

## Resolution No. 2021- 51

### Directing Continued Efforts Pertaining to the Parks Master Plan

**Whereas,** the City of Fridley (City) began a process of understanding the needs and desires of residents for City parks improvements in 2019 called "Finding Your Fun in Fridley" by conducting four public workshops with residents; and

**Whereas,** Fridley residents expressed an interest in improving City parks by upgrading playgrounds and amenities, creating gathering spaces, offering year-round recreation programs at parks, interconnecting parks by trail, and creating unique experiences in the parks; and

**Whereas,** in 2020 the City's consultant, WSB & Associates conducted additional resident engagement over concept plans for each City park and provided cost estimates for construction; and

**Whereas,** a statistically-valid residents survey conducted by Morris Leatherman Associates identified residents are supportive of parks, desire to see the parks improved and are willing to pay additional taxes to fund a reconstruction effort; and

**Whereas,** a Town Hall meeting open to all residents held on June 5, 2021, further identified support for the Parks Master Plan and a clarification of next steps.

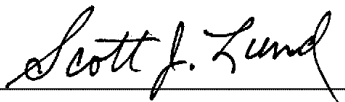
**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that the Fridley City Council hereby directs the City Manager to continue final implementation of the Parks Master Plan.

**Be it further resolved** that the Fridley City Council hereby set parameters to the next phase of the Parks Master Plan:

- A. Project size not to exceed \$30 million.
- B. Timeframe of the improvements not to exceed 10 years.
- C. Approves the following appointments to the vacant positions:
  - 1) The creation of a Financing Task Force for purposes of recommending an appropriate financing method to implement the Parks Master Plan consistent with City Council parameters. The task force would be staffed by the City Finance Director and made up of seven residents appointed by the City Council.
  - 2) The creation of a Refinements Task Force for purposes of evaluating the Parks Master Plan concepts and refining them to the interests of the community and fit within the project size determined by the City Council. They will host public meetings and find ways to engage residents in the process to make sure all

voices are heard. They will recommend a final project implementation plan to the City Council for consideration. The group will be headed by the Community Services Director. The Parks & Recreation Commission will be asked to serve as members of the task force. The City council may appoint more members if desired.

**Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fridley this 14th day of June 2021.**

  
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Scott J. Lund – Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Daniel Tienter – City Clerk

**Resolution No. 2021- 55**

**Appointing Members to the Financing Task Force and Refinement Task Force  
for Continued Work on a Parks System Improvement Plan**

**Whereas**, in 2019, the City of Fridley (City) began a process of understanding the needs and desires of residents and stakeholders for City park system improvements called “Finding Your Fun in Fridley” by conducting public workshops with residents; and

**Whereas**, through multiple engagement efforts spanning two years, Fridley residents and stakeholders expressed an interest in improving City parks by upgrading playgrounds and amenities, creating gathering spaces, offering year-round recreation programs at parks, interconnecting parks by trail, and creating unique experiences in the parks; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to resident and stakeholder feedback received through engagement efforts, the City Council (Council) finds that the project cost for a Parks System Improvement Plan shall not exceed \$30 million and 10 years to complete; and

**Whereas**, on June 14, 2021 the Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-51 guiding continued efforts pertaining to the Park System Improvement Plan by directing staff to organize a Financing Task Force and a Refinement Task Force; and

**Whereas**, the Council and staff have worked to coordinate lists of appointees for each task force, whose names will be read into the official record.

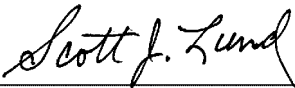
**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the City Council of the City of Fridley hereby appoints the following people to serve on the Financing Task Force:

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Daniel Tienter	Staff Liaison
Lee Pao Xiong	Member
Scott Brinkhaus	Member
Walter Smith	Member
Steve Schmit	Member
Ron Ackerman	Member
Rachel Schwankl	Member
Alesia Thompson	Member
Warren Stock	Member

**Be it further resolved**, that the Council hereby appoints the following people to serve on the Refinement Task Force:

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mike Maher	Staff Liaison
Pete Borman	Member
E.B. Graham	Member
Mike Heintz	Member
Ken Schultz	Member
Dan Whalen	Member
Jordan Hurst	Member
Jim Stangler	Member
Traci Wuchter	Member
Liz Novotony	Member
Dan Gourde	Member
Kim Ferraro	Member
Maija Sedzielarz	Member
Malcolm Mitchell	Member
Jeremy Powers	Member

**Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fridley this 28th day of June, 2021.**

  
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Scott J. Lund – Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Daniel Tienter – City Clerk