



## **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda**

April 14, 2026, 7:00 PM

Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Dr.

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### **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.*