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**Meeting Type:** Parks and Trails Advisory Board  
**Meeting Date:** July 10, 2024  
**From:** Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Subject:** Meinig Memorial Park Visioning Session & Deer Pointe Park Playground Input

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## **DECISION TO BE MADE:**

This is the first meeting regarding improvements to Meinig Memorial Park and an opportunity for Staff and Lango Hansen Landscape Architects to set the stage for the project and communicate the existing conditions at Meinig Park and the 5 focus areas of improvement.

Second, the Parks Board will review and provide comments regarding the proposed playground for Deer Pointe Park.

## **PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:**

For the Parks Board to provide input and recommendations for the department on the first phase of Meinig Park redevelopment and improvements. Additionally, the Parks Board is requested to provide input on the presented playground concept for Deer Pointe Park to aid in further refinement of the play equipment by Lango Hansen.

## **BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:**

### Meinig Park:

A master plan for Meinig Memorial Park was created in 2011, and the project went out to bid in 2017. The project stalled but now has been revitalized with funding allocated in the 2023-2025 fiscal year. The focus is on re-envisioning the ADA accessibility of Meinig Park, improving access for large events such as Winterfest and Mt. Festival, and redeveloping Fantasy Forest, which is beyond its useful life. The redevelopment aims to provide a safe and inclusive play experience. Additionally, "No Name Creek" has eroded creek beds, causing trail undermining, making stream and trail restoration a high priority.

### Deer Pointe Park:

Through public engagement, parks board input, and council input, a preferred design for the future Deer Pointe Park has been established. Now, staff and the landscape architect seek the Parks Board's input on the play features for this 3-acre neighborhood park.

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:**

### Meinig Park:

Improvements to this cherished community park are crucial. The Parks and Recreation Department has been provided with funds to design the necessary improvements, focusing on enhancing accessibility, event accommodation, and safe, inclusive play areas.

### Deer Pointe Park:

With the preferred design complete, the Parks Board's input is requested to recommend play features that align with community desires and expectations.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Funding has been allocated for the design phase of Meinig Memorial Park for the fiscal year 2023-2025. This allocation covers the design and bid phases. The construction of Deer Pointe Park has also been funded for 2023-2025, with an expectation that funds will roll over to FY 2025-2027 for construction, which will commence in the summer of 2025, marking the start of FY 2025-2027.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Approve the proposed list of improvements for Meinig Memorial Park, subject to budget availability and final design approval.
- Provide final comments on the revised playground design for Deer Pointe Park to ensure all community feedback is adequately addressed before moving forward with construction.

#### **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:**

1. Presentation: Meinig Memorial Park
2. Presentation: Deer Pointe Park Playground Concept