Ideal Sno Pros Snowmobile Trail was removed as the City does not own that property and has no part in its maintenance.
- Individual Trailhead Design Reviews
  - The Committee reviewed all sections provided by the original Master Plan and generated the following recommendations:
    - The Four Seasons Trail should be maintained in current form but should look for opportunities to expand or clear when available. Additionally, the committee voiced a desire to have staff begin grooming the trail during winter months to improve usability.
    - The City Hall Trail should be designated as a handicap trail, if possible, and staff should investigate bringing it into compliance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards if it does not currently qualify.
    - The Committee spoke at length regarding methods to improve connectivity between trail systems. This conversation focused on Chiarella Trail and directed staff to explore easement connectivity options along East St., Ski Chalet Dr., and Ranchette.
- The committee directed staff to place references to the City of Breezy Point Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, pending the documents creation, to Section 1 of the Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Daniel Eick, Assistant City Administrator