



Executive Summary

City Council Workshop

AGENDA ITEM: Park Improvement Plan
PREPARED BY: Mike DeLuca Councilmember Kevin Larson – Asst. City Administrator
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to include the items in the 5-year CIP plan

Summary:

As a final step, staff reached out to the League of Minnesota Cities to visit the parks to provide suggestions for park safety and ADA loss control. On October 1st, staff met with the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) to inspect the parks. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a non-certified park and playground safety and ADA compliance inspection. As a result of this visit, a list of recommended improvements was created for the city to consider.

Staff are looking for approval official approval of the key list items and guidance on prioritization to submit to ABDO to include in the 5-year CIP plan.

Recital: Scope and Perspective of the Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Spaces History

The advisory panel was composed of two residents, Nicole Kumerow and Kenzie Ervin, as well as Councilmember Mike DeLuca and Assistant City Administrator Kevin Larson. The group conducted site visits to each park, walking through the areas and discussing potential improvements. The Council evaluated the recommended items and made decisions on viability of the items. The key item list and the maps of each park can be found in the following exhibits.

At this point, the advisory panel's role is considered complete.

Park Improvement Funding

Park Improvement Fund has a balance of \$139,922.04 as of 9/22/2025. Staff will also seek out grants where appropriate. A complete breakdown of the park improvement fund will be provided by ABDO Finance in the 5-year CIP plan.

Community Support

Once the comprehensive list is approved, we will reach out to the local Eagle Scouts and show them the list of projects we intend to work on. Possible service projects for badges.

Approval needed

We need official approval of the key list items and guidance on prioritization to support park improvements. Once we have the approval and prioritization guidance, we will submit the list to ABDO to include it in the 5-year CIP plan.

Exhibits:

- A. Key Item list Items
- B. LMC Park Safety and ADA Loss Control Letter
- C. Map of Veterans Memorial Park
- D. Map of Rainbow Park
- E. Map of Bryantwood Park
- F. Map of Pioneer Park
- G. Oak St. Tot Lot