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CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Kevin Hansen, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

DATE: October 17, 2024 for Commission meeting of October 23, 2024.

SUBJECT: **Update Sullivan Lake Master Plan – Fitness Court**

The Park and Recreation Commission have completed Master Planning of six 6() Parks, culminating in the reconstruction of each of these parks. The intent of a Master Plan is to provide a detailed plan of the entire park to work from. Therefore, it is the desire of the Park and Recreation Commission and City Staff to have a detailed working plan to rehabilitate or rebuild elements of the park in phases, as funding becomes available. The Master Plan will also provide cost estimates of each park element or amenity and provide an evaluation of financing options for the short and long term redevelopment plan.

In 2024, the Commission reviewed the installation of a Fitness Court at Sullivan Lake Park. Based on the recommendation to City Council, the equipment for the Fitness Court was purchased in 2024 for installation in 2025, saving approximately \$20,000 in 2025 price increases. No work has been performed at Sullivan since 2008 when the park was redeveloped.

As the Fitness Court has placement restrictions, the siting within the park needs to be considered, along with how it may work with existing or redeveloped park amenities, and future redevelopment. Attached are two concept layouts that have been prepared by the Park Consultant WSB, based on initial input from the Park and Recreation Commission and staff.

Concept 1 places the Fitness Court to the north of the existing park shelter, meeting the distance requirements from the play equipment. The concept also expands the play area and equipment, and reconstructs the tennis courts into 2 separate pickleball courts and one combined tennis/pickleball court. With additional features it also expands the parking lot by 9 spaces.

Concept 2 switches the location of the play area and fitness court from concept 1. It also reconstructs the existing tennis court into 2 pickleball courts and adds a basketball ½ court. With additional features concept 2 expands the parking lot by 13 spaces.

It should be noted that each concept show the existing lift station relocated to the south entrance of the park, planned for 2025 or 2026 construction. The concepts are provided for commission review and input to develop a preliminary master plan update so that the Fitness Court may be installed in 2025. Additional park amenities would be installed as funding becomes available.

Attachment: Sullivan Lake Park Master Plan updates (2)