



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	OLD BUSINESS
MEETING DATE	JULY 22, 2026

ITEM:	Sullivan Lake Park Playground Public Engagement Recap		
Presenting Item: John W. Stutzman, Parks and Recreation Director			
DEPARTMENT: Park and Recreation		BY/DATE: John W. Stutzman/ July 15, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☒ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☒ High Quality Public Spaces		☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☒ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☒ Inclusive and Connected Community	

The City continues to move forward with the replacement of the playground at Sullivan Lake Park. Based on the Commission's feedback at the June meeting as well as staff feedback, Flagship Recreation combined elements from the original concepts into one updated playground design.

On Tuesday, July 14, the City hosted a public meeting to gather community input on the proposed playground design. A representative from Flagship Recreation joined City staff to discuss the design, answer questions, and provide clarification on the project. Approximately 40 people attended, and the overall discussions with City staff and Flagship Recreation were positive and constructive with 9 submitting written surveys during the meeting. In addition, we received 53 online survey responses, for a total of 62 written responses. The attached Public Engagement Summary summarizes feedback received throughout the public engagement process, including written survey responses and input shared during discussions with attendees at the public meeting.

Staff and Flagship Recreation are currently working to finalize the playground design based on the feedback received. Staff is also preparing the purchase order and contract documents for consideration by the City Council at the July 27 City Council meeting. The City intends to utilize the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) contract for playground equipment and installation services to streamline procurement and maintain the project schedule, with installation anticipated for fall 2026.

The Sullivan Lake Park Playground Project is part of the City's continued investment in Sullivan Lake Park. Additional park-related improvements are anticipated in 2027, including updated park paths, additional seating, a drinking fountain, and relocation of the portable toilets with a new enclosure, which are being explored and coordinated in conjunction with the Sullivan Lake Park lift station project.

Requested Action/ Discussion Topics / Key Questions
No action needed. For review and discussion only.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Playground Public Engagement Summary