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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 April 14, 2026

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Welcome Commissioner Justin Rezac to the Parks & Recreation Commission

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. Senior Center Update

7.2. Braemar Ice Arena & Field Facility Update

7.3. Initiative 1.5.4: Research and if feasible, develop action plan or further research of no more than two Alternative Funding Strategies (2023 Work Plan Item) to progress that initiative.

7.4. 2026 Park & Recreation Commission Work Plan

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

10. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission April 14, 2026

Action Requested:

Approve minutes from the April 14, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

Information/Background:

See attached minutes.

Supporting Documentation:

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes 4-14-2026



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

April 14, 2026, 7:00 PM

Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Dr.

1. Call to Order

Chair Pfuhl called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Answering roll call were Commissioners Bye, Conzemius, Garazatua, Hulbert, Wick, Kane, Pfuhl and Student Commissioner Harrington

Commissioner Welsh arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Absent: Student Commissioner Syed

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Perry Vetter, Assistant Director Parks & Natural Resources Tom Swenson, Assistant Director Recreation & Facilities Tracy Petersen, Recreation Supervisor Maddy Champa, and Administrative Coordinator Janet Canton

Chair Pfuhl noted that Commissionoer Garazatua is attending the meeting virtually in accordance with City Council's policy.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Chair Pfuhl noted there is an amendment to the agenda. Staff Liaison Vetter informed the Commission that General Manager Jesse Bucholz is unable to attend tonight's meeting. Item 7.2 Braemar Ice Arena & Field Facility will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Motion made by Hulbert to approve the amended meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Kane

A roll call vote was performed:

Ayes: Bye, Garazatua, Hulbert, Wick, Welsh, Kane, and Pfuhl

Abstain: Conzemius

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Feb. 10, 2026

Motion made by Wick to approve Feb. 10, 2026 minutes. Motion seconded by Bye.

A roll call vote was performed:

Ayes: Bye, Garazatua, Hulbert, Wick, Welsh, Kane, and Pfuhl

Abstain: Conzemius

Motion carried.

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Welcome Commissioner Alex Conzemius to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Chair Pfuhl introduced the new Commissioner, Alex Conzemius, and each Commissioner and staff member introduced themselves.

6. Community Comment

None.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Outdoor Ice Rink Season Recap & Preview of Summer Sports Programs

Assistant Director Petersen introduced Recreation Supervisor Maddy Champa. Recreation Supervisor Champa gave a recap of the recent outdoor ice rink season as well as a preview of summer sports programs. Commissioners asked questions.

7.2. Braemar Ice Arena & Field Facility Update

Braemar Ice Arena & Field Facility Update will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

7.3. Initiative 1.5.2: Review and compare park shelter building amenities and function

Commissioner Welsh informed the Commission that she does not have a formal presentation but was hoping to have a conversation with the entire Commission. She indicated that she met with Commissioners Garazatua and Wick and they talked about their thoughts based on the presentation provided by Snow Kreilich Architect. Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

7.4. Initiative 1.5.4: Research and if feasible, develop action plan or further research of no more than two Alternative Funding Strategies (2023 Work Plan Item) to progress that initiative.

Chair Pfuhl informed the commission that she met with Commissioners Welsh and Hulbert and went through some of the highlights of their discussion. Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

7.5. 2026 Park & Recreation Commission Work Plan

Initiative 1.5.1 – Review and comment on Braemar Arena implementation – Staff Liaison Vetter informed the Commission they are caught up on the infrastructure replacement and are still working through what the overall design is. They are trying to set the remaining project budget and will continue to work through that.

Initiative 1.5.2 – Review and compare park shelter building amenities and function – Just had the update.

Initiative 1.5.3 – Review the 2016 Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan content, identify key study areas to include in the upcoming 2026 update for topics, research and potential data collection. – This initiative has been completed.

Initiative 1.5.4 – Research and, if feasible, develop an action plan or further research of no more than two Alternative Funding Strategies (2023 Work Plan Item) to progress that initiative. – Just had the update.

Initiative 1.5.5 – Review and climate action plan priorities and conduct research on external park agencies that are implementing projects that would be beneficial to the Edina Park system. Staff Liaison Vetter informed the Commission that this initiative will be presented at the June meeting.

Initiative 1.5.6 – City Code Update – Article III. Boards, Committees and Commission, Division 7. Parks & Recreation Commission. This initiative has been completed.

Chair Pfuhl reminded the Commission to start thinking about work plan ideas at their June meeting for the 2027-2028 work plan.

Staff Liaison Vetter commented that Commissioner Spaulding was on some of these initiatives and asked Commissioner Conzemius if he would like to be a part of the initiatives. Commissioner Conzemius replied there are two initiatives that he is interested in, but they have been completed. He will think about it and get back to the Commission.

8. Chair and Member Comments

None.

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

Staff Liaison Vetter gave the following updates:

- The Parks & Recreation Commission is still one commissioner short. However, in May they will have a new commissioner and therefore will have a full commission.
- The south floor of the arena is well under construction and the next one will be the east. They are still working on the overall design.

- The equipment room at the Edina Aquatic Center is still under construction and has had a massive overhaul. Furniture, fixtures and equipment will be going to the City Council on Tuesday, April 21. This has been a very expensive project with a very tight construction window and a lot of invasive work.
- Work continues and is under construction for the new Art Center with the Hennepin County Library.
- Recently, trees were removed at the Edina Golf Dome, so they are now able to expand the parking lot. He explained it would be dual purpose. It will eventually be the mountain biking trial head parking lot, and they will also have pickleball on the site.
- If the timing works out, they hope to bring the gross maximum price for the Fred Richards project to the City Council on April 21.
- Spring and Summer registration started on Feb. 1, so staff is starting to get a lot of those programs ready. There is also a lot of hiring happening for part-time summer staff.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Hulbert to adjourn the April 14, 2026, meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Welsh.

A roll call vote was performed:

Ayes: Bye, Garazatua, Hulbert, Wick, Welsh, Conzemius, Kane, and Pfuhl

Motion carried.



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Welcome Commissioner Justin Rezac to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Action Requested:

None, recognition only.

Information/Background:

Commissioner Justin Rezac has been appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission. This agenda item will allow Justin to be introduced to the commission and commissioners able to introduce themselves. Welcome Commissioner Rezac.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Tracy Petersen, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation

Item Title: Senior Center Update

Action Requested:

None, informational only.

Information/Background:

Nicole Gorman, Recreation Supervisor, will provide an update on Senior Center programs and services

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 7.2

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Tracy Petersen, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation

Item Title: Braemar Ice Arena & Field Facility Update

Action Requested:

None, informational only.

Information/Background:

Jesse Buchholz, Braemar Arena & Field General Manager, will provide an update on Braemar Arena & Field operations and projects.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 7.3

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Initiative 1.5.4: Research and if feasible, develop action plan or further research of no more than two Alternative Funding Strategies (2023 Work Plan Item) to progress that initiative.

Action Requested:

Discussion on Commission Work Plan item 1.5.4.

Information/Background:

Staff has requested further information from the City Attorney on specifics within MN State Statute that govern work in this area and will report back upon receiving available additional research.

Commissioners may share additional thoughts on this initiative since the April 2026 meeting that could be considered to supplement financial contributions to the park system.

Initiative Work Group: Pfuhl (L), Welsh, Hubert

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 7.4

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action
Discussion

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: 2026 Park & Recreation Commission Work Plan

Action Requested:

Review the 2026 Commission Work Plan and incorporate Commissioner Conzemius and Commissioner Rezac to initiatives.

Information/Background:

Review the 2026 Commission Work Plan and incorporate Commissioner Conzemius and Commissioner Rezac to initiatives.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. PARC Commission Work Plan_May 2026



My plan assignments

2026 Advisory Commission Work Plans

Reporting dates not set

Report Created On: May 06, 2026

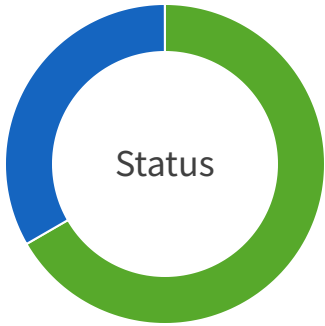
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Commission Name

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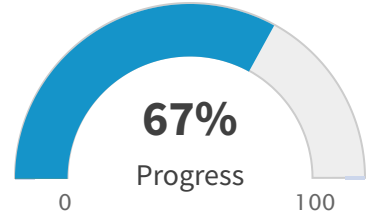
Initiative

Overall Summary



On Track
Completed

%
67
33



Report Legend



Council Charge



No Update



Overdue

Commission Name 1.5 Progress 67%

Parks & Recreation Commission

	%	#
On Track	67	4
Completed	33	2

2025-2026 Work Plan

The Commission participates in park planning, reviews operations of parks and facilities and advises the City Council on policies, parks, programs and facilities.

Owner: Perry Vetter

Initiative: 6

Initiative 1.5.1

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2026 On Track Progress 75%

Review and Comment on Braemar Arena Implementation

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

Owner: Perry Vetter

Council Charge 2: Review & Comment

Initiative Type

Project

Target Completion Date

Q4 - 2026

Leads

Kane (L), Wick, Hulbert, Syed (s), VACANT

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Mar 20, 2026 20:25:23

Initiative members and the entire commission reviewed and provided a recommendation on the Arena concept for renovation and expansion to the City Council. The City Council reviewed that plan and the recommendation in January 2026. As additional input opportunities arise staff will bring those items to the initiative group first and then the full commission.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Mar 20, 2026 19:19:14

Update here.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Nov 05, 2025 19:10:59

The initiative group received an update on the schematic design findings and presentation. Next steps are stakeholder engagement and design finalization.

Initiative 1.5.2

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2026

On Track

Progress 50%

Review and compare park shelter building amenities and function

The upcoming capital improvement program identifies several park shelter building replacements. Part 1: The commission will study and report on user experience enhancements, amenities and style of facility approaches that are successful in current Edina parks and surrounding communities to help guide future replacement projects. Part 2: The commission will evaluate Edina Parks that have and those that do not have park buildings and propose criteria for constructing or decommissioning at each site.

Owner: Perry Vetter

Council Charge 1: Study & Report

Initiative Type

Project

Target Completion Date

Q4 - 2026

Leads

Welsh (L), Wick, Garazatua, Syed (S), VACANT

Initiative 1.5.3

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2026

Completed

Progress 100%

Review 2016 Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan content, identify key study areas to include in upcoming 2026 update for topics, research and potential data collection.

The Parks and Recreation Department completes a strategic plan every 10 years prior to the development of the Comprehensive Guide Plan. The strategic plan informs the parks chapter of the comprehensive guide plan and is used as a pathway to prioritize and further develop the park system. This initiative will review the content of the 2016 plan, identify areas to add or modify for the upcoming work.

Owner: Perry Vetter

Council Charge 1: Study & Report

Initiative Type

Project

Target Completion Date

Q4 - 2025

Leads

Kane (L), Pfuhl, Welsh

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Oct 03, 2025 05:00:01

Initiative commissioners and full commission have reviewed all baseline work for this initiative.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jul 03, 2025 05:00:01

Staff has presented the information to the commission and will review at the August meeting to accept the documents for future planning efforts.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Apr 30, 2025 05:00:02

Update here.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Mar 20, 2026 20:26:34

Initiative members presented to the Commission content identification for consideration. Staff will review that input and recommended areas at a future meeting.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Mar 20, 2026 19:19:21

Update here.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Oct 03, 2025 05:00:01

Initiative members and full commission have developed detailed framework for report.

Initiative 1.5.4

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2026

On Track

Progress 25%

Research and if feasible, develop action plan or further research of no more than two Alternative Funding Strategies (2023 Work Plan Item) to progress that initiative.

The commission delivered a report on alternative funding methods that could be considered to supplement financial contributions to the park system. This initiative will revisit that report and do an in-depth analysis on no more than two methods to provide greater analysis for consideration by the City Council.

Owner: Perry Vetter

Council Charge 3: Review & Recommend

Initiative Type

Project

Target Completion Date

Q4 - 2026

Leads

Pfuhl (L), Welsh, Hulbert, VACANT

Initiative 1.5.5

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2026

On Track

Progress 50%

Review Climate Action Plan priorities and conduct research on external park agencies that are implementing projects that would be beneficial to the Edina Park system.

The commission will review the Climate Action Plan with the City's Sustainability Manager for actions related to the Park System. Commissioners will then research external park agencies that are implementing projects successfully to address items in the plan that are relevant for consideration and planning in Edina.

Owner: Perry Vetter

Council Charge 1: Study & Report

Initiative Type

On-going / Annual

Target Completion Date

Q4 - 2026

Leads

Wick (L), Welsh, Pfuhl, Bye, Eilertson (S)

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Mar 20, 2026 20:27:07

Initiative members will present to the commission at the April 2026 meeting.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Oct 03, 2025 05:00:01

Initiative group to discuss at November meeting.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jul 03, 2025 05:00:01

Initiative members have finalized assignments for this topic to work further on the research.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Mar 20, 2026 20:27:23

Initiative members will present to the commission at the June 2026 meeting.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Oct 03, 2025 05:00:01

Initiative group and full commission have discussed detailed analysis that will frame report.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jul 03, 2025 05:00:01

The City's Sustainability Manager has presented a background to the initiative work group and the commission is scheduled to discuss in August.

Initiative 1.5.6

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

City Code Update—Article III. Boards, Committees and Commissions, Division 7. Parks and Recreation Commission

In preparation for the comprehensive plan update, Administration will propose updates to city code.

Owner: Perry Vetter

Council Charge 2: Review & Comment

Initiative Type

Project

Target Completion Date

Q4 - 2025

Leads

All

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Nov 05, 2025 19:12:08

The commission reviewed and commented at the October meeting. Feedback was provided and incorporated into edits the Engagement Manager will provide to the City Council.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Oct 03, 2025 05:00:01

Full commission review scheduled for October 14 regular meeting.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jul 03, 2025 05:00:01

No updates at this time.



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:

Upcoming Meeting Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, May 12	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, June 9	7:00 p.m.	Braemar Golf Course
Tuesday, July 14	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
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

Upcoming Events

Date / Time	Location
Edina Aquatic Center opens Thurs. June 4	Rosland Park
Fourth of July Parade Sat. July 4 at 10:00 a.m.	50th Street route
Fourth of July Music and Fireworks Sat. July 4 - Evening	Rosland Park
Fall Into the Arts Festival Sat. Sept. 12 and Sun. Sept. 13	Centennial Lakes Park
2026 MGA Adaptive Open Fri. Sept. 25 - Sun. Sept. 27	Braemar Golf Course

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None