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CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

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

DATE: November 26, 2024 for Commission meeting of December 4, 2024.

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

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.

At the October meeting, the Commission reviewed two concepts:

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.

Based on Commission review, the Master Plan has been revised, attached. Also attached are cost estimates based on phasing in the work. This would allow that the Fitness Court may be installed in 2025 and additional park amenities would be installed as funding becomes available. Staff does plan on applying for grant funding through the DNR with applications due in March.

Attachment: Sullivan Lake Park Master Plan and cost estimates