



MEMO

Engineering Department

To: Board of Public Works
From: John Neumeier
Date: 2/2/2026
Re: Item 2d - Authorization to seek Proposals for LaFollette Park Pavilion and Site Design

Background information:

LaFollette Park is great local park with playground equipment, pickleball courts, basketball court, restrooms, a rental pavilion, along with other amenities and great views. This park is located along Kenneth Avenue at Park Street and has close ties to the downtown, bus routes, the Nelson trail, and future bike lanes, giving us an opportunity to make it a destination for local and regional users. The park has aging restroom facilities, basketball surface, parking lot, and walking trails that all need updates to bring the park back up to safe and accessible conditions. We intend to exceed the requirements and work with the surrounding neighborhoods and community to make the park a neighborhood gem, a destination for visitors, and continue to restore a great asset for the city.

Strategic Plan:

This proposed project, brings a much-needed update to an aging but popular park. The project will be improving quality of life, increasing park usage, and will help work toward being a community of choice.

Budget: Funds were previously borrowed in 2025 to begin the design and construction of the LaFollette Park Upgrades.

Staff Recommended Action:

Authorize the Engineering Department to seek proposals for LaFollette Park Pavilion and Site Design.

