

# Park System Master Plan

## December 19, 2017



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# Why a Park System Plan?

- **Active living needs of the community are changing**
  - Current amenities were reviewed and lesser used features reduced
  - Current needs were reviewed and desired amenities increased or improved
- **Provides a framework and vision for the next 20+ years**
  - Design to minimize ongoing maintenance costs (i.e. grouping amenities)
  - Recognize we can't offer all amenities in every park
  - Focus high maintenance activities in larger parks

# Planning Process

## 2016

- November Kick-off Boards Developed / Public Process Began
- December Inventory of Existing Facilities

## 2017

- January Comparison to National Standards
- February Focus Group Meetings (12)
- March 14 Public Open House
- April - September Community Meetings / On-Line Public Input
- August 9 Public Open House

Past meeting information is available on the city website



# Planning Process

## Parks and Recreation Commission

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| • Jan. – Oct. | Monthly Review of Master Planning Efforts    |
| • November 1  | Reviewed Master Plan Document                |
| • December 6  | Recommended Approval of Master Plan Document |

## City Council

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| • April 19           | City Council Meeting        |
| • July 13            | City Council Work Session   |
| • November 22        | City Council Work Session   |
| • <b>December 19</b> | <b>City Council Meeting</b> |

# Amenity Changes

<b>Reduction (Lower Demand)</b>	<b>Increases (Higher Demand)</b>
Existing Warming Houses (-8)	Rentable Bldg. w/ Restrooms (+5)
Baseball Fields (-1)	Inclusive Play Area (+1)
Softball Fields (-4)	Soccer/Lacrosse Fields (+4)
Tennis Courts (-1) (some relocated)	Pickleball Courts (+6)
Hockey Rinks (-2)	Sport Field Lighting Improvements
Performance Building (-1)	Various Sized Picnic Shelters
	Outdoor Stage with Great Lawn
	Community Gathering Area (events)
	Fountains (for play and aesthetics)

# Amenity Locations

<b>Natural Area (8)</b>	<b>Little to no development</b>
<b>Neighborhood (13)</b>	<b>Small park within a 10-minute walk of home</b>
<b>Community (4)</b>	<b>Large Recreation Facilities</b>
<b>Destination (2)</b>	<b>Unique/Special Community Facilities</b>

**Primary focus was on Community and Destination Parks**

# Community Park Amenities

<b>Sports Fields and Amenities</b>	<b>Bassett Creek</b>	<b>North Lions</b>	<b>Valley Place</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
Community Bldg.	1	1	1	1
Hockey Rink		1	1	1
Sliding Hill		1	1	
Basketball	1	1	1	1
Pickleball		6		
Tennis			6	
Baseball (w/fence)	1			
Softball (w/fence)			1	1
Soccer / Lacrosse	2	1		1





# Destination Park Amenities

Community Gathering Spaces	Becker Park	Grogan Park
Community Events	1	1
Restroom / Rental Building	1	1
Water Features (fountains / aquatic center)	1	1
Inclusive Play Area	1	
Food Trucks / Farmer's Market	1	
Outdoor Stage / Great Lawn	1	
Indoor Stage / Gymnasium		1
Skate Park		1
Little League Complex		1



# Additional Information

- The full master plan document is on the city's website
  - See: <http://www.crystalmn.gov/ParkReport.pdf>
- The Park and Recreation Commission Recommended:
  - Approval of the Park System Master Plan
  - That the city's comprehensive plan be modified to reflect this plan
- Request for the City Council:
  - Approve the Park System Master Plan

The comprehensive plan will be modified during the upcoming process

# Questions?



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