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#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call

#### 3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

#### 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Nov. 12, 2025

#### 5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

#### 6. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission will invite residents to share issues or concerns that are not scheduled for a future public hearing. Items that are on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

#### 7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Initiative 1.5.1: Review and Comment on Braemar Arena Implementation

7.2. 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

7.3. Update on Park Maintenance and Natural Resource activities

#### 8. Chair and Member Comments

## **9. Staff Comments**

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

## **10. Adjournment**



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**Item Number:** 4.1

**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Item Activity:** Action

**Prepared By:** Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

**Item Title:** Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Nov. 12, 2025

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**Action Requested:**

Approve the minutes from the Nov. 12, 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

**Information/Background:**

See attached minutes.

**Supporting Documentation:**

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1. PARC Minutes 11-12-2025 (Board Portal)



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**Item Number:** 7.1

**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Item Activity:** Discussion

**Prepared By:** Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

**Item Title:** Initiative 1.5.1: Review and Comment on Braemar Arena Implementation

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**Action Requested:**

As part of the 2025/2026 Commission Work Plan (item 1.5.1) review the presentation on the preferred concept plan for Braemar Arena and provide comments and feedback that will be shared with the City Council at their January 20, 2026, meeting where staff will be submitting a request for purchase for the first phase of infrastructure investment, discussion on researching the feasibility of naming rights (assisting with Initiative 1.5.4), and impacts to the sustainable building policy.

**Information/Background:**

Initiative 1.5.1

In support of the Braemar Park master plan implementation efforts for Braemar Arena assign members to the various stakeholder/focus group input opportunities as needs are identified to bring the community perspective to the process. Potential Areas:

- Infrastructure replacement
- Arena expansion

Braemar Park Master Plan

At 500 acres, Braemar Park is the largest recreational space in the City of Edina. It is home to Braemar Golf Course, Braemar Golf Dome, Braemar Arena, Braemar Sports Dome and Field, and Courtney Fields. The Braemar Park Master Plan Improvements includes improving the connectivity of trail systems, access, and wayfinding to park amenities and facilities; providing separated use trail systems to accommodate walkers, mountain bikers and cross-country skiers; identifying new site improvements and recreational amenities to enhance existing facilities; developing and improving the quality of natural resources in the park; incorporating sustainable site improvements to promote land water resources; and investing in facility infrastructure are goals of the master plan.

The Braemar Park Master Plan was adopted by the Edina City Council in 2018 and amended in 2022. However, the process to develop the plan began much earlier and included comprehensive engagement and feedback.

Master Plan and Plan Amendment Highlights

The Braemar Park Master Plan (BMP) has many facets that appeal to a wide variety of users. The plan

includes: A) Trail investments, such as increases in pedestrian trails, improving the experience of Hillary Lane into a parkway like feel, adding an off-road trail or mountain biking system, and additional ski trail opportunities. B) Site improvements to the Courtney Field include adding a playground, upgraded field lighting, seating enhancements, safety netting, field drainage and irrigation improvements for enhanced playability, entrance improvements and warm up areas. Site improvements to the Braemar Golf Course area consist of ADA accessibility improvements and the addition of pickleball and platform tennis courts. C) Natural Resource improvements, as one of the largest investments will be in the restoration of major plant communities by investing in stewardship enhancements. The master plan includes upland, lowland, wooded and wetland communities for improvement. Many areas are overrun by invasive species such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, while others have lost tree and plant communities due to flooding and drought. The master plan does not include any artificial snow making or maintained sledding areas, nor does it make investments in the golf course or driving range.

In 2022, staff recommended making amendments to the BMP. The amendments were supported by the Park and Recreation Commission and adopted by the City Council. They consisted of the inclusion of 1) Arena Complex Capital Infrastructure, 2) A Community Driven Special Project Request for Braemar Ice Arena Expansion, and 3) Facility Study and Revenue Needs Assessments for Golf Clubhouse and Golf Dome (non-referendum funded amendment). The Master Plan, including amendments, were the basis of the Local Option Sales Tax Referendums that passed in 2022 and 2023.

#### 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Action:

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to the BMP at their April 12 and May 10, 2022, meetings. The Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the master plan amendments to the City Council for adoption at their May 17, 2022, meeting. Their discussion comments on the vote pertained to ensuring that a long-term strategy for ongoing capital expenses is developed for the existing arena amenities as if expansion to a fourth indoor ice sheet was eventually authorized. They also supported the proposed forward-looking golf studies, to ensure that the facilities are well positioned in the future to keep up with market competition and continue to support user needs and the revenue generation of improved enterprise operations.

#### 2022 City Council Action:

At their May 17, 2022, regular meeting, the City Council voted to amend the BMP with the proposed amendments. That action then resulted in two successful local option sales tax referendum in 2022 and 2023 authorizing a total of \$45.2M for the Braemar Arena project.

#### **2025/2026 Commission Work Plan Request**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is involved with Initiative 1.5.1 by providing the community perspective on the Braemar Arena infrastructure and expansion. The initiative group consisting of members Wick, Hulbert, Spaulding and Syed reviewed the concept plan in November 2025 and provided feedback to date. At the January 13, 2026, meeting staff will cover the presentation on the concept plan for the full commission's feedback.

Staff is requesting full commission comments and feedback on the overall preferred concept, infrastructure investment and accessory amenity improvements. This information will be shared with the City Council at the January 20 meeting where staff will be submitting a request for purchase for the first phase of infrastructure investment, discussion on researching the feasibility of naming rights, and impacts on the sustainable building policy.

Initiative group initial feedback:

- Supportive of overall concept
- Supportive of expanded food and beverage, including potential for beer and wine alcohol sales
- Desired to find a pathway for new western entrance concept
- Supportive of studying/reviewing Lewis Park as a concept
- Supportive of studying naming rights (Initiative 1.5.4 Research and, if feasible, develop an action plan or further research of no more than two Alternative Funding Strategies to progress that initiative)

### Summary

The Parks & Recreation Department has many amenity offerings in its park system. If the BMP, arena infrastructure improvements and expansion are completed, Braemar Park and Arena will arguably be the best such facility in the metro area and beyond with an athlete's first focus.

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1. Braemar Arena Concept Presentation PARC 01.13.2026 (Board Portal)



**Item Number:** 7.2

**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Item Activity:** Discussion

**Prepared By:** Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

**Item Title:** 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

**Action Requested:**

Review the 2026 Commission Work Plan for any updates. Determine a discussion schedule for other initiatives with the goal to highlight and present one initiative group per meeting.

**Information/Background:**

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Tentative discussion schedule:

Meeting Date	Tentative Work Plan Discussion Initiative
Tuesday, February 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan: Alternate Funding</li> <li>• Work Plan: Climate Action Plan priorities</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan: Park Shelter Building Amenities</li> </ul>
Tuesday, April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan: Alternate Funding</li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan: Strategic Plan Content – Staff Review</li> </ul>
Tuesday, June 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2027/2028 Work Plan Process Discussion</li> </ul>
Monday, August 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2027/2028 Work Plan Process Discussion</li> </ul>
Tuesday, September 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2027/2028 Work Plan Process Discussion</li> </ul>

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1. PARC Commission Work Plan Report (Board Portal)



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**Item Number:** 7.3

**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Item Activity:** Information

**Prepared By:** Tom Swenson, Asst Dir-Parks & Nat Res

**Item Title:** Update on Park Maintenance and Natural Resource activities

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**Action Requested:**

None, informational only.

**Information/Background:**

Tom Swenson, Assistant Director of Parks and Natural Resources, will provide an update on park maintenance activities.

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None



**Item Number:** 9.1

**Department:** Parks & Recreation

**Item Activity:** Information

**Prepared By:** Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

**Item Title:** Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Action Requested:**

None, informational only.

**Information/Background:**

Regular Commission meetings are held in the Hoyt and Blanchard Room, lower level of Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Drive, Edina.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, January 13	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, February 10	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, March 10	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, May 12	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, June 9	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, July 9	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
MONDAY, August 10*	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, September 8	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, October 13	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
MONDAY, November 9*	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, December 8	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course

\*Date adjustments

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