

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2025**

5:15 p.m. Update of Klapprich Park Design, Funding, and Timing and Discussion of Next Steps

Mayor Mullin called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council Members present in-person in the community room at City Hall offices: MacDonald, Parkhill, and Plechash. Parks and Trails Board Members present: Tory Schalkle, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter, Blake Cameron, and Christian Erard. Consultants present: Robert Slipka, Senior Professional Landscape Architect from WSB and Ilana Levine, Architectural Designer at HCM. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Director of Public Works and City Engineer Mike Kelly, Deputy City Manager Aurora Yager, and Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser.

Mr. Kieser went over the background of the planning of the Klapprich Park improvements and especially noted that the park had been designated as the highest-priority site for significant capital investment in the *Parks and Trails Master Plan*, a strategic document adopted in 2019. Most recently, in September of 2023, preliminary design plans were reviewed in a workshop, during which the Council provided valuable insights and guidance to shape the design process. The main comments from this workshop were:

- 1) An underground cooling system for the ice rink is not worth the cost and maintenance needs compared to its benefits.
- 2) Review some cabana improvements to determine if they are needed.
- 3) Determine different uses for the existing playground pads.

Then, in April of 2024, final design plans were reviewed at a Council workshop, where feedback was provided. The main comments from the workshop were:

- 1) Include the hillside stairs and slides as alternate bids.
- 2) Explore sustainable pavement options for the parking lot.
- 3) Limit the scope of the cabana improvements.
- 4) Ensure the trees are protected.
- 5) Reduce costs for warming house improvements.

Lastly, in July of 2024, the Council approved the final design for Klapprich Park improvements and directed staff to prepare construction documents with bid alternates to give the City financial flexibility if the project needed to be phased or reduced in scope.

Since July 2024, the Parks and Trails Board, staff, and consultants have worked collaboratively to finalize the construction documents, which are now presented for Council review.

Mr. Kieser reviewed the estimated cost of the proposed improvements and noted that there is a funding gap in the Parks and Trails CIP of \$208,469 but that did not take into account bid alternates and potential additional funding sources.

Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost
Site Work - grading, drainage, and irrigation	\$317,421.25
Parking Lot and Walks - 18 stall parking lot with grass pavers on eastern stalls	\$431,398.75
Play Area and Trails - 4,800 sq. ft. playground with a design from Midwest Playscapes	\$550,631.25
Warming House - expansion of warming room, direct restroom access, and updated furniture	\$609,836.25
Warming House Exterior - new plaza area featuring seating options, fire pits, and landscaped areas	\$140,625.00
Subtotal of Core Project	\$2,049,912.50
Hillside Stairs and Slides - new stairway connection from Park St to Klapprich Park with a unique option for hillside slides along the stairway	\$431,250.00
Minnetonka Ave Sidewalk - new sidewalk on the western side of Minnetonka Ave	\$80,785.00
Bell Court Cabana - new drinking fountain/water bottle filler and general refresh	\$50,000.00
Subtotal with Bid Alternates	\$2,611,947.50
Professional Fees, Permitting, and Construction Services	\$269,339.00
Total	\$2,881,286.50

Mr. Kieser went over the preferred construction timeline and other potential funding sources. Mr. Kieser noted that the council received a public comment from resident Dave Langevin, Park Street, in support of the improvements.

The Council discussed the proposed improvements, funding, and next steps. There was discussion about the feasibility of putting additional infrastructure underneath the ice rink in order to extend the skating season but the consensus was that that was not financially feasible.

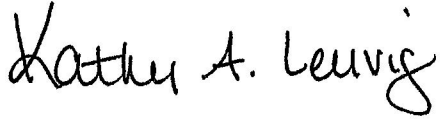
There was also discussion about ensuring there would be bid alternates for the hillside stairs, hillside play equipment, parking lot, Bell Court improvements, and sidewalk.

As additional notes, the ADA walkway for the Bell Courts Cabana should not be pursued as part of this project, but the new water fountain and water bottle filler is a priority. Flexible furniture should be provided at the warming house to allow for a variety of programs and classes. Ensure that there is sufficient shade at the patio and potentially the playground area.

Finally, there was discussion about whether it was financially prudent to move forward with the project knowing there would be limited resources left within the Parks and Trails CIP. Consensus on the Council was to move forward with the project noting that Klapprich Park was the highest priority and that it was past practice to fund projects when cash was available.

Kieser noted that based on that feedback, final construction plans are planned to be presented to Council for approval in March, with the project then going out to bid.

1 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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3 Respectfully submitted,
4 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk