

FROM THE PARK BENCH:

"If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good." ~Dr. Seuss

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATES

Mayor Shaffer, City Council Members, and Parks & Recreation Committee members have been hearing such positive comments about the recent improvements at Franklin Park. We are excited about completing the first Master Plan project and we will be hosting a "ribbon-cutting" this spring for all!

Design work is now underway for the second park project, Weltner Park, following a neighborhood meeting last month. Dramatic plans for this park include realigning Cambridge Street and creating one large park area versus the two street-divided parks that exist now. Eliminating this section of Cambridge that divides the park will allow for more green space and a much more usable park for residents. The street project is scheduled for spring and the park improvements will follow. Plans include a new play area with nature play activities, a new perimeter trail, and moving the shelter near the play area. Indigo Design, the plan's consultant, is handling the design work. Watch for a community-wide re-dedication this fall.



COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Work is progressing on the feasibility study. The purpose of the survey was to help establish priorities for the possible development of an indoor community center/aquatic center. 1,500 surveys were randomly mailed to residents this past fall. Leisure Vision worked extensively with City of Prairie Village officials, as well as members of the Ballard*King and Associates project teams in the development of the survey questionnaire. The results of the random sample of 376 households have a 95% level of confidence with a precision of at least +/-5.1%. Committee members, along with project consultant, 360 Architecture, will be reviewing the results in the upcoming weeks. We will keep you informed as the process continues.



YOUR PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As we begin another year, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge these volunteers who commit a great deal of time to our City's park system and recreation programs. This is a fun group of people who clearly care about one of our community's greatest assets. Thanks to Committee Vice Chairperson/Council Member Laura Wassmer, Jim Bernard, Jr., Ann Bontrager, Peggy Couch, Diane Mares, Clarence Munsch, Joe Nolke, Student Representative Tim O'Toole, Kathy Peterson, Max Rieper, and Dan Searles.

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JOIN US

Once again, I want to thank you for your patience as we work hard to enhance your experience at the parks! Your feedback is always appreciated. And, please remember you are welcome to attend the monthly Parks & Recreation committee meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month (except summer months), 7:00 pm, City Hall. Feel free to contact me with any thoughts, questions, or concerns.

All the Best,

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