



EDINA
MINNESOTA

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

September 8, 2026, 7:00 PM

Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Dr.



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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 Aug. 10, 2026

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. Edina Aquatic Center Update

7.2. Summer Youth & Special Event Programming Update

7.3. Discussion on 2027/2028 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

7.4. 2026 Park & Recreation Commission Work Plan

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

10. Adjournment



Item Report

September 8, 2026

Parks & Recreation Commission

Item Number: 4.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission Aug. 10, 2026

Action Requested:

Approve minutes from the Aug. 10, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

Information/Background:

See attached minutes.

Supporting Documentation:

1. Aug. 10, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

August 10, 2026, 7:00 PM

Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Dr.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioner Welsh arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Absent: Student Commissioner Syed

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Perry Vetter, Assistant Director Recreation & Facilities Tracy Petersen, Assistant Director Parks & Natural Resources Tom Swenson, Park Planner Rachel DeVries and Administrative Coordinator Janet Canton

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- 3.1. Amend the meeting agenda to add item 7.1 Discussion on Amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties. Chair Pfuhl informed the commission that City Council has asked the Parks & Recreation Commission to discuss and provide comments on amending the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties. This item will now be moved to Item 7.1 and subsequently reordered with the other items on the agenda. Item 7.3, the 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan will be taken off the agenda and discussed at next month's meeting. Item 5.1, Park Projects Update, will be moved to the Reports/Recommendation portion of the meeting.

***Motion made by Hulbert to approve the meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Bye
Motion carried.***

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 4.1. Minutes: Parks & Recreation Commission June 9, 2026

***Motion made by Wick to approve June 9, 2026 minutes. Motion seconded by Garazatua.
Motion carried.***

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

- 5.1. Park Project Updates

Park Planner DeVries gave a presentation as part of the Reports/Recommendations section on the park project updates that are currently underway.

6. Community Comment

None.

7. Reports/Recommendations

- 7.1. Discussion on Amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties.

Staff Liaison Vetter reviewed the history and gave a presentation on where they are currently amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restriction for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties. After a discussion, each commissioner gave their thoughts and opinions.

- 7.2. Initiative 1.5.5 – Review Climate Action Plan Priorities

Commissioner Wick informed the commission of the conversation and different sustainability ideas that could benefit the Parks & Recreation Department that this initiatives group discussed.

7.3. 2026 Park & Recreation Commission Work Plan

This item was removed from the agenda as part of the amended agenda.

7.4. Discussion on 2027/2028 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

Chair Pfuhl noted at the June meeting commissioners were asked to think about a series of questions and think about work plan items and send any feedback to Staff Liaison Vetter.

Staff Liaison Vetter went over the ideas generated at the June 9 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting as well as new ideas that were submitted for discussion since their last meeting. It was decided that Staff Liaison Vetter will put together a list of the initiatives discussed and will send out to the commissioners to rank. The initiatives will be tabulated and presented at next month's meeting. Staff Liaison Vetter also noted at the September meeting that it would be the appropriate time to nail down wording and a commitment to any new issues.

8. Chair and Member Comments

None.

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Upcoming Meetings & Events

Staff Liaison Vetter gave the following updates:

- The September and October meetings will be held on Tuesday nights, the November meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 9
- The Fall into the Arts Festival will be held on Sept. 12 and 13.
- The Minnesota Golf Association will host the Annual Minnesota Adaptive Open at Braemar Golf Course from Sept. 25–27. Everyone should have received an email about volunteering and if you have questions you can contact Joe Abood.

Assistant Director Swenson gave the following updates:

- The Mooty Pickleball courts are open; however, there is still some side work being done for a new shelter area and concrete.
- The basketball courts at Weber Park have been removed and replaced.
- The pathway at Wooddale Park is next on their list to remove and replace.

Assistant Director Petersen gave the following updates:

- Fall registration for Edina residents starts at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 12.
- There was some delay with the cabana rentals at the Aquatic Center, and they were not able to start renting until July 18. So far they have been very popular.
- The Aquatic Center started an August-only pass and as of Monday they have sold 60 August passes, which they didn't think was too bad. They will evaluate and see if this is the route they want to go in the future.
- Braemar East Arena is now underway. They have completed the South Arena floor and are now starting on the East.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Kane to adjourn the Aug. 10, 2026 meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion seconded by Garazatua. Motion carried.



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Tracy Petersen, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation

Item Title: Edina Aquatic Center Update

Action Requested:

Patty McGrath, General Manager, will provide a recap of the 2026 Edina Aquatic Center season.

Information/Background:

None, informational only.

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: Summer Youth & Special Event Programming Update

Action Requested:

None, informational only.

Information/Background:

Amanda Clarke, Recreation Supervisor, will provide a recap of summer youth & special event programming.

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: Discussion on 2027/2028 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

Action Requested:

The commission has been requested to begin discussions on the 2027/2028 work plan and finalize by the Sept. 8 meeting. Chair Pfuhl will present the plan to the City Council in October.

Information/Background:

Information / Background

The information is available for the Parks & Recreation Commission Members to discuss the development of the 2027/2028 Work Plan. The following information is available in the board portal for the June 9, 2026, meeting packet:

- Council Charge / Level of Impact: This document is a short description of the levels and roles of the various council charges that each work plan would be defined as.
- Prior Year Work Plans: Included are the 2021 – 2026 commission work plan initiatives.
- Comprehensive Guild Plan Chapter 6: This is the Parks, Open Space, and Natural Resources chapter of the comprehensive guide plan.
- Park System Strategic Plan: This is linked document due to size
<https://www.edinamn.gov/1808/Park-System-Strategic-Plan>
- Park System Strategic Plan Appendix A – Implementation Framework: this includes updated progress on the plan's implementation.

Process to Set 2027/2028 Work Plan

- The work plan initiatives are determined and worked on by the commission themselves. The City Council approves each commission work plan.
- Each initiative is limited to no more than 4 regular members and up to two student members.
- Each initiative should have a designated lead. The lead's responsibility is to organize the work plan members on the deliverable and communicate with the Chair on when the item is ready for discussion by the full commission for the agenda. Initiative leads do work with staff on guidance and clarity.
- The initiatives must fall into one of five City Council Charges of 1. Study & Report, 2. Review & Comment, 3. Review & Recommend, 4. Review & Decide, or 5. Event.
- Typically the June and August meetings the commission will discuss ideas and focus areas for the work plan. The September meeting is used for finalizing the initiatives and recommending them by motion for City Council consideration.

After the August 10, 2026 meeting, members requested to have each draft item individually ranked to determine the commission members' priorities. Those items were broken down into Staff Lead initiative items and Commission Lead initiative items. The rankings at the time of publication of the packet are attached.

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1. PARC Initiative Rankings 09.01.2026 V1

Staff Lead Initiatives	Commissioner Rankings with 1 being the highest priority and 4 being the lowest priority		Average
S2 - Staff Lead	Staff plans to bring potential updates to the City Code of Ordinances as it relates to parks and will request the commission review and comment on those updates.	Review of Ordinances and Policies	1.57
S1 - Staff Lead	Yorktown Park (in conjunction with the City of Richfield's Adams Hill Park) Masterplan will be brought to the commission for review and comment.	Master Plan implementation review	2.57
S4 - Staff Lead	As Edina continues to implement the Park System Strategic Plan, I think it would be helpful for the Commission to look at how parks are changing and what residents may want in the future. We could research new recreation trends, compare what nearby cities are doing, and identify ideas that could improve Edina's parks over the next 10 years. -New recreation trends, - Park amenities in nearby cities, - Year-round recreation	Research, Benchmarking and Comparative Analysis	2.57
S3 - Staff Lead	As it relates to the Comprehensive Guide Plan or the Parks Strategic Plan the commission could play a role in analyzing trends for recreational use or athletic use (including potential for school district sites) as it pertains to data analysis.	Research, Benchmarking and Comparative Analysis	3.14

PARC Lead Initiatives	Commissioner Rankings with 1 being the highest priority and 7 being the lowest priority		Average
P1 - PARC Lead	Focus area: Philanthropic Efforts - Continuation from 2025/2026: 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.	Alternative Funding Strategies	2.00
P2 - PARC Lead	Focus area: Naming Rights/Sponsorships - Continuation from 2025/2026: 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.	Alternative Funding Strategies	2.29
P7 - PARC Lead	Building on the Commission's Climate Action Plan work, I think we should look at ways to better protect and improve Edina's natural areas. We could study what nearby cities are doing and identify ideas that fit Edina's parks and long-term goals. -Native plants and pollinator habitat, - Preserving Edina's trees and woodlands, - Environmental education	Alignment with the Climate Action Plan and Sustainability	3.86
P4 - PARC Lead	If the City Council pursues a referendum the commission would play a role in education of the community as it relates to Parks and Recreation needs.	Community Engagement and Education	4.29
P5 - PARC Lead	Establish Unplug Edina Day - The program promotes three core community pillars: environmental sustainability, personal wellness, and the economic impact of local recreational properties.	Community Engagement and Education	4.29
P6 - PARC Lead	Drones as First Responders (DFR) program - To augment safety in parks and public spaces, and to help enforce pending Ordinance 2026-12, Edina should consider establishing a Drones as First Responders (DFR) program. Several communities in MN (Minnetonka, St. Paul, Brooklyn Park, Duluth, & Rochester) have active Drones as First Responders (DFR) programs. In DFR programs, drones are docked on building roofs and self-dispatched to 911 call locations. If a fight, medical emergency, or vandalism is reported at a city park, a drone will fly to the scene to give arriving police officers a real-time visual assessment.	Review of Ordinances and Policies	5.57
P3 - PARC Lead	Study and Report: (Source: Strategic Plan for Recreation Facilities Tactic 1.1.2) Re-brand the Senior Center as a "community center" or "activity center" to attract other age segments by removing the negative connotation of "senior" label among 55-75 age segment. Consider including in a multi-purpose facility at the Grandview site.	Review of Ordinances and Policies	5.71



Item Number: 7.4

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: 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 provide any available updates.

Information/Background:

Review the 2026 Commission Work Plan.

Supporting Documentation:

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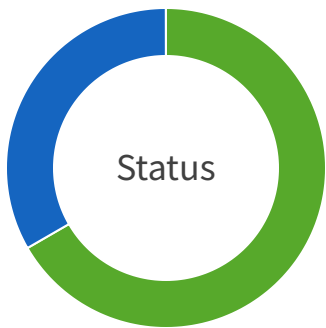
2026 Advisory Commission Work Plans

Reporting dates not set

Report Created On: Jul 27, 2026

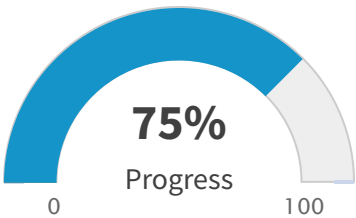
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Overall Summary



- On Track
- Completed

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67
33



Report Legend  Council Charge  No Update  Overdue

PARC Commission report_PV

2026 Advisory Commission Work Plans

Report Created On: Jul 27, 2026

Report Legend



Council Charge



No Update



Overdue

Commission Name 1.5

Parks & Recreation Commission

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.

Plan Label And Number	Description	Initiative Type	Leads	Status
Initiative 1.5.1	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	Project	Kane (L), Wick, Hulbert, Rezac, Syed (s)	On Track
Initiative 1.5.2	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.	Project	Welsh (L), Wick, Garazatua, Rezac, Syed (S)	On Track
Initiative 1.5.3	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.	Project	Kane (L), Pfuhl, Welsh	Completed
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. 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.	Project	Pfuhl (L), Welsh, Hulbert, Conzemius	On Track
Initiative 1.5.5	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.	On-going / Annual	Wick (L), Welsh, Pfuhl, Bye, Eilertson (S)	On Track
Initiative 1.5.6	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.	Project	All	Completed

Initiative 1.5.2

Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 31, 2026

On Track

Progress 75%

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, Rezac, Syed (S)

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jul 27, 2026 17:31:53

The Commission has accepted the presentation materials and staff work as baseline documents for future planning efforts. Staff will assist the commission with creating a report for review prior to delivering the information to City Council.

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jun 04, 2026 15:13:49

Update here.

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.

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 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 50%

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, Conzemius

Update provided by Perry Vetter on Jul 27, 2026 17:30:03

Initiative members presented to the commission at the April 2026 meeting and have been conducting follow up research.

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.

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 Jul 27, 2026 17:28:55

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

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.

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, 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
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