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## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**

### **AGENDA**

**7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**5341 Maywood Road, Mound, MN**  
*Thursday, June 13, 2024*

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1. Call to Order by Chair, Mark Stehlik	
2. Roll Call	
3. Approval of Agenda	
4. Approve minutes from 5-9-24 Meeting	1 - 2
5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present (No more than 3 minutes allowed per speaker)	
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## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024

The Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commission met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Centennial Building.

Present: Chair Mark Stehlik, Commissioners Kim Blievernicht, Travis Mills and Joanna Kahn.

Absent: City Council Representative Sherrie Pugh.

Others Present: Deputy City Manager, Maggie Reisdorf.

Public Present: None.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stehlik at 7:00pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Stehlik, Commissioners Blievernicht, Mills, and Kahn.

Absent: City Council Representative Pugh.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Blievernicht to approve the agenda, second by Mills; Motion carried 4-0.**

4. **Approve Minutes from 4-11-24 Meeting**

**Motion by Mills to approve the minutes, second by Blievernicht. Motion carried 4-0.**

5. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present**

NA.

6. **2024 Park Visits Review**

Reisdorf introduced this item to the POSC. She informed that on an annual basis the POSC commissioners divide up the city parks and do visits to review each park's amenities, immediate needs, and future recommended priorities. She said that at the meeting tonight, the commissioners will each review the parks that they visited. Reisdorf explained that staff would then meet internally to review the information, put a plan together on how to address concerns and questions, and provide an update back to the POSC.

Each present POSC commissioner went through each of their parks and reviewed what they liked about the park, what was working well, and any concerns or recommendations.

Overall, the POSC had many positive things to say about the city's parks and open spaces. There were minor suggestions made for some parks including updating/replacing picnic tables, adding additional dog waste bag stations, removing minor graffiti markings, and doing small maintenance fixes to amenities.

The POSC also talked about adding to a future meeting the discussion of if and where some Frisbee golf baskets and tee boxes could be installed.

7. **Park Rename Discussion**

Reisdorf introduced this item to the POSC. She stated that at the April 11, 2024 POSC meeting, the commission discussed the renaming of Harbor Park. She stated that at that meeting, the Commission directed commissioner Kahn to reach out to the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society (LMHC) to see if they had any recommendation for park names based on significant community historical events. The POSC also mentioned that in the past, a park study solicited names for the park.

Kahn informed that she did reach out to the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society and hasn't received a response. The POSC asked Kahn and Reisdorf to try a little longer to connect with someone and if they don't respond, then the commission will move forward without LMHC recommendations.

Reisdorf provided the surveyed park names that were included in the park study. She informed that the top name choices were: Harbor Park (62%), Lost Lake Park or Lost Lake Landing, and/or something with historical reference. The POSC asked Reisdorf to reach out to the company who did the survey to see if she could get more information on how the survey solicited for park names.

Commissioner Mills asked for an update on what is currently referred to as Harbor Park and the timeline for the different project phases.

Reisdorf informed that Phase I is scheduled to start in fall of 2024. She said Phase II is tentatively scheduled for early summer 2025 and Phase III in 2027 – 2028.

**8. Reports**

Kahn asked if the Park Commission was interested in having an information booth at the farmers' market again this year. She informed that the application is due soon. The POSC agreed to do a booth again at the farmers' market and with the goal of having a space a few weekends throughout the summer months. The POSC agreed that they want to get a better idea of which parks are adopted before soliciting for volunteers for the vacant parks and open spaces. Reisdorf said she should have a good idea by the June meeting.

**9. Adjourn**

**Mills moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Blievernicht seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

**CITY OF MOUND – CITY MANAGER**

2415 Wilshire Blvd  
Mound, MN 55364

**TO:** Parks and Open Spaces Commission

**FROM:** Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** June 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Harbor District Park Layout

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**REQUEST:** The POSC is being asked to discuss with the City Engineer upcoming Harbor District Park Improvements.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Harbor District Park area has been identified in the past as a space within the city that will be improved within the City's downtown and serve as a public park space within that area.

There was a study performed in 2022 that sought public input for desired improvements of that parcel. It has been identified and planned for within the City's long-term capital plan to start the initial phase of construction in fall 2024 when the neighboring parcel's construction project is complete. This project is the construction of luxury senior condominiums.

With the plan to start phase I of the park in the fall of 2024, the City Engineer needs to finalize the design elements of phase I.

Phase I includes the following:

1. Remove existing roadway and underground stormwater storage.
2. Restore the site.
3. Provide Fire Access.
4. Install underground items.

There will be two additional phases in the future that will include landscaping elements, the construction of a plaza, a fire ring, seating, and lighting. Additionally, an open air shelter is planned and a performance area.

The City Engineer will presenting concept plans that need the POSC's input. This includes making decisions related to the plaza space layout, the concrete color schemes, the seating area layout, and the art walk and hammock grove.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion.

**Attachments:**

Harbor District Park Layout Presentation.

# Parks Commission Meeting

Harbor District Park Layout

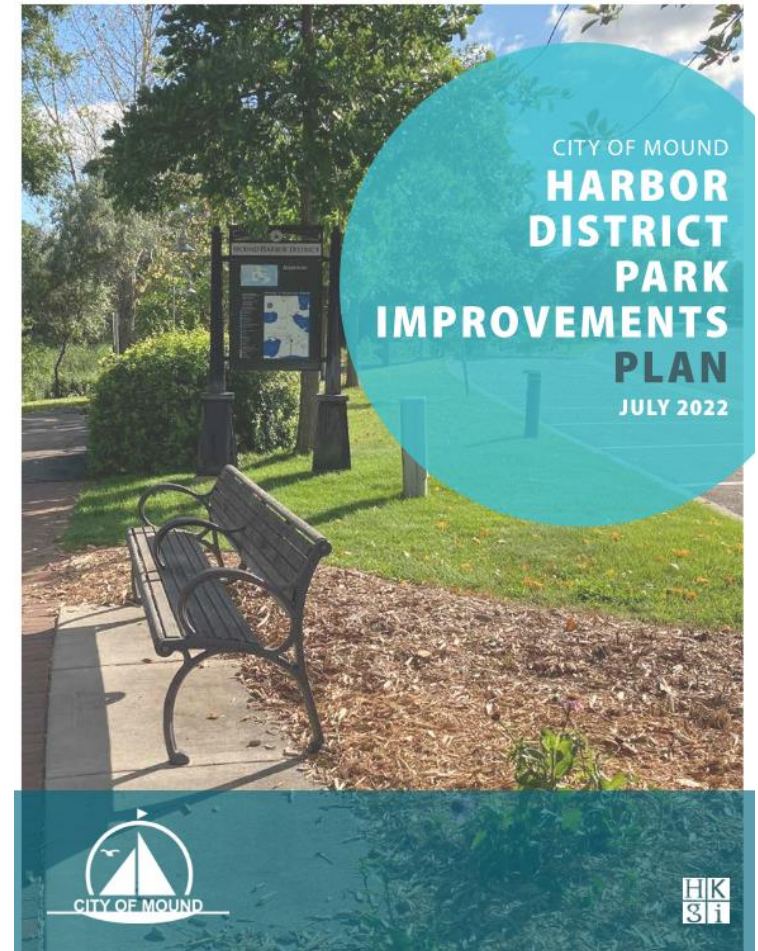
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# Harbor District Park Improvements

## Considerations

- HKGI completed study in 2022
  - Basis of this review
- Three Rivers Park Trail Crossing (Hennepin County Project)
- Artessa Construction
- Long-term financial plan coordination
- Transit Center pavers condition



Source: Harbor District Park Improvements Plan, HKGI



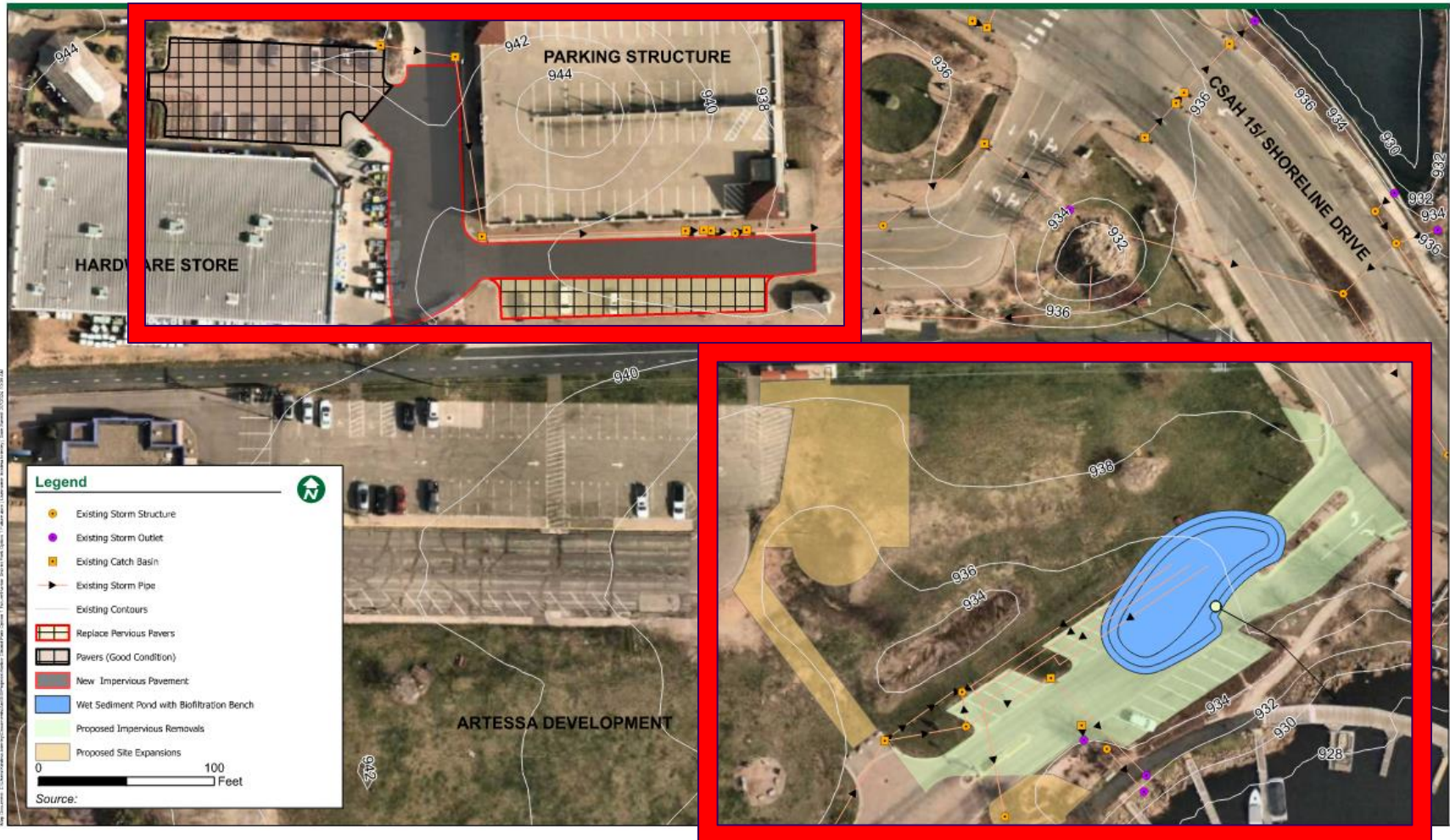


# Harbor District Park Improvements



Harbor District Park/ Transit Center Paver Options  
City of Mound

Figure 5: Option 1 - Hybrid Paver Lot & Pond  
February 2024





# Harbor District Park Improvements



FIGURE 4.1 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Source: Harbor District Park Improvements Plan, HKGI





# Harbor District Park Improvements

## DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Development Plan for the Harbor District park is based on the issues and opportunities identified during the site analysis phase, combined with input gathered through community engagement and stakeholder listening sessions, as well as based on feedback and recommendations from City staff, the Mayor, and members of the Parks and Open Space Commission. Elements keyed to the Development Plan are in order of priority and shown alongside precedent (example) imagery.



FIGURE 4.1 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## INITIAL PHASE ELEMENTS (CONTINUED)



### 2 PLAZA WITH GATHERING SPACE

- » Paved plaza adjacent to trailhead and market for events
- » Can be used as overflow or complementary space for market events
- » Potential for future shelter (open air)
- » Fire ring / gathering space for year-round / winter programming



### 3 PROMENADE

- » Distinctly-designed paved walk lined with shade trees connecting the trailhead and Veterans Circle area to the harbor
- » Stormwater feature moved and re-designed as raingarden with flowering perennials and grasses, interpretive elements, and shaped to allow for maximum open green space and open views to the harbor



### 4 SEATING AT HARBOR

- » Additional seating / plaza space at Harbor for informal or formal programming
- » Movable site furnishings such as tables with umbrellas can be added or moved for events



### 5 ART WALK + HAMMOCK GROVE

- » Perennial landscaping alongside walk connecting Harbor to Shoreline Drive
- » Local artists or rotating art exhibit could be programmed for the space
- » Hammock Garden can be introduced to the area with installation of simple posts for hanging hammocks throughout the artwork and shaded areas

## FUTURE PHASE ELEMENTS



### 6 PERFORMANCE AREA AT HARBOR

- » Harbor area to be upgraded with electrical/communications devices to support the pier as a performance area
- » Additional seating around the lawn space at the harbor
- » Overall refresh and refurbish of existing harbor area and structure



### 7 PLACEMAKING + UPGRADES AT FARMERS MARKET

- » Pedestrian-scaled lighting throughout, potentially in combination with banners + City of Mound branding
- » Electrical receptacles installed at market for vendors and events
- » String lights above market to provide programming option and define space
- » Decorative or artful crosswalk markings along the regional trail can contribute to placemaking opportunities
- » Potential for temporary ice skating rink in market space



### 1 COMMUNITY EVENT LAWN

- » 50,000 SF event lawn for informal and programmed events
- » Will require grading, potential soil amendment, seeding with hardy turf grass; lawn to extend all of the way to the harbor and to the Andrews Sisters Trail with the removal of Auditors Road east of the promenade
- » Potential transplant of existing tree and sculpture to Art Walk for further open space



# Harbor District Park Improvements

## Phased Construction

- HKGI Study recommended initial and future phase
- Three Phases better for financial considerations
- Phase 1
  - Begin as soon as possible once Artessa project wraps up
  - Artessa developer responsible for some restoration work by using the site
  - Remove orphaned elements – Roadway, Underground stormwater storage
  - Restore the Site
  - Provide Fire Access
  - Install underground items





# Harbor District Park Improvements

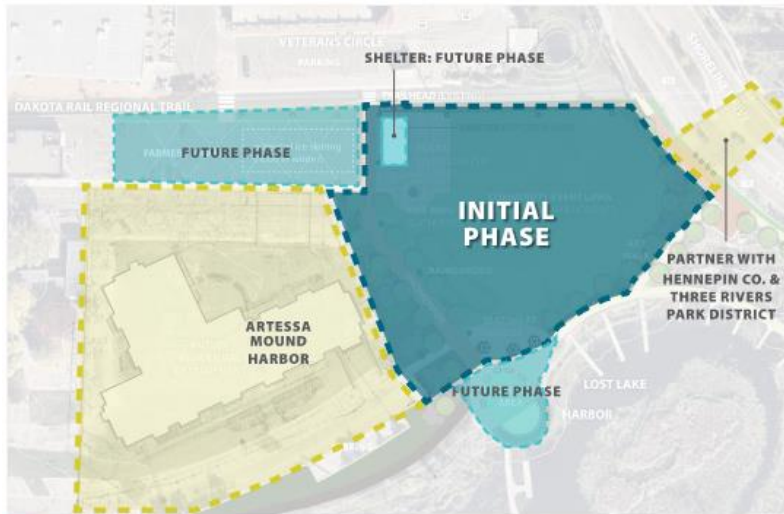


FIGURE 4.2 PHASING STRATEGY

Harbor District Park  
City of Mound, MN

Figure 3: Phase 3  
February 2024



Harbor District Park  
City of Mound, MN

Figure 1: Phase 1  
February 2024



Harbor District Park  
City of Mound, MN

Figure 2: Phase 2  
February 2024



# Harbor District Park Improvements

## Phase 2

- Landscaping
- Plaza gathering space
- Fire Ring
- Seating at Harbor
- Lighting

## Phase 3

- Open Air Shelter
- Performance Area Improvements



# Harbor District Park Improvements

## Decisions for Moving Forward

- Plaza Space Layout
- Concrete Color Schemes
- Seating Area Layout
- Art Walk and Hammock Grove





# Harbor Park – Concept 1





# Harbor Park – Concept 2

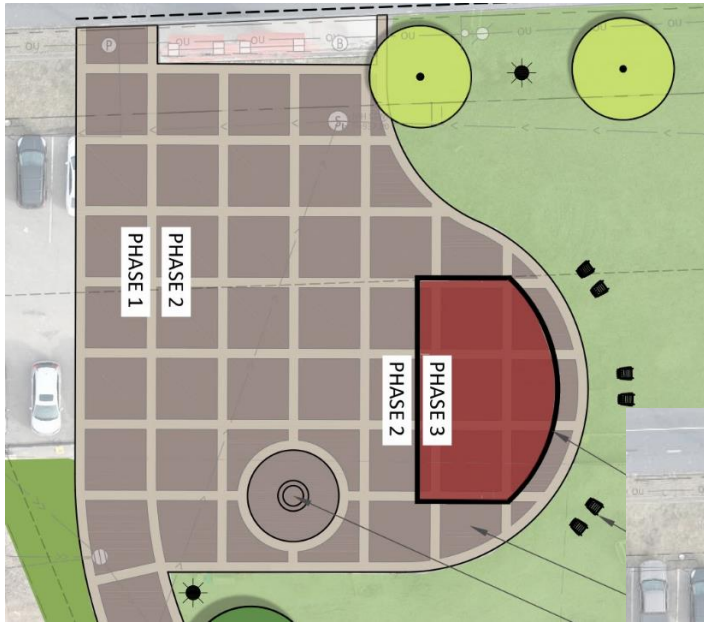


# Harbor Park – Concept 3





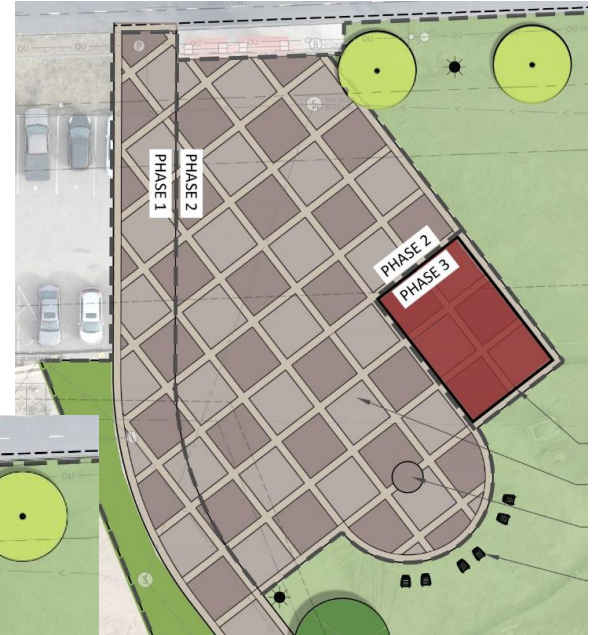
# Plaza & Promenade Options



A

- Layout
- Color(s)

B

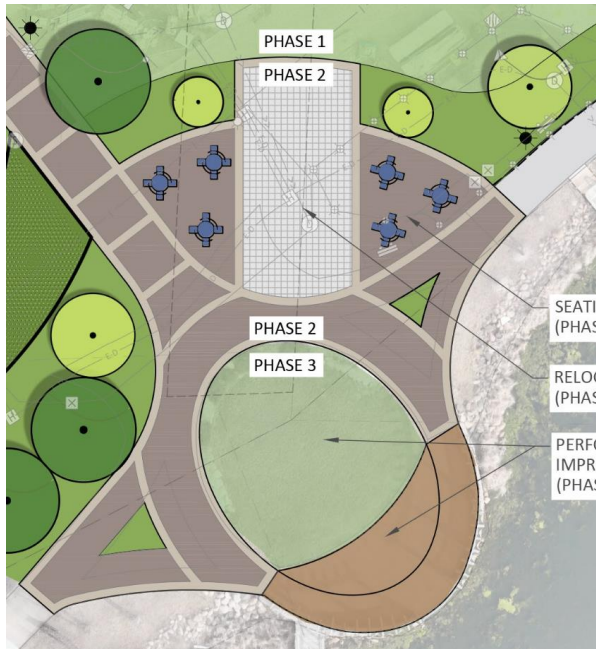


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# Seating Area Options

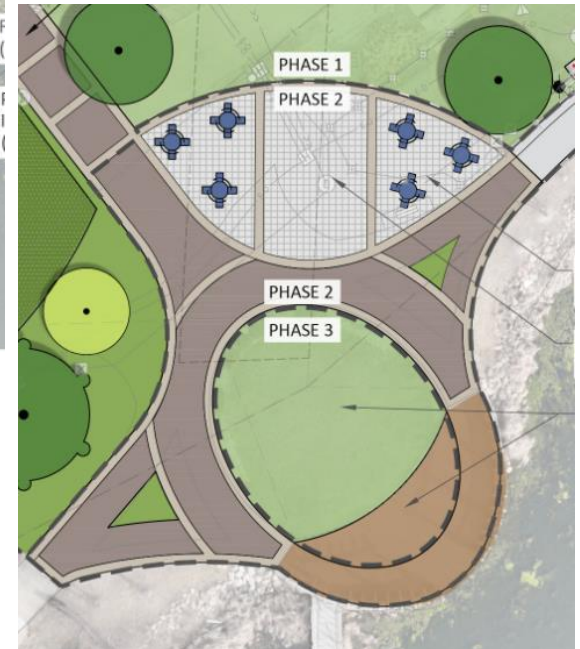
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- Layout

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# Art Walk & Hammock Grove Options

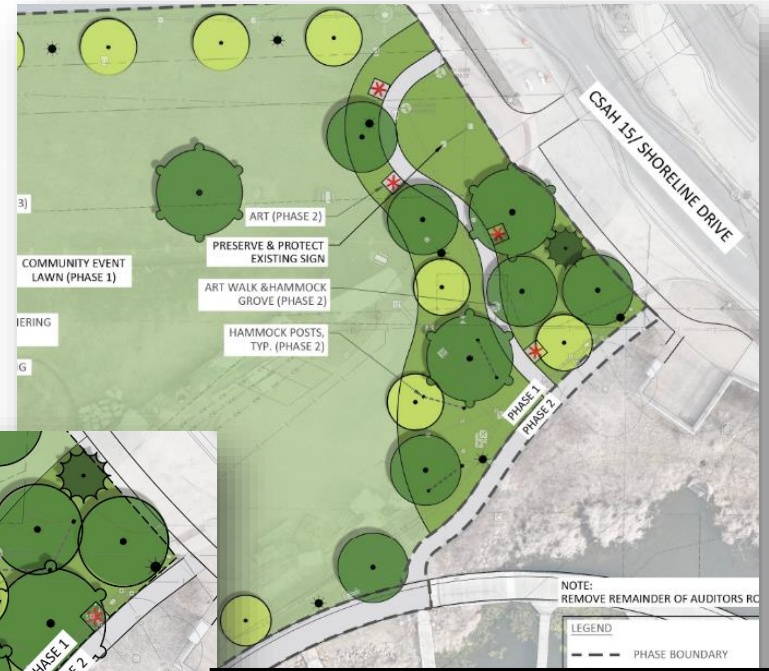


A

- Art
- Hammocks
- Landscaping



B



C

LEGEND	
---	PHASE BOUNDARY
☼	LIGHT FIXTURE (PHASE 2)
✱	ART (PHASE 2)
●---	HAMMOCK POSTS (PHASE 2)
■	WATER QUALITY BASIN
■	TURF GRASS
■	GRASSPAVE
■	LANDSCAPE BED



# Design Coordination

- Coordinate with MCWD on pavers replacement
  - Changes to pavers will require board approval
  - Impacts timing/sizing of pond in park space
- Park Commission/Citizen input on artistic elements
- Completion timing of other projects
  - Artesa
  - MCES Sanitary Sewer
  - Three Rivers Park Trail Crossing



# Project Schedules

## Harbor District Park – Phase 1

<del>February 2024</del>	<del>Authorization to Produce Plans and Specifications</del>
June 2024	Authorization to Bid
July 2024	Award Bid
August 2024	Begin Construction
Spring 2025	Final Completion

## Transit Center Pavers Replacement

<del>February 2024</del>	<del>Authorization to Produce Plans and Specifications</del>
Summer/Fall 2024	Authorization to Bid
Fall 2024	Award Bid
Spring 2025	Begin Construction
Summer 2025	Final Completion





# Questions?



# Parks Commission Meeting

Harbor District Park Layout

June 2024



**CITY OF MOUND – CITY MANAGER**

2415 Wilshire Blvd  
Mound, MN 55364

**TO:** Parks and Open Spaces Commission

**FROM:** Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** June 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Park Rename Discussion

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**REQUEST:** The POSC is being asked to discuss further the renaming of Harbor Park.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the April 11, 2024 POSC meeting, the Commission discussed the renaming of Harbor Park.

The Commission informed staff that there was a community survey completed in 2023 that including potential name change options for the park. Included within the packet is the Pop Up Boards which includes the recommended names.

The Commission also talked about reaching out to the historical society to solicit historically important/relevant names as potential park name ideas.

At the May 9, 2024 POSC meeting, the Commission asked staff to reach out to the company that performed the Harbor Park review and analysis; which included a section on naming the park.

Included within the packet is the name suggestions that were recommended from the community as part of the park review process and survey.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion.

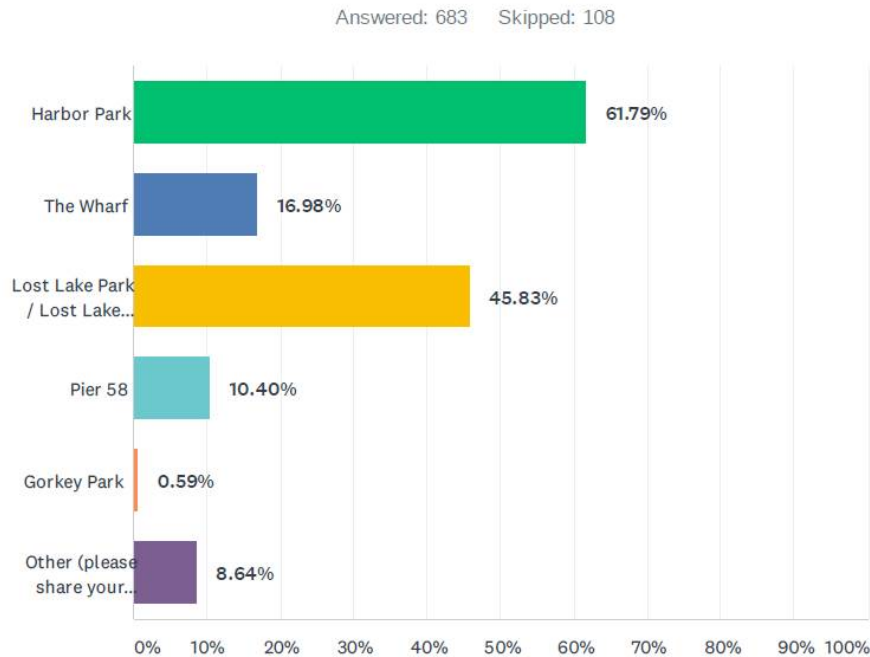
**Attachments:**

Park Survey name voting results (2023).

Park Survey name recommendations (2023).

- Top **choice for name** of park:
  - Harbor Park (62%)
  - Lost Lake Park or Lost Lake Landing (46%)
  - Other ideas include historical references to Andrews Sisters or Native People of Mound

Q7 Below are some preliminary ideas for the name of this park. Choose up to two ideas that you like best, or provide your own idea.



- A historically connected name
- A name that connects to history
- Andrew Sisters Park
- Andrews Park (after the Andrews Sisters)
- Andrew's Sisters Park
- Boaty McBoatface Park, Tonka Truck Park
- Central Park of Mound
- City Park
- Consult Indigenous nations for a name
- Cooks Bay Cove
- Dog park
- Friendly Open Park
- Harbor District Park and Pier
- Harbor District-Downtown Mound
- Harbor Happenings
- Harbor Place; rename street eg Harbor View Road (same # of syllables as the current curiosity, btw)
- Harbor Square
- Historical
- I like Westonka Cove. I don't like Gorkey Park. This is the Central Park in Moscow, and has all kinds of connections with crime.
- Keep it simple and consistent please
- Latitude 44 Park, Mound Central Park, Mound Square,
- Lost Lake Harbor Park
- Mound Central Park
- Mound City Commons
- Mound Commons... or Lost Lake Commons
- Mound Greenway
- Mound Harbor Park
- Mound Harbor Park
- Mound Manor
- Mound park
- Mound Warf Park
- Mounds Folly
- Name tied in a historic way
- Names with significance to our Lake Mtka history
- Near the docks is The Andrews Sisters Trail plaque. On the bottom of the plaque Patty Andrews said she had so many happy memories growing up in Mound and said the only way she could describe Mound is "It is Heaven on Earth!" So I say come up with names that play off that theme . Who doesn't want to be in Heaven On Earth! I know I do! I feel Mound is a gem. It may need a little polishing. But it offers something different than what Excelsior and Wayzata offer. A little bit of small town America. I feel that Mound is the place to be. Like a Norman Rockwell painting a place you long for. The kind of place you want to raise and bring your family. In this case by means of boat or car. So playing off Patty Andrews words. I came up with "Heaven's Harbor", Heavenly Harbor Park", "Heaven's Wharf".
- Not Gorkey Park- needs a name that draws others from other communities
- Not Gorkey Park! Sounds like something from Soviet Russia. Also rhymes with Dorkey. And please, rename Auditor's Road!

- Not the south bronx
- NOT The Wharf. That is fletchers.
- Not wharf! fletchers already has that name "let's go to fletchers and sit/ eat on the wharf"
- Parking ramp plaza
- People's Park
- Prosperity park
- Rockvam Park (after Tom), Andrew Sisters Park or Harbor Park
- Sell the naming rights
- Shoreline Landing
- Shoreview Park
- Some of the west parking should be sold to Minnesota Lakes Bank to ensure proper access and parking for customers who use the existing city lot.
- Spirit of Mound
- Splash Harbor
- Surfside #2
- The above seem redundant to what other's have or not related to us in Mound. Mound's claim to it's name or fame is related to the Native Americans or the Andrew's Sisters in many people's mind. I would suggest something to do with them. Perhaps something like " Native Harbor Park "; or " Boogie Woogie Harbor Park "; or " Dakota Trail Harbor Park"; or "Andrew Sister's Harbor Park".
- The Point
- Tonka Harbor and Recreation
- Tonka Westside
- Westonka Cove
- Westonka Park
- Westonka Pavilion
- Wodakota Park (Peaceful "wellness of our people," and community or harmony

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**TO:** Parks and Open Spaces Commission

**FROM:** Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** June 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Adopt-a-Greenspace – Update

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**BACKGROUND:**

On an annual basis, the City of Mound partners with resident volunteers and/or service groups as part of a collaboration for the city’s Adopt-A-Greenspace program.

The Parks and Open Spaces Commission is looking to kick this event off soon with promotional materials and advertising.

The program seeks volunteers to assist with the maintenance and enhancement of the City Parks and Open Spaces. This program has evolved slowly in recent years due in some part to staffing limitations and general community energy.

**PREVIOUS PROGRAM SUCCESS:**

Re-connecting with long-standing volunteers and getting contact information updated. Signage that identifies available areas as well as recognizing the volunteer assignments. Commissioner promotion of the program at the Farmers Market.

**ADOPT-A-GREENSPACE LOCATIONS & CURRENT AVAILABLE SITES**

The City of Mound’s Adopt-a-greenspace program currently has five categories of spaces. These include the following:

1. Planter Boxes at Parks	17 Locations	4 Available
2. Beaches	5 Locations	1 Available
3. Parks	25 Locations	8 Available
4. Greenways & Trails	4 Locations	3 Available
5. Natives & Pollinators	9 Locations	7 Available
<b>Total:</b>	<b>60 Locations</b>	<b>23 Available</b>

Within these categories are several locations listed. 2024 Adopt-A-Greenspace Roster Attachment shows each category, its location and whether it is currently adopted or not.

Of the 60 locations, 23 are currently available for adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommending that the Commission review the current 2024 roster and continue to discuss the program activities, marketing, and more for the 2024 season.



**ATTACHMENTS:**

Promotional Materials.

Registration Materials.

2024 Adopt-A-Greenspace Roster.

## PLANTER BOXES – PARKS

17 Locations – 4 Available

LOCATION		Confirmed Adoption Commitment 2024 - 2025
Bluff Beach	Adopted	Yes
Carlson Park	Adopted	No
Doone Park	Available	
Dundee Park	Adopted	No
Highland Park	Available	
Lost Lake Park	Adopted	No
Surfside Park (Depot)	Adopted	No
Philbrook Park	Adopted	No
Seton Park	Adopted	No
Scherven Park	Adopted	Yes
Sorbo Park	Adopted	Yes
Swenson Park	Available	
Three Points Park Sign	Available	
Three Points Park Eddibles	Adopted	Yes
Tyrone Park	Adopted	Yes
Veteran's Park	Being Adopted	Yes
Weiland Park	Adopted	No

## BEACHES

5 Locations – 1 Available

LOCATION		Confirmed Adoption Commitment 2024 - 2025
Bluffs Beach	Adopted	Yes
Canary Beach	Adopted	No
Centerview Beach	Adopted	No
Scherven Beach	Adopted	Yes
Wychwood Beach	Available	

## PARKS

25 Locations – 8 Available

LOCATION		Confirmed Adoption Commitment 2024 - 2025
Alwin Park	Adopted	No
Avalon Park	Adopted	No
Avon Park	Adopted	Yes
Belmont Park	Adopted	Yes
Bluffs Park	Adopted	No
Carlson Park	Adopted	No
Centerview Park	Adopted	No
Chester Park	Adopted	Yes
Crescent Park	Available	
Doone Park	Available	
Dundee Park	Available	
Edgewater Park	Adopted	Yes
Highland End Park	Available	
Highland Park	Adopted	No
Philbrook Park	Available	
Seton Park	Adopted	No
Scherven Park	Adopted	Yes
Sorbo Park	Adopted	Yes
Swenson Park	Available	
Three Points Park	Adopted	No
Tyrone Park	Adopted	Yes
Veteran's Park	Being Adopted	Yes
Veteran's Plaza	Available?	
Weiland Park	Adopted	No
Zero Gravity Skate Park	Available	

## GREENWAYS & TRAILS

4 Locations – 3 Available

LOCATION		Confirmed Adoption Commitment 2024 - 2025
Andrews Sisters' Trail (AST)	Adopted	No
AST at Lost Lake Villas Trail	Available	
AST at Wolner Field Trail	Available	
Old School Trail	Available	

## NATIVES & POLLINATORS

9 Locations – 7 Available

LOCATION		Confirmed Adoption Commitment 2024 - 2025
Centerview Beach shoreline	Adopted	No
Carlson Park wildflower area	Adopted	No
Langdon shoreline at OLL	Available	
Drainage pond at Millpond	Available	
Stormwater pond on Dove	Available	
Stormwater pond on Cedar	Available	
Highland End shoreline buffer	Available	
Tyrone Park shoreline wetland	Available	
Crescent Park wildflower area	Available	

**CITY OF MOUND – CITY MANAGER**

2415 Wilshire Blvd  
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**TO:** Parks and Open Spaces Commission

**FROM:** Maggie Reisdorf, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** June 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** General Project Updates

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**REQUEST:** Provided for information only

**BACKGROUND:**

Surfside Park Playground Improvements: Eli Hart Memorial Park:

- There was a preconstruction meeting on May 6, 2024 for the playground project. Substantial completion of the project is set tentatively as May 31, 2024 with final completion on June 20, 2024.
- There is interest in a ribbon cutting for the new playground. Staff will provide the POSC with updated information as it comes in.

Upcoming Community Events:

- Farmers Market: May 18 – October
- Spirit of the Lakes: July 12 – 13
- Music in the Park (Surfside): June 13, 2024, July 11, 2024, August 8, 2024

Park Visits & Recommendations:

- Staff talked internally about the park visits that were conducted by the POSC. The recommendations/suggestions were compiled into a spreadsheet. The Public Works Department recently brought on several part-time seasonal staff and will be able to focus on these items throughout the summer months. An update will be provided at the end of the summer (or earlier if applicable) on the status of these items.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Informational Only.

**Attachments:**

None.