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Resolution 2021-353

Resolution Accepting the Non-Appointed Citizen Advisory Committee Recommendations and Approving the Concept Plan for Jordan Park

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is a steward of the Minneapolis parks;

Whereas, The MPRB has allocated $1,286,841.40 for the site improvements at Jordan Park, a neighborhood park within the Minneapolis park system, with 2018 NPP20 funds and Park Dedication Funds accumulated within the Jordan neighborhood;

Whereas, Per the Community Engagement Plan for Jordan Park, a non-appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was formed with the charge to provide design recommendations for site improvements that includes a new wading pool, restroom and pool mechanical building and other site improvements at Jordan Park;

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners desires broad and representative stakeholder involvement in decision-making when constructing or redeveloping park facilities;

Whereas, A community engagement process, including soliciting feedback onsite at community events, park open house, and the use of mailed and digital communication methods, have been employed to fulfill the CAC charge;

Whereas, Community members have guided the design recommendations resulting in concept plans for pool, building and site improvements including a zero entry wading pool, restroom building, pool mechanical and storage space housed in the same building and other path, site and lighting improvements at Jordan Park;

Whereas, The playground and site improvement design aligns with the North Service Area Master Plan for Jordan Park;

Whereas, The MPRB project team has refined the concept plans to balance community input and project budget parameters; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs;”

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners accepts the non-appointed Community Advisory Committee’s recommendations and approves the concept plan for site improvements at Jordan Park; and

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RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

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TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: December 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution Accepting the Non-Appointed Citizen Advisory Committee Recommendations and Approving the Concept Plan for Jordan Park

BACKGROUND

This resolution considers approval of the recommended concept plan for the site and pool improvements at Jordan Park. The concept plan aligns with the North Service Area Master Plan that was approved by the Board in 2019. The proposed improvements were proposed as part of the 2018 NPP20 and will use 2018 and 2019 Park Dedication funds for a total of $1,286,841.40, all of which were allocated for the site improvements. Adopting this resolution will approve the concept plan (*Attachment A*) for park improvements.

Jordan Park is a neighborhood park located in the Jordan neighborhood. Currently, there is a wading pool, playground, sand volley-ball court, horseshoes, an open field, paths, a pavilion, and a picnic area with one grill. The recently adopted North Service Area Master Plan displays a new zero-entry pool in roughly in the same location, a restroom/pool building, a re-located playground, expanded multi-use field and a basketball court located on the school property adjacent to the park. Staff propose to use the current funds focused on improving the wading pool and necessary site improvements related to the pool. The community has echoed this need.

Staff explored the possibility of upgrading the mechanical system within the existing building, however this subterranean structure is an unsafe confined space for staff to access. The existing pool and mechanical system are also one of the older pools in the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) system and does not meet ADA access requirements. In addition the mechanical systems no longer function well.

The pool will be replaced with a new zero-depth entry design and the pool filter system housed in a new building that includes a staff storage space and three single stall public restrooms per the Master Plan recommendation and state health code requirements. The project will also involve improving existing paths, a new pool fence, and the drinking fountain with be replaced. The new pool will have benches, a pool shade structure, and several spray features. Work will also include improvements to park lighting to address safety concerns by staff and the community.

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The concept plan includes:

Zero Depth Entry Wading Pool

- Shade Structure
- Spray features
- New Decking
- Site landscaping

Restroom/Storage/Pool Mechanical Building

- Three single-stall all gender restrooms
- Storage Space
- Pool Mechanical Space
- Security Systems/Cameras
- Water Fountain

Path & Site Improvements

- Upgraded Park Lighting with LED lights and additional park lights
- New accessible paths around the pool
- Landscaping and pollinator turf mix

Community Engagement

In late Summer 2021, staff sent out postcards to residents surrounding the park as well as GovDelivery notices to share a preliminary concept plan with the public. The same notice is available on the project page. The concept plan was also shared for feedback at Open Streets in September. Planning Staff hosted an open house at the park on August 31, 2021 to gather feedback on the draft concept plan. Staff also reached out to the adjacent school staff at the Hmong International Academy. Community and school staff provided feedback that the lighting in the park could be improved. This feedback has resulted in expanding the scope of work to include lighting upgrades for which the majority can be completed by MPRB staff this coming winter. In September 2021 MPRB staff attended the Jordan Area Community Council Board meeting to share the concept and heard that generally the pool was a much-needed park amenity and should be improved as proposed.

It should also be noted that during the community engagement and feedback gathering phases of this project, staff heard that more recreational programing and additional amenities should be included in the plans for Jordan Park. While recreational programming is outside the scope of this project and adding amenities outside the Board approved Master Plan are not within the scope of this work, Planning Division staff shared the communities needs and concerns with Recreation Division staff.

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During the engagement with the community, residents and park users shared that the volleyball court receives significant use and has been a park amenity that encourages positive park use. The draft concept plan has since been modified to reduce the site grading to maintain the volleyball court in its current location. Although the Master Plan identifies the volleyball to be removed to improve and expand the multi-use field, the court will stay in-place during this initial phase of park renovations.

With Board approval this fall, staff anticipates beginning construction for this first phase of improvements in Spring or Summer 2022.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

Sources		**$1,286,841.40**
2018 NPP20	$1,270,000.00	
2018 CIP Park Dedication	$9,084.00	
2019 Park Dedication	$7,757.40	
Uses		**$279,786.00**
Design & Engineering	$175,000.00	
Project Management, fees & other soft costs	$104,786.00	
Balance for Construction		**$1,007,055.40**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners accept the non-appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) recommendations and approve the concept plan for the pool and site improvements at Jordan Park.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan:

Vision Theme 3: Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs.

Goal: Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility, and beauty.

HISTORY:

11/17/21 Planning Committee ADOPTED

Approved on a Roll Call Vote.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Draft Concept Plan Jordan Park Improvements (PDF)

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