

AGENDA

Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (PREC)

In Person Meeting

Park Tour Schedule after Agenda

August 3, 6:00p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Julia O'Rourke | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Kristin Hicks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice-Chair Michael Spooner | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Abe McEathron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Pauline Alfors | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Matt Johnson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Gary Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Laura Sokol-Kraft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Maren Hawkins | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Commissioner Zoey Tenenbaum |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> City Staff Members |

III. Approval of Schedule/Agenda

IV. Approval of the March 1, 2022 Minutes

V. Business Items

A. Park Tour (schedule attached)

VI. Announcements

A. City Council Report – Emily Dunsworth, City Councilmember

B. PREC Chair Updates – Julia O'Rourke, Chair

C. Department Happenings and Upcoming Events – City Staff

VII. Adjournment



MINUTES
Joint Economic Development &
Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission
Meeting – July 6, 2022
6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PREC Roll Call

PREC Members Present: Chair Julia O’Rourke, Commissioners Maren Hawkings, Pauline Alfors, Laura Sokol-Kraft, Gary Bank, Abe McEathron, and Kristin Hicks

Members Absent: Commissioners Michael Spooner, Matt Johnson, and Student Commissioner Zoey Tenenbaum

III. EDC Roll Call

EDC Members Present: Chair Harry Carter, Commissioners Anthony Pledger (attending remotely), Jacqui Sauter, Mike Murlowski (attending remotely), Faycal Belkhous, Victoria Prasek (attending remotely), and Paul Zisla

Members Absent: Commissioner Michele Norman

Also Present: Jennifer Fink-Parks and Recreation Director, Ben Gozola-Assistant Director of Community Assets & Development and Councilmember Emily Dunsworth (attending remotely)

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Bank, seconded by Commissioner Zisla to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

V. Approval of PREC Minutes

Motion by Commissioner McEathron, seconded by Commissioner Sokol-Kraft to approve the PREC minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting.

Motion approved (Chair O'Rourke abstained).

VI. Approval of EDC Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Prasek, seconded by Commissioner Zisla to approve the EDC minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion approved.

VII. Business Items

A. Coordinated Placemaking through Monument and Park Signage

Parks and Recreation Director Fink stated following completion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan in 2019, PREC and the EDC have undertaken separate but related efforts that have the potential to positively brand the City for decades to come. Approval of the Parks Master Plan and subsequent improvement projects will result in significant new park signage being erected throughout the community. Likewise, recommended monument signage and other efforts to create a "unique New Brighton sense of place" are being formulated to foster greater economic development in the community. Stepping back and taking this opportunity to align the visions of PREC and the EDC will be invaluable to the goals of both Commissions and will best inform Council on design decisions as they arise. Both bodies will learn at this joint meeting where the other commission is at with their efforts and can share their ideas for improvements or additions to each body's placemaking efforts. The desired end result of this meeting is a unified approach to improvements such that citizens and visitors alike will always feel they're in New Brighton while in our City.

Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola discussed the number of entry points throughout the City, noting there were approximately 40 entry points, 20 to the north and 20 to the south. He reviewed what other cities were doing and how they were designing their entry monument signs. He understood the EDC wanted to see a simple sign design at the City's entry points. In addition the EDC was interested in repurposing existing smaller signs while having electronic display signs at strategic locations. He noted light pole banners were supported along with wayfinding or directional signage to major destinations in the community.

Parks and Recreation Director Fink reported staff was working with WSB on parks and recreation signage in order to incorporate City colors which would assist with creating a sense of place. She explained the same types of wood, stone and metal would be used on all new park signs. It was noted the City's larger parks would have larger entry monument signs with stone and wood.

Discussion included:

- The Commission supported the City having the same cohesive look and feel for the park and street signs.
- The Commission discussed how graffiti was addressed by the parks departments.
- The Commission supported the metal/wood over stone look for the park monument signs.
- The Commission discussed the number of monument and wayfinding signs that were being considered for the community. It was noted six entry gateway signs were being considered along with new monument signs and wayfinding signs within each City park.
- The Commission discussed the cost for the proposed monument signs and encouraged staff to keep an eye on the City's budget for these signs.
- It was estimated it would take 12 years to have new signage in every City park.
- Staff reported a funding source has not yet been identified for the gateway entry signs.
- The Commission liked the idea of having consistent marketing across all signs, as well as having the same building materials used for the signs in order to create a brand for the community.
- Staff discussed how all signs would incorporate the City colors and fonts in order to be complimentary.
- It was noted Long Lake was a County park within the City of New Brighton.
- The EDC and PREC Commission thanked staff for their efforts to create cohesive and complimentary gateway, monument and wayfinding signs for the community.

B. Update on Parks Comprehensive Plan Project Implementation

Director Fink provided the Commission members with an update on the progress that was being made on the City's Parks Comprehensive Plan. She commented on the bonding that had been approved for this plan and discussed the six parks that would be targeted for improvements. She stated at this time work had begun on Sunny Square Park, the Lions Park Splash Pad and Hansen Park (with the assistance of a grant). The timelines for each of the park projects was reviewed in further detail. She encouraged residents and Commissioners to provide the City with feedback on the upcoming parks projects. It was noted numbers were coming in higher than originally anticipated for the parks improvements and the City was seeing project delays. If numbers continue to come in high, the City may have to make adjustments to the proposed plan. She reported staff would continue to pursue grants to assist with the proposed parks projects.

Discussion included:

- The Commission discussed the future plans for Sunny Square Park, along with how existing playground structures would be donated overseas as parks are renovated.
- The future plans for the neighborhood centers was discussed, as well as the plans for the warming houses.
- It was noted the playground structures and amenities within each park may differ from park to park.

VIII. Announcements

A. City Council Report – Emily Dunsworth and Pam Axberg, City Councilmembers

Councilmember Dunsworth provided the Commissions with an update noting July was Parks and Recreation Month. She stated Parks and Rec Fest would be held on Saturday, July 9 at Lions Park from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She reported the Council passed an ordinance at its last meeting that would reduce the residential speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. She noted this change would go into effect now and the City would be communicating this change to the public. She reported a map of the streets that would be impacted was available on the City's website. She explained speed limit signs would be replaced in a phased approach. She commented on the City's strategic priorities and noted the finance director provided the Council with a presentation at a recent worksession meeting.

C. Chair Updates – Julia O'Rourke, PREC Chair and Harry Carter, EDC Chair

Chair O'Rourke encouraged residents to get out and visit the City's parks and to consider signing up for fall programming.

D. Department Happenings and Upcoming Events – City Staff

Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola provided the Commissioners with an update on the Silver Lake Road visioning and planning project.

Parks and Recreation Director Fink updated the Commissioners on Chalk Fest noting this was a successful event. She stated 20 artists participated in Chalk Fest and stipends were provided to each artist through a grant from Twin Cities Gateway. She reviewed the June golf numbers noting revenues were up. She stated residents could vote early at the New Brighton Community Center and reported the City was still seeking election judges for the November election.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Bank, seconded by Commissioner Zisla to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Fink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Fink, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation

Schedule* and Locations of Park Locations for the Park Tour

6:00 p.m. - New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

6:10 p.m. - Lions Park, 600 Park Drive, New Brighton, MN 55112

6:25 p.m. - Hansen Park Disc Golf Course, 430 12th Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

6:45 p.m. - Brightside Park, 700 7th St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

7:00 p.m. - Sunny Square Park, 2200 Sunnyside Terrace, New Brighton, MN 55112

7:20 p.m. - Creekview Park, Silver Lake Road and Mississippi Street, New Brighton, MN 55112


7:30 p.m. - Brightwood Hills Golf Course, 1975 Silver Lake Rd NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

7:45 p.m. - Totem Pole Park, 1011 Foss Rd, New Brighton, MN 55112

8:00 p.m. - Silver Oaks Park, 340 Oakwood Dr, New Brighton, MN 55112

8:20 p.m. - Veterans Park, 803 Old Hwy 8, New Brighton, MN 55112

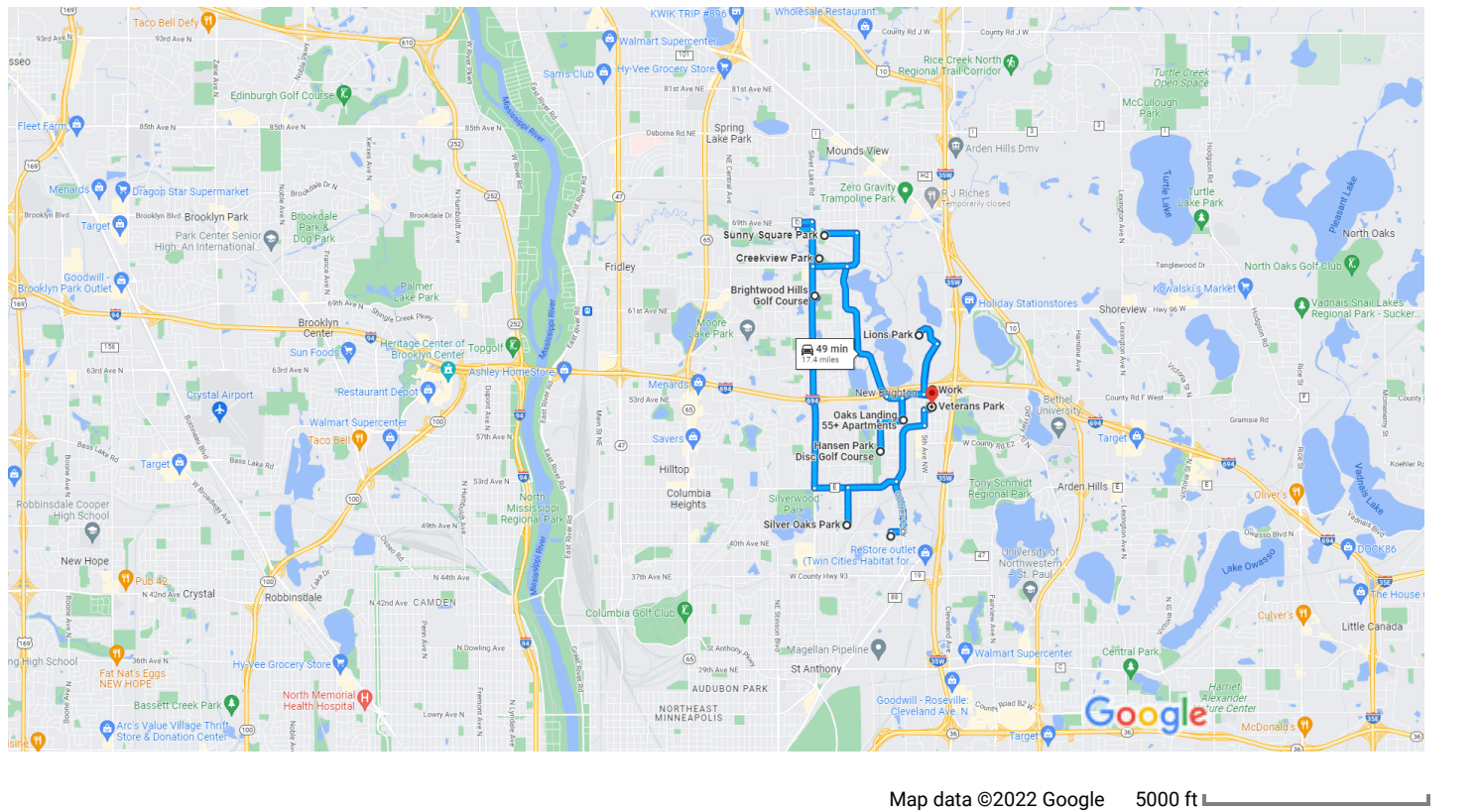
**Please note that times are approximate. If there are questions for the public in attending, please contact Jennifer Fink at 651-775-3401.*



Work (New Brighton Community Center) to Veterans Park, 803 Old Hwy 8, New Brighton, MN 55112

Drive 17.4 miles, 49 min

Directions between Parks for the 8/3/2022 Parks Tour of the Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission



New Brighton Community Center

400 10th St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

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1. Head southwest

233 ft

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2. Turn left toward 10th St NW

190 ft

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3. Turn right onto 10th St NW

397 ft

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4. Turn right onto Old Hwy 8 NW

0.6 mi

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5. Turn left

0.3 mi

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6. Turn left

Destination will be on the right

184 ft

4 min (1.1 mi)

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Lions Park

Unnamed Road, New Brighton, MN 55112

Continue to Old Hwy 8 NW

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- 2 min (0.4 mi)
- ↑ 7. Head north toward Old Hwy 8 NW
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- 184 ft
- ↷ 8. Turn right
-
- 0.3 mi

Continue on Old Hwy 8 NW to 12th Ave NW

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- 3 min (1.4 mi)
- ↷ 9. Turn right onto Old Hwy 8 NW
-
- 0.6 mi
- ↷ 10. Turn right onto 10th St NW
-
- 0.3 mi
- ↶ 11. Turn left onto 8th Ave NW
-
- 0.3 mi
- ↷ 12. Turn right onto 7th St NW
-
- 0.2 mi

Follow 12th Ave NW to your destination

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- 2 min (0.3 mi)
- ↶ 13. Turn left onto 12th Ave NW
-
- 0.3 mi
- ↑ 14. Continue straight
- i** Destination will be on the left
-
- 30 ft

7 min (2.1 mi)

Hansen Park Disc Golf Course


430 12th Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

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- ↑ 15. Head northeast toward 12th Ave NW
-
- 30 ft
- ↶ 16. Turn left onto 12th Ave NW
-
- 0.3 mi
- ↷ 17. Turn right onto 7th St NW
- i** Destination will be on the left
-
- 0.3 mi

2 min (0.6 mi)

Oaks Landing 55+ Apartments

700 7th St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

- ↑ 18. Head west on 7th St NW toward 8th Ave NW
46 ft
- ➔ 19. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto 8th Ave NW
0.3 mi
- ↶ 20. Turn left onto 10th St NW
0.2 mi
- ↑ 21. Continue onto Long Lake Rd
2.1 mi
- ↶ 22. Turn left onto Sunnyside Terrace
 Destination will be on the left
0.4 mi

8 min (2.9 mi)

Sunny Square Park

2200 Sunnyside Terrace, New Brighton, MN 55112

- ↑ 23. Head east on Sunnyside Terrace toward Sunbow Ln
0.4 mi
- ➔ 24. Turn right onto Long Lake Rd
0.4 mi
- ➔ 25. Turn right onto Mississippi St
0.4 mi
- ➔ 26. Turn right onto Silver Lake Rd NW
427 ft

4 min (1.3 mi)

Creekview Park

Silver lake road and, Mississippi St, New Brighton, MN 55112

- ↑ 27. Head north on Silver Lake Rd NW toward Erin Ct
0.4 mi
- ↶ 28. Turn left onto County H/County Rd 9
0.2 mi
- ↶ 29. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Knollwood Dr
417 ft
- ↶ 30. Turn left onto Eastman Dr
0.2 mi

- 31. Turn right onto Silver Lake Rd NW
0.8 mi
- ↶ 32. Turn left
Destination will be on the right
351 ft

5 min (1.7 mi)

Brightwood Hills Golf Course

1975 Silver Lake Rd NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

- ↑ 33. Head west toward Silver Lake Rd NW
285 ft
- ↶ 34. Turn left onto Silver Lake Rd NW
2.1 mi
- ↶ 35. Turn left onto County Rd E
0.9 mi
- 36. Turn right onto Old Hwy 8 SW
0.6 mi
- 37. Turn right onto Foss Rd
Destination will be on the left
0.1 mi

9 min (3.9 mi)

Totem Pole Park

1011 Foss Rd, New Brighton, MN 55112

- ↑ 38. Head east on Foss Rd toward 9th Ave SW
0.1 mi
- ↶ 39. Turn left onto Old Hwy 8 SW
0.6 mi
- ↶ 40. Turn left onto County Rd E
0.6 mi
- ↶ 41. Turn left onto Oakwood Dr
Destination will be on the right
0.4 mi

4 min (1.7 mi)

Silver Oaks Park

340 Oakwood Dr, New Brighton, MN 55112

- ↑ 42. Head north on Oakwood Dr toward Silver Oak Park Trail
0.4 mi
- ↪ 43. Turn right onto County Rd E
0.6 mi
- ↶ 44. Turn left onto 8th Ave NW/Old Hwy 8 NW
i Continue to follow Old Hwy 8 NW
i Pass by Dairy Queen (Treat) (on the right in 0.4 mi)
0.8 mi
- ↶ 45. Turn left to stay on Old Hwy 8 NW
0.2 mi
- ↪ 46. Turn right onto 8th St NW
325 ft
- ↶ 47. Turn left at 4th Ave NW
i Destination will be on the right
138 ft

6 min (2.1 mi)

Veterans Park

803 Old Hwy 8, New Brighton, MN 55112

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.