



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Parks and Trails Advisory Board
Meeting Date: August 14, 2024
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Meinig Memorial Park Improvements / Meeting #2

DECISION TO BE MADE:

This is the second meeting regarding improvements to Meinig Memorial Park and an opportunity for Staff and Lango Hansen Landscape Architects to review and seek input about Meinig Park Improvements / Restoration. Additionally, the Parks Board will be updated on the results from the Council meeting and will review refined options for consideration, incorporating the areas of focus.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

The objective is for the Parks Board to provide input and recommendations regarding the redevelopment and improvements of Meinig Park.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

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.

Staff and Lango Hansen presented to the Council on July 15, 2024. Parks Board feedback was included in the report. The updated areas of focus are:

1. No Name Creek Restoration
2. Fantasy Forest Playground
3. Pathway and Trail System
4. Hillside Seating
5. Parking Lot Improvements

It was determined that the dog park should be studied as an amenity at another park location, as Meinig Park is not the best location for the originally proposed dog park.

The council will review Meinig Park options during the Sept. 3, 2024, meeting.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

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.

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, and funds to address immediate safety issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Parks Board review the proposed options and provide recommendations.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

1. Presentation: Meinig Memorial Park