



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: July 15, 2024
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Design for Meinig Memorial Park Improvements and Restoration

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.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

For the Council to provide input and recommendations for the department on the first phase of Meinig Park redevelopment and improvements.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

A master plan for Meinig Memorial Park was created in 2011, and the project went out to bid in 2017. The bid was cancelled. 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.

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:

\$200,000 has been allocated for improvements and planning efforts for the rekindled design work of Meinig Memorial Park for fiscal years 2023-2025, covering the updated design and bid phases. The full restoration costs will be requested for FY 2025-2027 based on design phase estimates. This project would be eligible for reimbursement from Parks SDCs as a funding source.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the council approve the direction of this project and the proposed list of improvements for Meinig Memorial Park, subject to budget availability and final design approval.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

None.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Presentation: Meinig Memorial Park Improvements and Redevelopment