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Community Engagement Summary

To: Jennifer Fink, City of New Brighton

From: Candace Amberg

Re: New Brighton Park & Trail System Plan
WSB Project No. 13154

Fitness Expo

January 12th, 2019
10:30 am – noon

Event Description: Expo held at the Community Center room on a Saturday with various booths related to overall health and fitness. Approximately 225+ visited the expo with the vast majority of those being in the senior 65+ demographic. Approximately 70-80 visited the Parks booth.

Overall Summary:

General questions were asked regarding which parks and trails were most visited and liked, why they liked them, what improvements or additions are needed, are there key trail gaps, and also asked for general comments or concerns regarding the vision and goals for the next 20 years.

Responses:

1. Like Silverwood trails and activities and has a great building facility. Hiking group meets here. Grandkids use Long Lake and Hansen Park, but need restrooms open here.
2. Like Silverwood, live near Pike Lake but this needs more parking at north center which is a big issue. Question regarding adding on to existing building.
3. Need more recumbent bikes at fitness center as there are only two and are in high demand. Need at least 1 more. Also need more clear guidelines on time limits for bikes which has a 30 min. time limit, but trainers are telling their clients to use them 40 min. leading to conflicts. (younger end of senior aged woman). Silver Sneakers, uses fitness center.
4. 2 women. Use fitness center. Walk here and has more swimming opportunities. Used to cross country ski, still play golf, play bridge at CC. Sometimes the game rooms overflow to other rooms and not set with tables – could be done better for setup.
5. Resident, uses fitness center. Don't use trails much but seeing more walking. Like new trails on 8 & Snelling. Like connectivity, need more connections.
6. Just moved here. Consider time for seniors to stay active. NB has good programs and great at implementing. Do Silver Sneakers and play card games.
7. Sr. woman with grandkids. Use CC and LA Fitness. Like Long Lake trails.
8. Sr. man who was on the Park Board for 17 years and helped restrict smoking and drinking in parks, but has issues with being forced out. Wants to focus on connectivity with adjacent communities and across freeways. Freedom Park is ugly and needs improvements, is the cell tower abandoned?
9. Around 40's in age. Uses pool and CC, likes Hansen Park.
10. Sr. couple. Don't do outside rec. Use fitness center at St. Anthony Village since they live closer to that one.

11. Grew up in SW Mpls and loved all the trails there going around lakes. Like bituminous trails as they are easier to use especially if there are separated use trails (walkers and bikers).. Like natural parks.
12. Sr. man. Would like to get geocaching back. Would like swimming pool incorporated into CC instead of at school. Use services at CC a lot and some fitness programs. Best support group and socialization at the CC.
13. Like Silver Lake trails. Uses fitness center, library, walking track. Like more seating outside with sun and views. Need full size outdoor bball courts for those who can't afford gym memberships.
14. Use Silver Lake everyday. Use LA Fitness. Used to use Long Lake.
15. Woman, younger in 40's-50's. Weekends use Central Park in Roseville. Concerned with overall environmental impacts.
16. RCWD project at Hansen concern with \$ to Lions Park and fields taken out of Hansen.
17. Long Lake Lone Trail. Trails go nowhere – Edgewood School walks don't connect to anything., need connectivity and safer routes. Bad intersections, busy intersections on Hwy 10.
18. 40's-50's. Do not use parks and trails, takes classes at CC since being single she does not feel safe using parks and trails alone.
19. From Andover but uses Eagle Nest with grandkids a lot and attends shows and exhibits here. Silver Sneakers.
20. Younger, in 30's. Likes and wants more dog friendly areas. Lacks time to use parks and trails. Lives at edge of NB and works in Mpls so mainly uses those areas. Used local trails a couple of times.
21. Lives nearby to Hidden Lake, uses Long Lake Park and Beach.
22. Plays cards. Dominos, and 55+ programs.
23. Would like indoor/outdoor pool. NB resident. Uses Freedom and Long Lake for trails. And play. Member at CC fitness, has attended a couple of programs but they are not compatible with work schedules.
24. Little golf, likes frisbee golf, thinks parks are great. Uses fitness center, card games and events. Tony Schmidt Regional Park Trails, lives nearby.
25. Younger man with daughter. Like extreme outside sports (see Barstarzz), exercise naturally with body weight. Would like ninja style course. Grew up in NB, and uses library, Kordiak Park, Long Lake, Hansen Park (noted exercise at Hansen gone).
26. Arden Hills resident. Uses park by Tony Schmidt.
27. Block captain and can share parks info. Need drinking fountains. Need loop trail connection at trail at 9H. Uses Freedom trails – create a loop. No sidewalks in area on Pike Lake which is unsafe, 2 people died.
28. Mounds View resident. Likes NB CC best so far.
29. New to area, and new member at CC. Love Silverwood. Younger 50's.
30. Younger woman in 40's. would like community garden. Fire pit at Long Lake needed. Palmer Lake has coyotes. Uses Long Lake all the time to run, bike. Would love kayaks and information, and ability to rent watercraft at Long Lake needed.
31. Look up Rice Creek Kayak Club and Twin cities paddle club. Use creeks for kayaking, including on ice. North on Long Lake is easier, Mermaid. More awareness for creek at Creekview and clean out creek to be passable. Hansen has bumpy trails and poor soils.
32. Live by Hansen, use Long Lake and Hansen a lot and like them. Encourage more activity, would like more green space, and trails should avoid noisy areas like along major roadways.
33. Use Hansen a lot. Needs better ballfields. It's nice to watch sports but they need seating to watch like bleachers.
34. Dad with son, and the mom/grandma (Asian). Like walking, trails, biking and trails you can use a scooter on. Like fishing. Like Silver Lake Park.

35. Use fitness area, and does cross country skiing. Like to focus on balance and walks. Use Silver Lake Park, pond with trails.
36. Question - Is there ice skating anywhere in city? Goes to Lions, Long Lake and Eagles Nest.
37. Younger mom with kids. Lives off Silver Lake by Hidden Oaks. Fields here are not used much. Goes to Long Lake Beach and use Meadow Wood a lot for the playground. Love the Lions playground.
38. Couple in late 30's/early 40's. Old Hwy 8 area. Love New Brighton – moved here from Shorewood. Brightwood Golf Course is great facility but in need of upgrades and needs to have programs to introduce youth to golf. Love nearby park that is more HC accessible (Lions Park), and also Long Lake.
39. Woman in 50's/60's. Question regarding Armory redevelopment. Likes being outside and takes classes at the CC, but the track is boring. YMCA has better walking area. Need more places to walk and need sidewalks in neighborhood. Silver Lake Road by H. Likes the art and trails at Silverwood but trails are not long enough here so it gets a little boring.
40. Not a resident, visiting Eagle's Nest. Needs more seating for parents. Likes Long Lake Beach as well.
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41. 2 women, 1 senior and 1 in mid-20's. Hansen Park, use trails at Hansen as well. Add Loppet and moonlight skiing.
42. Senior white female. Joined the community center to exercise indoors and meet people. Use Silverwood trails which are nice for walking (tar, not dirt).
43. Senior white male. Likes the CC for working out and playing bridge. Likes Silver Lake Trails that are paved and they are beautiful, but need to watch out for bikes.
44. Senior white female: Uses CC for working out but actually lives in Mounds View. Mounds View CC lacks good programs that are available in NB.
45. Senior white female: Uses Totem Pole Park since it's close to where she lives. It's kept clean but wishes they hadn't removed the skating rink.
46. Senior white female (around 50's): Just moved to Fridley from NB but Fridley lacks CC with workout facilities. Would be nice to have a bike route that goes through the north metro and connect to Long Lake.
47. White female, maybe mid to late 40's. Use Silverwood which is close to her house and likes to walk trails. Not sure if there is a shelter in Silverwood, but would be nice to have one.
48. White female, maybe mid 30's. Finds NB parks to be pretty well maintained.
49. Senior white female. Goes to Silverwood and Como. Silverwood trails used, has good parking, it's pretty, feels safe and it's well maintained. Would like some of the other parks to have a little coffee shop. Phalen can be a little scary, not well lit (St. Paul). St. Paul parks and rec has a lot of free classes in the summer, would like to see more of this type of programming in NB.
50. White female, maybe mid 40's. Uses Silverwood. This has nice trails, art in the park, and is set up well. Likes the park facility (building). More or better tennis facilities needed, some are getting overgrown with weeds.
51. African-American female, maybe mid to later 20's. Would like a dog park and tennis facilities. Lives near the New Brighton city limits and uses the Heights Park for their tennis courts but they are not well maintained.
52. Senior white female. Lives by Hidden Oaks and loves it for the play dates with grandson. Fun playground at the park up by Cub.
53. Long Lake Park for the beach.
54. Senior female. Long Lake. Like it's very open, like Stockyard Days and the walking trails.
55. Senior white female. Community Center. Likes it is open for longer hours and has all the equipment of fancy health clubs.

56. White female, maybe in 40's. Long Lake Park. Like the trails and that it's extended and well connected. Would like Ninja Warrior course for 10-year old son.
57. Senior white female. Long Lake, great to be near the lake and it's well maintained. Says she needs to spend time in nature or she gets crabby! ☺
58. Senior white female. Silverwood for great walking trails and likes outdoor concerts in the summer.
59. Senior couple. Long Lake and Hansen Park to walk the dogs (they train service dogs). Would like ice rinks, hockey, and outdoor basketball. Long Lake trails have issues with ice removal.
60. White male, around 30's. Long Lake Park, which has good trails. Often drive 15 minutes of his way to go to dog park in Shoreview. Need dog park.
61. Mom with 2 kids, 6 & 8 yrs old – white. Likes Silverwood and Long Lake, likes hiking. Would like archery range. Likes the historic train park at Long Lake.
62. Mom with 2 boys, around 4-5 yrs. White. Uses Hansen and Kordiak – well maintained. Boys like swings, soccer and basketball.
63. Senior white female. Lives in St. Anthony Village. Exercise physiology is her career background. Hansen trails are gorgeous and in the shade which is helpful for her since she has MS. More educational programs needed to support adults as they age.

Community Engagement Event Summary

To: Jennifer Fink, City of New Brighton

From: Eva Kelly

Date: January 23, 2019

Re: Eagle's Nest - Pop-Up Community Engagement Event
City of New Brighton – Parks & Trail Plan
WSB Project No. #013022-000

Event Description: Pop-up Event was held at the New Brighton Community Center – Eagle's Nest indoor play area on Saturday, January 19th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. There were approximately 100+ adults and children using the play area and it was sold out before 11:30 am. We were first set up right at the entrance to the Community Center and moved later into the Eagle's Nest area to reach more people. We had a map board and bingo board and had clipboards with conversational questions. The board did not get a lot of attention. It was extremely busy and we went up directly to people rather than wait for them to approach us. Demographics were mixed and included many families, parents and young children (ages 1-10). We spoke with approximately 40 people.

Overall Summary: There were many positive comments about the Eagle's Nest in general. Many of the people we spoke with drive from other cities specifically to use this play area. Overall, the most frequent comment we heard was for more seating and more cubbies/lockers close to the play area.

Specific comments are below:

(asked how often they visit the Eagle's Nest/Community Center and for what purpose, asked if they had suggestions for improvements to the facility/building, which city do they live in and if they use any other New Brighton parks and trails)

1. Woman, late 50s, Moundsview resident: She uses the Community Center 5 days a week from October to March for the walking track. She suggests making the walking track wider to accommodate more people, it can get very busy later in the day especially during winter months. She also mentioned the non-resident membership fee should be excepted for neighboring communities such as Moundsview. She also uses Long Lake Regional Park in the area.
2. Man, 70s, Bloomington resident: visiting Community Center for a bridge tournament in one of the rec rooms. It was his first time at the center and he had the date wrong so he will be returning.
3. Man, 60s with young grandkids: Chanhassen resident but grandkids live in Minneapolis, at the Eagles Nest, they use the indoor gym as well, 3rd time visiting the facility, he really likes the updates to the play area and it is a cool concept in general. He'd suggest more seating.
4. Female, 30s with two young kids under 6: Eagles Nest, lives in Arden Hills, unaware or doesn't use other amenities at the community center, visits once/month, uses walking trails near the lakes in New Brighton. Loves that there is only one entrance to the play area for safety.
5. Family of 6, 60s/30s couple, young children: from Atwater, MN visiting grandkids, love the Eagle's Nest.
6. Young couple with toddler (babysitting): Eagle's Nest, first time at the play area, from Minneapolis.
7. Women, family of 6, 30s with young children ages 5-10, mixed race: from St Paul, visit Eagle's Nest once every three months, seek out indoor recreation during the winter, would suggest more parking.
8. Women, 60s with 30s daughter/grandkids: from Minneapolis & Columbia Heights, visit Eagle's Nest once a year, suggest more seating and upper level seating to see into the play area, parking lot was very icy today. Also uses Long Lake Regional Park in the area.
9. Couple, 30s with young children: rented a room for a birthday party, visit Eagle's Nest 3 times a year at least, live in St. Paul, there were glitches and issues when they tried to do online reservations for the room so they had to call to reserve it.
10. Grandparents, parents, children 30s-50s mixed race: from North St. Paul, visit 5 times a month, would suggest more cubbies and lockers to store items and more seating.
11. Group of young parents and children, mixed race: from St. Paul, visit 5 times a year during the winter usually, suggest indoor swings for the little ones, more lockers to store items, really like the Eagle's Nest in general and the eagle, suggest more interpretive or scavenger hunts within the play space.
12. Two men, 30s mixed race with children: from Maple Grove and Blaine, first time/visits 3 times a year, bike the trails in the summer months, commented that the play area looks very dusty today.
13. Woman, 30s with children: visits Eagle's Nest once per year, lives in Columbia Heights, suggests more seating.

14. Couple 30s with children: visits Eagle's Nest every couple months, live on border of Roseville and New Brighton, suggest better seating as it gets very crowded. Uses the parks and trails in the area off Cleveland.
15. Woman, 30s, mixed race: second time visiting Eagle's Nest, from North St Paul, commented that the playground feels unsafe for little ones.
16. Woman, 60s: from Moundsview, visits for the walking track every other day, suggests widening the track for people who can keep pace, also visits Eagle's Nest with her granddaughter, visits Long Lake Regional Park, the beach and trails.
17. Grandma 60s with kids ages 5,7: from Texas, kids live in St Paul, kids visit 4 times a year, but haven't been since remodel.
18. Man, 70s, volunteer at Eagle's Nest: uses Community Center for exercise and the gym, thinks the city keeps on top of improvements to the building, volunteers 4 days a week and exercises 7 days a week, lives in Fridley.
19. 2 Women, 30s/40s with children: from Blaine & Vadnais Heights, uses Eagle's Nest and the open gym, library, summer storytime and special events, when the kids were smaller, had to split up between the younger kid area and the big kid area and it felt unsafe to be able to watch two at the same time, commented that the online birthday party scheduling was very convenient. Uses the park near 3rd Avenue for soccer in New Brighton.

Community Engagement Summary

To: Jennifer Fink, City of New Brighton
 From: Candace Amberg
 Re: New Brighton Park & Trail Plan
 WSB Project No. 013154

Squad Car Bakery

July 12, 2019

11:00am – 12:30 pm

Event Description: The Farmers Market Community engagement session was held on a Wednesday afternoon with three engagement boards that included an aerial map. Approximately 65 people – middle age, young families, and of 90 percent white demographic gave feedback on the boards and survey interviews.

Overall Summary:

General questions were asked regarding which parks and trails were most visited and liked, why they liked them, what improvements or additions are needed, and are there key trail gaps. They were also asked for general comments or concerns regarding the vision and goals of the parks.

Responses:

1. It was recommended by a few people that bike trails are needed in general throughout New Brighton.
2. Most visited park is Veterans Park because they lived nearby and walk there every day. Restrooms are needed within a building. The building is closed up – why? (1 woman 60 y/o, 3 children 5-10 y/o)
3. Visiting Long Lake Regional Park is a favorite because it is beautiful and has great trails. We could use more paved trails in the area with wheel chair access with pull-offs for a fire pit. We also need shelters with seating for 20+ people because I work with children with autism and it would be nice to have spaces that are more accommodating. Also community gardens would be a plus. (1 woman 30 y/o)
4. Freedom is a park visited a lot because it is the only one with basketball, there should be more basketball, indoor facilities, and seasonal activities. The parks are missing the young adult-teenage groups. (1 woman 30 y/o)
5. We go to Rice Creek a lot because they have a dog park. I would come to these parks more if there was dog parks and seasonal activities such as skating rinks. We don't walk the trails much as there is not a great connection. We live West of Driftwood Park and could use more trail connectors over there. (1 man 60 y/o)
6. We just moved here and the kids like Freedom Park. They also like the splash pad in St. Anthony. (1 woman 30 y/o, 2 children)
7. Freedom is popular because it is closer for the kids to bike. They also like open gym time at Moundsview CC. Ninja courses and other indoor facilities would be great. The parks could also use more basketball. (1 woman 30 y/o, 2 teenagers)
8. It would be great to have a ninja warrior course to play avengers and pretend. (1 woman 40 y/o, 1 kid 10 y/o, Asian/mixed race)

9. Rice Creek trail is used most by us. We go to the library now but would want to see more nature trails. Long lake road is far to bike as we do not live that close. (family of 4, parents 30 y/os, white)
10. We use the Community Center, golf at Cedar Grove League, uses trails and works out regularly. (1 Woman, 70 y/o)
11. There should be a crosswalk at Innsbruck drive south to Innsbruck Park. It is difficult to cross here. (1 Woman 30 y/o, 2 children 12 y/o)
12. Veterans Park is visited but there should be more space for picnics. Playgrounds with rubber surfacing should be used, do not like the wood chips. (1 woman 30 y/o, 1 child 8 y/o)
13. We go to the golf course the most often and wish the cross-country skiing with groomed trails would be brought back. There is a lack of winter seasonal activities. (1 woman 40 y/o, 1 teenager)
14. If there is a way to keep Veterans Park small because we live close and would like to keep the noise down. No splash pads. (1 woman 30 y/o, 1 child)
15. Long Lake is most visited and we use the playground and trails. We would like to see more splash pads and natural playgrounds. Wheelchair access for children with autism and more climbing activities.
16. We live near Innsbruck Park and would like to see more wildlife habitat. There is also a lack of lighting on the trails and the parks after dark get noisy. (1 man and woman 60 y/os)
17. Silverwood Park is great and they have a troll tree or a special tree where it would be nice to see activities associated with it such as maps with directions to other parks where they can find stuff and turn it into the Community Center to win some sort of prize. (1 man 50 y/o)
18. Hansen Park is great, and the trails are awesome. There needs to be signage or something to get people to pick up after themselves and dogs. (1 woman 40 y/o, 1 teenager, 2 children, Asian)
19. Long lake area (west side) is difficult to access the parks and trails – separated area by busy streets.
20. Hansen Park we visit often and use the trails, but they are short trails, could be longer.
21. It would be nice to have a giant tire swing. (1 child)
22. An outdoor or indoor swimming pool. (1 child)
23. All the play equipment needs updating. (1 women 30 y/o)

Bingo Board Responses: the following are the number of dots that appeared on each item:

Beaches / Lake	2
Seating and Gathering Areas	4
"Natural" Playground	1
Challenge / Ninja Equipment	4
Softball / Baseball Fields	0
Community Civic Event Space	1
Multi-use Fields	3
Hockey / Skating	1
Basketball	2
Volleyball	1
Tennis	1
Pickleball	0
Nature Trails / Boardwalks	1
Winter Sports	1
Paved Trails	2
Indoor Sports Arena	1
Community Gardens	1
Public Art	1
Outdoor Fire Pit	3
Performance Area	1
Skate Park	1
Rental Pavilions / Shelters	2
Dog Park	1
Fishing	1
Splash Pad	6
Picnic Area	1
Disc Golf	0
Education / History / Interpretation	0
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	1
Archery	0
Restrooms	2
Lawn Games	0
Gaga	1
Other	0
Other	0
Other	0

Neighborhood Meeting Summary – Sunny Square Park

To: City of New Brighton
From: Candace Amberg, PLA
Date: March 26, 2019
Re: City of New Brighton Park & Trail System Plan
WSB Project No. 013154-000

Neighborhood Meeting #2

March 21, 2019
6:00 pm

Event Description: Neighborhood open house meeting held at Sunny Square Park shelter with approximately 15 in attendance (sign-in sheet attached). Main attendees included those from surrounding neighborhoods, city staff, the mayor, and council members. The demographics of the group were majority white and over the age of 55, with one family with 2 kids, and a younger male who just moved to New Brighton a year ago and is an architect.

The meeting focused on project awareness and project process related to:

- Demographics Overview
- Community Engagement Input (common items)
- How to Get Involved
- Project Schedule and Next Steps

Overall Summary: The meeting began with introductions and an ice-breaker activity for small groups. The group was very interactive during the entire meeting and open to participating. WSB then gave a presentation that focused on an overview of the Park & Trail System Plan including components of a typical system plan with a 20-year vision, community engagement, current New Brighton demographics, project schedule and next steps. The presentation also highlighted the Social Pinpoint website and the online survey that the community members can add feedback on existing parks and trails in New Brighton. Next, WSB asked the group questions regarding the Best of New Brighton, Opportunities & Ideas as well as Concerns or Threats. The remainder of the meeting, participants were in small table groups with a map of New Brighton where they could write comments or use colored dot stickers to highlight specific ideas/improvements of the parks and trail system.

The Best of New Brighton

The group was asked the following:

- You have company coming in from out of town and you want to show them how amazing and awesome New Brighton is – Where do you take them and why?
- What do people value most about New Brighton?
- What other areas do you consider “The Best Of” in New Brighton for parks and recreational opportunities?

Below are the responses from the group:

- Long Lake: the beach, pavilion, trails, and historical components
- Hansen: good for picnic space, close by where they live, has play area

- Frisbee Golf: very popular, free and going to “all-cone” for retro course
- The Bartz Brothers snow sculptures every year
- Eagle’s Nest: good for kids, grandkids
- Silverwood: love the gathering areas, like activities both inside and outside, art
- Like the amount of parks and locations that are strategic to where people live to be able to walk to the parks
- Nicely maintained parks
- Good playgrounds

Opportunities / Ideas

The group was also asked about opportunities and big ideas for New Brighton such as:

- Have you ever seen something really fun and cool, anywhere, or thought of something really unique that made you think “Wow, I wish I had something like this where I live?” I want you to think big at this point, so feel free to come up with some wild ideas.

Below are the responses from the group:

- Shoreview Water Park
- Splash pads
- Sandbox for kids, some play in volleyball courts now
- Como Park climbing structure
- Imaginative play
- One entry or improved sense of entry at parks (gateways) which is good for safety in keeping eye on kids so they can’t run off
- More benches or rest/observation areas along trails and in parks
- Like loops or circuits for trails
- Like to have a variety of experiences in parks and along trails – something different for everyone
- Incorporate artwork – can even be in forms for items like bike racks, utility boxes, murals on sound walls, etc.
- Wayfinding signage needed so you know what is available and where trails go
- Dog park
- Theater and music in the parks
- Town ballfield with concessions, suitable for tournaments
- Wedding destination/photo-op areas – ornamental elements like flowers, fountains, etc.
- Community gathering area: events, food trucks, farmers market
- Mention of Kordiak Park

Concerns / Threats in New Brighton

The group was also asked about their concerns and threats within New Brighton relating to the parks and trail system. Below are the responses from the group:

- Restroom availability (times open for use)
- Consider those who have limited mobility – how can they enjoy the parks
- Trails that have drainage problems so they end up under water or iced over, which is dangerous
- Bridges in Hansen Park not cleaned of snow
- Connectivity: to neighboring communities, among parks and connection N and S pieces of New Brighton together
- Condition of trails: want smooth trails for roller blading, strollers, etc.
- Visibility and safety along trails: some have dangerous areas
- Hansen Park: sledding hill has deteriorated (not a designated sledding hill like Freedom)
- Website needs work: difficult to find what you are looking for, needs more photos

- Safety of school playgrounds when adjacent to a park with park users (keeping people out of the school property)
- Lighting: lighting on trails and in parks for safety but don't have big bright lights on all night like in Hansen (newer and better methods of controlling light spill), maybe timers or motion sensors
- Make the city more pedestrian friendly for walkers and bikers

Comments from Small Group Interactive Map Activity:

The following is a collection of comments gathered from the six map boards during the activity. If a comment appeared multiple times, it is shown as the number of times it was commented, for example (3) = three times.

Blue Dots: Major Destinations in the City

- Eagle's Nest / Community Center (II)
- Long Lake Regional (II)
- Freedom Park (I)
- Silverwood Park (I)

Yellow Dots: Areas you feel are dangerous or unsafe

- Intersection at Silver Lake Road & 694 – connectivity
- Intersection at Long Lake Road & 694 – pedestrian danger
- Intersection at 77 & 694
- Intersection at 7th St NW and 8th Avenue NW
- Intersection at Silver Lake Road & 5th Street NW
- Intersection at Silver Lake Road & CR 15

Green Dots: Parks & Trails in Good Condition

- Silverwood Park: great gathering spaces, activities, art, benches, food and nature
- Hansen Park (III)
- Lions Park – great trails through to Long Lake Regional, improve beach areas, fishing areas
- Long Lake Regional (II)

Red Dots: Parks & Trails in Poor Conditions or Improvements Needed

- Vermont Park – needs attention, a shelter, a purpose, make this area feel as though they belong to New Brighton
- Veteran's Park – needs center of city location, sense of place
- Hansen Park – area east of lake – water quality?, east trail floods and baseball fields flood
- Briarwood – improve

General Ideas, Comments & Questions

- Lacrosse fields (none here currently)
- Skateboard park that is appealing
- Consider educational information on animals in NB incorporated so people know what is around them
- Tree replacements for trees that are currently being taken down
- Concern with loss of field at Hansen Park due to Watershed Project
- Thoughts to E-sports
- Consider existing partnership with school district – currently rent school gym space
- Would love to maintain the history of NB, especially at Long Lake

- Getting North and South in the city is tough
- Community Gardens
- The area surrounding Totem Pole Park lacks gathering connection to Minneapolis corridor
- Annex area near Rice Creek North Regional Park?
- It would be nice to have a place for concessions and/or coffee in the parks
- More activities for all age ranges in our parks (examples: theatre, movies and events)
- Suggest canoe launch spots and places to rent them.
- What is the water quality of Long Lake?, Is there a way to connect to Pike Lake? And back to Hansen Park via trails? Create trail connection and loop.
- Create more unique places
- Focus funds on small places instead of spreading money across large areas
- Central spine of New Brighton from south to north through major park destinations
- Suggest shoveling the bridges

Park & Athletic Comments

- Totem Pole Park – consider a community/neighborhood garden
- Briarwood Golf Course – is underutilized
- Hansen Park – could use a dog park, cars are parking in the parking lot here at night after the park is closed
- Community Center – it would be nice to have a pool here
- Eagle's Nest or Veteran's – need toddler play structure
- Some parks like Freedom area easy to park next to building and Sunny Square. But some parks don't have easy access to facilities for those with mobility issues.

Trails, Pedestrian & Road Comments

- Crossing county roads is tough (ex: 77)
- Create safe passages at bridges over 694
- Connect parks via trails from Hansen to Driftwood to Silverwood back to Hansen and to pond behind Hwy 8, loop to Tony Schmidt Regional Park & Vermont Park
- Old Hwy 8 is very busy, dangerous for pedestrians

Neighborhood Meeting Summary – Totem Pole Park

To: City of New Brighton
From: Candace Amberg, PLA
Date: February 26, 2019
Re: City of New Brighton Park & Trail System Plan
WSB Project No. 013154-000

Neighborhood Meeting #1

February 21, 2019
6:00 pm

Event Description: Neighborhood open house meeting held at Totem Pole Park shelter with approximately 30-40 in attendance (sign-in sheet attached). Main attendees included those from surrounding neighborhoods, city staff and council members. The demographics of the group were majority white and over the age of 55.

The meeting focused on project awareness and project process related to:

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- How to Get Involved
- Project Schedule and Next Steps

Overall Summary: The meeting began with introductions and an ice-breaker activity for small groups. The group was very interactive during the entire meeting and open to participating. WSB then gave a presentation that focused on an overview of the Park & Trail System Plan including components of a typical system plan with a 20-year vision, community engagement, current New Brighton demographics, project schedule and next steps. The presentation also highlighted the Social Pinpoint website and the online survey that the community members can add feedback on existing parks and trails in New Brighton. Next, WSB asked the group questions regarding the Best of New Brighton, Opportunities & Ideas as well as Concerns or Threats. The remainder of the meeting, participants were in small table groups with a map of New Brighton where they could write comments or use colored dot stickers to highlight specific ideas/improvements of the parks and trail system.

The Best of New Brighton

The group was asked the following:

- You have company coming in from out of town and you want to show them how amazing and awesome New Brighton is – Where do you take them and why?
- What other areas do you consider “The Best Of” in New Brighton for parks and recreational opportunities?

Below are the responses from the group:

- Eagle’s Nest
- Silverwood – lake and the trails
- Long Lake – access to the lake and boat access
- Depot History Center

- Farmer's Market
- Bike Trails – NB to Moundsview (Rice Creek trail)
- Churches – many in New Brighton, gathering and welcoming
- Golf Course
- Lions Park
- Hansen Disc Golf course and dog walking at Hansen
- Shiny Fire Trucks
- Great Schools
- Lighted trails are good and appreciated
- Ramsey County library
- Grocery stores at both sides of town
- Schools and parks are close by
- Location, location, location of New Brighton in relation to metro
- Community's participation in National Night Out
- Stockyard Days / Parade
- 3 High schools with sporting events
- The Exchange
- Coffee shops
- Long Lake accessible playground

Opportunities / Ideas

The group was also asked about opportunities and big ideas for New Brighton such as:

- Have you ever seen something really fun and cool, anywhere, or thought of something really unique that made you think "Wow, I wish I had something like this where I live?" I want you to think big at this point, so feel free to come up with some wild ideas.

Below are the responses from the group:

- Restaurants – destinations, no unique places to go to eat
- Skating Hills, Ice Skating
- Connection to Main Bike Trails (Ex: Rice Creek)
- Cross Country ski trails (groomed)
- Dog Park, likes Otter Lake Dog Park in White Bear Lake/Shoreview's Park
- Skate Park
- Shade at Splash Pads and More Seating
- Rental Kitchens available at the shelters/park buildings for events
- Music & Movies in the Park program (currently at Silverwood)
- Programming/entertainment at Hopkins Center for the Arts
- Better play equipment for early childhood, some equipment is too big and for younger kids it is a small piece
- Nature based play area
- Inclusive play area, similar to Cottage Grove
- Likes Roseville Central Park, they take their kids here to play
- Musical Instrument Park
- Use games in the parks from other cultures
- Placemaking and interpretive signage for new games (Ex Gaga Ball)
- Mini-golf
- Accessible parks for all ages, abilities, birth to seniors
- Tables, chairs, gather spaces in the parks, game tables – more of this
- Splash pad, water park
- Stock the lakes for fishing
- Zero depth pool, similar to NE & Shoreview

- Access to the ECFE playground, it is currently fenced
- Interactive play, similar to Ridgedale
- More park buildings for rentals (Moundsvew Random Park), different sizes, less costly to rent

Concerns / Threats in New Brighton

The group was also asked about their concerns and threats within New Brighton relating to the parks and trail system. Below are the responses from the group:

- Currently unsafe Crossings for Pedestrians/Bikes at 694 and 35W (the cloverleaf is dangerous)
- Currently unsafe pedestrian crossings and pedestrian use on Old Hwy 8 (whole corridor), could use greening
- SW & SE area of New Brighton – lack of parks, cut off from community, better access to park & trail system
- People ignore pedestrian flasher lights at crosswalks
- Garbage being left at the parks and vehicles loading blocking walkways (suggest signage, loading zones, policy)
- Need to promote the use of the parks to parents & families, if we build it will they even come?
- There are no changing tables in both gender restrooms

Comments from Small Group Interactive Map Activity:

The following is a collection of comments gathered from the six map boards during the activity. If a comment appeared multiple times, it is shown as the number of times it was commented, for example (3) = three times.

Blue Dots: Major Destinations in the City

- Long Lake Regional Park
- Buildings on Main Street
- Eagle's Nest (3)
- Community Center (3)
- Boat Access on Long Lake
- Bartz Brothers Snow Sculpture
- Hansen Park (2)
- Totem Pole Park
- Brightwood Hills Golf Course
- High School's athletics and gyms, tennis courts
- Irondale School
- St John the Baptist Catholic Church
- Highview Middle School – Swim Lessons are highly utilized here!
- Cowboy Jack's Restaurant, retail area near 44 & Innsbruch
- Silverwood Park (Three Rivers Park District) - (3)
- Retail area off Hwy 8
- Retail off CR E2 near Hwy 8

Yellow Dots: Areas you feel are dangerous or unsafe

- North Old Hwy 8 at 6 intersections with residential streets – slow down traffic here, safer, better walkability needed – (2)
- Crossings from south NB to Long Lake Regional Park across 694 –(2)
- Seven intersections on Silver Lake Road NW just south of 694

- Pedestrian crossing through 694 at Silver Lake Road NW – (4)
- Dangerous intersection at bike trail & CR 44 – (2)
- Intersection at Silver Lane & Old Hwy 8
- Intersection near Community Center at 77 and 10th St NW – congested, intersection across from Community Center on 10th St NW
- At Hansen Park, dangerous path to building (ice?)
- Dangerous intersection for pedestrians at CR-19 & Continental Drive, not well lit, unable to see people crossing (north side of 37th Ave)
- Railway crossing at Rice Creek Trail – see Zachary Lane – Soo Line railway crossing in Plymouth for reference
- Lots of people cross from the mobile home park to the retail area across Hwy 8, there is no designated crossing here, it is dangerous – (2)
- Need traffic calming on Hwy 8 for safety and those riding the bus to cross the street
- Old Hwy 8 at NE corner of NB
- Intersection at CR-11 and CR-44
- Pedestrian railway crossing at 16th Ave SW, SW New Brighton edge of city limits
- Dangerous intersection for bikes and peds at Old Hwy 8 (77) and CR-19
- Safe East and West crossing needed at retail area along County Road E2 near Old Hwy 8
- Pedestrian bridge across 35W trail to connect to rest of New Brighton close to Vermont Park eastern edge of city limits
- Safe access to and from community center with trails
- Sidewalk transition from bike trail (asphalt) to regular sidewalk with no room for biking North of Long Lake regional park NW corner of park property

Green Dots: Parks & Trails in Good Condition

- Hansen Park – (4)
- Lions Park – (3)
- Brentwood Park – (2)
- Veterans Park – (2)
- Freedom Park – (2) (skate park)
- Meadow Wood Park – (2)
- Silverwood Park (Three Rivers Park District)- (3)
- Long Lake Regional Park (County) – (3)
 - Bridge (1)
- Community Center – (1)

Red Dots: Parks & Trails in Poor Conditions or Improvements Needed

- Hard to drive through streets with multiple apartments (various locations in city)
- Greening of industrial areas specifically on 1st St & 8th Ave SW
- Maintenance needed at the open space under the water tower along Silver Lake Road, what is this area for? Is it city owned?
- Vermont Park –(2) (needs upgrades)
- Meadow Wood Park
- Sunny Square Park –(2) (trails need replacing)
- Brightwood Hills Golf Course
- Hidden Oaks Park
- Bike Trail along Silver Lake Road (north to south) needs better pedestrian and bike paths, are poorly maintained

- Hansen Park trail – pave entire loop around Hansen Lake on east side of park needed

General Ideas, Comments & Questions

- Suggest an amphitheater!
- Public art!
- Placemaking!
- Raingardens and pollinator gardens
- Green design
- Use Bartz Brothers snow sculpture as inspiration for other events and activities
- Thank you city of New Brighton I especially love the community center and all your community ed offerings
- What is the relationship between our schools and parks? We have such a great school district attracting families, how do the two work together and feed into each other?
- Plan placemaking, community engagement and safe destinations for NB Elementary development designated green space
- There is no gateway into New Brighton – how do you know you're in New Brighton? – one exists on 96 (sign)
- Suggest things for 5th through 8th graders to do at parks and at community center
- Parents who use the gym at community center with kids that are too old for the Eagle's Nest play area but too young to stay home by themselves – programs?
- Eagle scout projects could happen throughout park system, but park dept needs to think about long term maintenance of these projects once they are complete
- City tours program, or walking tours – for new residents and community members
- Consider partnerships with area churches
- What is the channel from Long Lake to Pike Lake – not for motorized boats, paddlers only?
- New development in Arden Hills may lead to increased use of North New Brighton Parks
- New development coming here (North of Hwy 8 at turn)
- Architecture, signage surrounding community center looks all the same, no variation, no uniqueness
- Gathering areas, empty lots = mini parks
- Natural elements at parks, not all built features
- Consider population aging in place
- Consider where new / young families turnover
- More to do for seniors, walking can be dangerous, need safe trails without a lot of hills
- Currently they go to Roseville for Park n Ride (90 min downtown)
- Seniors difficulty getting to the community center

Park & Athletic Comments

- More soccer fields with risers and seating
- Suggest tetherball, basketball courts, tennis courts
- More parks and greenspace in SW and SE areas on either side of Hansen Park
- A dog park that is a destination for both people and dogs
- Warming house, ice skate rentals and chairs/races for early learning skaters
- Places to rent kayaks on a lake, jet ski rentals
- Off leash dog park
- More or some groomed x-country ski trails
- At Hansen, add nature play area with nature camp for kids
- Snowshoeing at Long Lake
- More bathrooms!! Better and need changing areas

- Freedom fields need a bathroom!
- Hansen has no garbage cans in the winter
- Lake “wake” hours are not obvious, want quieter areas on the lakes

Trails, Pedestrian & Road Comments

- Old Hwy 8 Corridor: Needs beautification
- Bike Trails should be a high priority! With lots of connectivity to other bike trails and signage/connections into northeast Minneapolis
- Safe kid-friendly and family friendly crosswalks and pedestrian thoroughfares!
- More green space everywhere!! Especially give TLC to Old Hwy 8
- Need better safe way to get to Minneapolis bike trails from New Brighton
- There are no Park & Rides to get to downtown Mpls
- Need a Nice Ride (bike rentals)
- Signage on trails to link to New Brighton
- Bike trails to Minneapolis
- Need bike trails for New Brighton commuters
- More pedestrian crossings that are clearly marked, white stripes, flashing signs, slow down traffic
- More transit, walkability, bike-ability, design
- Trail connection to Tony Schmidt Regional Park with a trail connection back to Silverwood
- More bike trail signage along route to Long Lake Regional Park (Rice Creek Trail)
- We like the new bike trail in the area north of Long Lake Regional Park
- Connect the bike trails to NBCC (Community Center) through to Veterans Park towards Hansen Park
- Confusing bike trail along Long Lake Road entrance to boat ramp and regional park, needs better signage
- Popular bike routes need map

New Brighton Social Pinpoint Comments – Survey Questions

Q1. Do you regularly visit a New Brighton park or recreational area?

Yes: 42 people

No: 5 people

Q2. If you answered no, can you please state a reason? (please be specific)

1. But we need improved and independent pickle ball courts.
2. I have small kids who enjoy playing outdoors. We also visit the Eagle's Nest on occasion and frequent the library.
3. In the winter, ice on sidewalks and streets prevents my wife and I from visiting any park. It's sometimes bad enough just to go out and retrieve our mail.
4. IRONDALE BASEBALL
5. Live in Mounds View, but I'm in New Brighton often.
6. No reason to, what is there to do besides walk?
7. Occasionally use the trails and periodically the parks.
8. Waking my dog and getting exercise.
9. Walks to be outside. Bike rides.
10. We go to parks for little league baseball. No park in New Brighton accommodates to the need of these fields so we're forced to go to other cities.

Q3. If you answered yes, which park or recreational area do you visit the most, and why?

1. Baseball Fields and Parks
2. Driftwood Park and Hanson Park...close to my house and walkable with kids
3. Driftwood Park because it is close to my home. I can walk there.
4. Freedom Park
5. Freedom park, Long Lake Park, and Sunny Square park. we mostly visit Freedom for hockey, as well as sunny square. Long Lake part is great for family bike rides and taking the dogs for a walk...and of course for swimming in the summer!
6. Hansen
7. Hansen, disc golf, walking paths Long Lake Regional Park
8. Hansen is close to home: used for running, walking the dog, biking, ice skating, girl scout meetings in the building, birthday parties in the building, sledding in winter.
9. Hansen Park, because I live just a half mile from it.
10. Hansen Park- close to our house
11. Hansen Park. Honestly because its so close. The trails and playground, and sheer space is nice. The dumped soil on the west side has definitely hurt the park, but its still nice to have nearby.
12. HANSEN PARK, I LIVE VERY CLOSE.
13. Hansen Park is our neighborhood park, and we love it. A group of us ladies have long played tennis there, and our family enjoys the courts and wonderful playground equipment. We picnic at Hansen all summer long and we bike and walk the trails on a regular basis.
14. Hansen Park - it's right in our neighborhood and we love that we can take walks and get a little nature in our lives so easily.
15. Hansen Park, Long Lake Regional Park

16. Hansen Park Long Lake Regional Park
17. Hansen Park; nearby
18. Hansen. We live a block away and walk in this park almost daily. On weekends we go to Long Lake Regional (and Silverwood) as well.
19. Hanson and Long Lake regional to spend time with family and friends
20. Hanson park- Grandson`s travelling baseball games
21. Hidden oaks because it's close and long lake park is a great place to walk our dog. We also like freedom park for ice skating.
22. I like the walking and bike trails.
23. I most frequently visit Hansen Park as it is near my parents house. As a child, growing up in NB, we would often walk down and take advantage of the playground and the trails.
24. Innsbruck because it is so close.
25. Innsbruck park - it's in my neighborhood - I take walks through the area.
26. It's close to my house for walks.
27. I visit almost all the parks because I play adult softball and my son plays IBL baseball
28. Long lake, it's convenient and the trails are long enough for a run or walk.
29. Long Lake Regional Park, Hansen Park.
30. Long Lake Regional Park. I bike from the South End of New Brighton to Rice Creek Regional Trail.
31. Long Lake Regional Park. Lots of room for walking/biking.
32. Long Lake Regional Park - We run on the paved trails.
33. Love Long Lake Regional (although it's technically not a NB park), and Sunny Square.
34. PIKE, HANSEN, DRIFTWOOD, SUNNY SQUARE, AND EMERALD
35. Rice Creek Trail between Mississippi and Erin Court-in my neighborhood
36. Sunny Square due to proximity but also Long Lake Regional. Great running paths in Long Lake
37. Sunny Square Park, Long Lake Park
38. Totem pole, it's in my backyard.
39. Totem Pole. It's in our neighborhood.
40. We live near Driftwood, so we go there most often.
41. We use many of the parks for different sports, baseball, and football.
42. We use the walking trails virtually everyday, no matter the season. Summer is spent using the tennis courts, but they need quite a bit of work. We already spoke with park and recs about this (6/13). Winter we use the hockey rinks on a regular basis, weather permitting of course.

Q4. What park or recreational area (anywhere) have you visited that you really enjoyed, and what it made it so appealing?

1. All city parks due to location to nature and upkeep
2. Arden Hills and Roseville do a nice job with their parks and we tend to choose them over the ones in New Brighton. Better landscaping and more options for older kids.
3. Battle Creek Regional Park (dog park!)
4. Bike Trail.
5. bike trails on East side of Long Lake near the beech. Love riding bike in this rolling, wooded area.
6. bunker hills park has a little of everything, lots of very long trails, and feeling like you are away from the busy roads. I like how many different trail loop combinations there are, too.
7. Dedicated bike paths keeping separate from pedestrians

8. Emerald Park - the Splash Pad is great!
9. Enjoyed Long Lake Regional Park - due to abundance of walking trails
10. French Regional Park (Plymouth), Central Park (Maple Grove), Teddy Bear Park (Stillwater), Silverwood Park (St. Anthony)
11. HANSEN SEEMS TO BE GETTING A LOT BETTER BUT IT IS STILL HARD TO NAVIGATE I ALSO LIKE SHAMROCK... NOT SURE WHY SPECIFICALLY JUST REMINDS ME OF A PARK FROM WHEN I WAS A KID
12. Hanson is so close -and Long lake has many options
13. Having this park off the roads and with the drainage pond, its a small bit of nature - a place to get away from the city
14. Hiking with elevation and more basic trails. Could be done in Long Lake Park just south of Rice Creek.
15. I love what Maple Grove has done with their central park. The outdoor skating trail (refrigerated with available skate rental and great warming house) I think is an Awesome addition. something like this that could maybe be converted for inline skating in the summer would be very cool.
16. I really enjoy the new pathway around the pond area in Hansen Park- would like if it connected fully
17. I think it's Silverwood? That place is nice. Whatever is on the way to Culvers.
18. Lions park is nice... let's utilize this and bring families together there by building a little league baseball field.
19. Long lake. Love the bike trails
20. Long Lake Park, mainly because is so large, it is possible to get into undeveloped wild spaces where you are alone with nature and are unlikely to encounter other people.
21. Long Lake Regional Park- like the new trails with the boardwalk, the wildflowers, and the open area. Dogs love it.
22. Love the tennis/pickle ball courts at hidden oaks. Long lake has lots of beautiful nature trails and we love the railroad tracks.
23. Meadowood park, it used to be such a vibrant space with the two silver slides and more things to do.
24. NATURE! Please leave some part of the parks natural. You're turning them into playgrounds and big lawns. Now more than ever, we need nature!
25. New play ground by long lake, grandkids like zip line and climbing towers.
26. none
27. No specific place, but parks with permanent structures like restrooms, and trail facilities draw my attention. Establishing a sense of permanence is important.
28. Pike lake park. The field is excellent
29. Rice Creek, and William O'Brien State Park. The woods, wildlife, and serenity (quiet).
30. Silver Lake Park. Pretty trails, well kept grounds.
31. Silverwood Park. Their trail system and facilities at the park, including regular activities for families helps draw families to this park. It certainly is a good model.
32. Splash Pad! Fun for all ages
33. The biking trail east of Silver Lake Road along the rail road tracks and the creek.
34. The lake
35. The new Lions park is very nice.
36. The Silverwood Park area is a favorite as it provides woodsy lakeside beauty just minutes from our home. We visit St. Anthony's fun splash pads and also the wading pool near Kordiak Park in Columbia Heights. Our 'littles' love it and we feel blessed by our park treasures.
37. The trails make it appealing. I like gardens of flowers.
38. Walking path

39. We absolutely love Silverwood. The trails are fabulous and the kids and I both have really enjoyed their programming that integrates art and nature.
40. We also love Silverwood - I think they do an amazing job with a variety of programming and have turned it into a really cool space with weekly yoga, art displays, educational programming etc. I know there aren't facilities for a cafe, but it'd be cool if we could recruit some coffee cart or food trucks or something to regularly visit the park on weekends.

Q5. What do you like best about New Brighton parks and recreational areas?

1. Bike lanes on Long Lake Road
2. Cleanliness
3. Clean, nearby.
4. Close proximity to home
5. Free access.
6. Generally in wooded areas, seem like you can experience some of nature in the city.
7. Good trail system
8. Ha. Nothing. Visiting our surrounding cities parks, New Brighton should be embarrassed with the lack of nice little league fields.
9. Hansen is so easy to get to for us, but we've been happy using the rest as well. We head up to Long Lake for walks sometimes too but just bc we're in the southern part of NB it's just a little less convenient for us than other options.
10. I enjoy the variety of programming offered, though I wish "unattended programming" like ice rinks, soccer pitches, ball fields, etc. were better maintained.
11. I GET TO WATCH MY SON PLAY BASEBALL AT THEM
12. I like how well maintained the trails are
13. I love that we have park areas dotted across the city
14. Long lake park is very nice
15. Lots more variety than you'd think.
16. Lots of different sizes and activities at different ones.
17. Natural beauty.
18. NATURE!
19. Nearby, clean, trails, playground equipment
20. Neighborhood Parks. Well maintained.
21. Our family likes that Hansen is an awesome asset that needs to be cared for for future generations.
22. Protection of nature spaces
23. Proximity to our house.
24. That we have plenty of parks for our use and they are free.
25. That we have so many of them! Love that the Sunny Square trails connect to Long Lake Regional Trail. And the new trails North of Irondale connecting county H to Long Lake Regional is wonderful- makes for beautiful bike rides and easy access from the neighborhoods.
26. The proximity.
27. There are many and they're kept up well.
28. There are several parks to choose from and they aren't over developed
29. they are close
30. They are clean, and the equipment is well maintained at Driftwood and Hanson Park
31. They are largely free of litter, and the developed areas are well maintained. The best part is some of the parks are large with truly wild spaces in areas not well traveled. It is possible to get away from it all. So please don't overdevelop! Leave some significant bits truly to nature and well off the path.

32. They are nearby and we so appreciate exploring the beautiful outdoor space and nature and bike trails. We love the little bridges and watching the rushing waters of the creek.
33. They are well maintained from what I can see and I'm glad we invested years back in the community buildings.
34. Well maintained (generally). Accessible - easy to get to and spread throughout the community.

Q6. What is missing or could be added to the parks to make them more unique or fun?

1. A creative fence for the ball park on Sliver Lake road and 15th to minimize risk of park activity interfering with street and pedestrian traffic.
2. Add back the ice skating rinks to community parks. Gaga ball pits, more basketball courts.
3. A dog park (we'd love a dog in the future), more programs for Pre-K kids. (yoga in the park?!?), A splash pad would be great.
4. Amphitheaters, puppet shows as were done in our childhood at meadowwood park. Something like Silverwood park that would attract visitors and allow a beautiful space other than our community center to host weddings and events. We could also make use of that space on the corner of silver lake road and Mississippi (by the creek) for a beautiful garden or landscaped space/waterfall to bring more beauty to our city.
5. A POOL!
6. A real baseball field that drains normally from rainstorms. The fields are in poor shape especially compared to the other parks we play at in surrounding communities
7. As a supporter of youth athletics, New Brighton is terribly behind in our ability to provide good experiences. All the way up to 15U before high school. Baseball complex would be superior, could also be used for flag football.
8. Baseball fields and dog parks
9. Better connection to paths, sidewalks and trails east of 35w
10. BETTER PARKING AND MORE WATER!!
11. Dog park!
12. Dog park! Maybe a basketball hoop?
13. How about offering a permit to be in the park after hours, perhaps with no expectation of safety patrol? I'd love to come to Long Lake Park at night with my telescope. The park has some good stargazing sites which are underutilized in this way. If police need to know when people are in there, maybe setup a voicemail line to just check in & out to. If needed maybe a small permit fee to get a copy of the gate key, or just have it be a combination lock. If after hours usage became frequent, an idea would be a small kiosk at the east entrance to Long Lake Park with a sign-in / sign out sheet.
14. Improved baseball fields for athletic associations.
15. In separate memo, I sent a request to better utilize Hansen Park pond area and south hills for enhanced winter fun for kids. Alexandria ,Mn really maxed out skating opportunity on a pond in their city, and it is used a lot.
16. In terms of Hansen, we would like the wooden entrance sign on the west side fixed up or replaced. We would like some kind of recognition of who Hansen is and what he represents to this community. This could happen of the city website as well. Perhaps the NB Historical Society could take the lead with this. Mr. Hansen was somehow an important person to NB, just not sure why.
17. I think that a hockey rink that was able to be used in the summer for inline-roller hockey would be amazing. seems like we have the locations already and that adding a cement base for skating would be do-able.

18. I think that the trails in Long Lake Regional Park need to have emergency stations along the more remote and longer stretches of path. Lighting of the paths starting a little before dusk would also help me feel safer.
19. It seems like there is enough of demand to warrant a dog park. Hopefully user funded (at least in part).
20. I would like to see a community pool. Most of the parks are grossly underutilized. Dog runs in many of the parks would be nice.
21. Little League Fields.
22. Long Lake Park. Mountain (Hill) biking.
23. More bike trails, more bike trails, more bike trails. New Brighton is the perfect size to accomplish a citywide network of bike facilities and is perfectly positioned to offer a robust network for recreation and commuting, given the interconnected nature of each neighborhood.
24. More designated Bike trails and signs to make drivers more aware of Bikes. Similar to City of Minneapolis. We
25. More extensive bike trails, both in parks, but especially in streets or dedicated trails.
26. More wildflowers and perennials, and other landscaping, trees whose foliage is beautiful in the fall. More trash bins would be helpful so I don't have to carry bags of dog poop for so long.
27. Music and art. Public art could be added to each part. Musical performances (Irondale HS for example) could perform and practice at different parks bringing music to new areas.
28. My son plays baseball for the Irondale Baseball League and we have noticed that the baseball fields could use some improvements. Compared to other area ball parks, the New Brighton fields are less than sub par.
29. nice baseball fields!
30. Pickle ball courts are in big need in New Brighton. I hate to leave the area to enjoy pickle ball!
31. Severe lack of baseball fields for the youth programs
32. some more secluded benches along the shores of long lake would be nice, ones that aren't on the path itself but just a little ways off, overlooking the lake.
33. Some type of regular activity or activities to draw people/families to them for use and enjoyment.
34. Splash pad
35. The parks need new or updated baseball fields for youth. All neighboring cities and programs have much better ball parks and baseball pavilion facilities. The city of New Brighton, doesn't invest in any little league fields only mens softball fields.
36. The playground area at Hansen needs to be updated with new landscaping. Weed control in equipment area - many sticker weeds each year.
37. Trees... Isn't New Brighton a "Tree City"? I'm surprised we haven't lost this designation... so many have been chopped down. Maybe the Arbor Day Foundation needs to audit what has happened here.
38. Updated playground equipment, cleaner/smoothier trails and sidewalks, more interesting amenities (splash pad, pool, outdoor amphitheater, archery range, ice skating loop, etc.)
39. Upkeep of baseball parks
40. We are so sad to see how the tennis courts at Hansen Park have deteriorated and our group of neighbors sincerely hope the courts are scheduled for repair soon. We use the courts every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and our children and neighbor children also use the courts on a regular basis.
41. Would be nice to have basketball at Hansen, zip line area or Ninja warrior area
42. Would love more art especially or water type features - like a small pool like they have at Waite Park in Minneapolis or splash pads or something.

Q7. How often do you sign up for / attend recreational programs offered by the City of New Brighton per year?

Never: 14
1-2 times/year: 21
3-5 times/year: 4
5+ times/year: 5

Q8. What is the biggest obstacle for not attending a city run recreational program?

Not interested in types of programs offered: 9
Not aware of programs offered: 9
Lack of time/interest: 23

Q9. Is there a specific type of recreational program that would interest you, if added? (please be specific in terms of your interests, likes, hobbies, etc.)

1. 5K or other walk/run event.
2. Adult rec basketball
3. again I think options for in-line/Roller Hockey would be a great addition for summer use.
4. A pool for kiddos would be great.
5. Baseball, sports
6. Historical info
7. I love working on a potter's wheel.
8. it would be neat if the city hosted a 5k or half marathon type event.
9. Knitting, book club, elderly events, family-friendly (alcohol-free) game nights, escape room type events, festival of nations or cultural nights.
10. Less athletic, more hobby. Gardening, backyard building and landscaping. Homeowner DIY type classes
11. Natural history / history of the area. Conceivably a nature photography program or series. People tend to walk or bike past everything without looking at the details, so I think a lot goes underappreciated such as the insects and plants, the fungi, the wildlife and drainage patterns. People need their attention called to these things and I think to some extent, people actually feel they need permission to explore them, as if they must always remain on the trails.
12. Nature study, like birding, mushroom, shrub, tree, identification.
13. No, it seems like a good many are regularly offered.
14. No longer have the time available, though as a child would sign up frequently for various programs.
15. Outdoor yoga
16. Pickle ball courts and teams. More community class with learning opportunities. Painting, crafts, events and etc.
17. Pickle ball tournaments on the weekends outside! :)
18. Right now, I'm at a phase in life where I'm taking my kids to things rather than doing much for myself
19. Something educational, but fun. What types of trees, shrubs, weeds, flowers, animals, and insects etc. do we have in our parks as an example?
20. We participate in kids rec programs, but I'm not always very aware of adult rec ones or they just don't fit in my schedule.
21. We were disappointed to see the bocce courts removed from Hansen Park. My husband and I now play bocce ball on a league at Beltrami Park in Minneapolis with other New Brighton residence. People come from as far as Hastings and Blaine to be

on the league. It is very popular and even expanded to a second night of play. We should not have to travel there to enjoy something we all like.

22. With recent park changes in the city, many youth baseball fields are gone, i.e. Hansen, High view Middle School, and the park by Salem church.

Q10. How often do you use New Brighton trails?

Never to rarely: 7
Occasionally: 14
Regularly to often: 23

Q11. What would encourage you to use the trails more often?

More pleasing trail experience: 8
Safer trail routes: 9
More time/interest: 12
Ability of myself or children: 5
Improved trail conditions: 11
Better trail connectivity/routes: 14

Q12. Are there specific locations or destinations within New Brighton that need to have added or improved trail access? (please be specific)

1. Hanson Park connected to community Center
2. Having a tarred path on the east side of Hansen. This would be a nice continuation around the pond for biking and walking.
3. honestly I think the trail system is great and the city has done a superb job here.
4. I gave up on Hidden Oaks a few years ago - drainage was bad so field conditions were not good. Its a large enough park but just sits there. Trail access points are not marked well - you kind of need to know where you are going already.
5. I live in the Northwestern part of NB, and would love a trail that is long, dedicated for bikes, and easy to jump onto.
6. It would be nice to connect the path at Hansen all the way around the pond, if possible. The trail dead ends over the bridge area.
7. it would be really nice to have a safe crossing over the railroad tracks in long lake park between the lake and the baseball fields/playground area. people cross those tracks all the time despite the signage saying not to.
8. Mississippi and Rice Creek. It needs to have better lighting and that blue emergency button.
9. More marked cross walks and pedestrian controlled stop lights near parks or on the way to parks.
10. no
11. No.
12. Paths at Sunny Square Park are uneven, crumbling and in need of repair, especially by the playground. Tennis courts at several parks (Hansen and Hidden Oaks) are also in need of regular maintenance.
13. See above comments
14. Silver Lake Road, Old Highway 8, 10th Ave, Long Lake Rd. Better connectivity between Hansen Park to Long Lake Park, Silver Lake Park in St Anthony.
15. Southern New Brighton has very few trails. A safe way to walk and bike to Highview, the high schools, and the community center would be nice.
16. We appreciate the wonderful new lakeside trail at Hansen Park and are hoping that it will soon continue on the eastern side of the lake to wind it back to the ball field.

17. We have enough.
18. We love the trails, but Minnesota weather makes them hard to enjoy all year long.
19. We love to bike - my husband and I both bike commute when possible but also enjoy going out for recreational rides. Overall better connectivity between our NB trails and the ones in neighboring communities would be HUGE for us - even if it was just painting some shared bike lanes on more of the roads.
20. We're new to NB and I guess I didn't realize you had that many trails.
21. West Side of Long Lake, near 14th Ave NW - as there is currently very limited safe walking areas for children between Long Lake Road and Silver Lake Road
22. What trails?
23. Winter trail quality is a huge issue.
24. Yes. Hwy 8 crossing over 694. Dangerous narrow sidewalk over the freeway. This has been a problem for years without solution.
25. Yes, two possibilities are apparent, at least from maps. The City owns what appears to be a 10-foot wide public footpath right-of-way to access Lake Jones from the west, from Old Highway 8. It zig zags back between Hillside East and Lakes Run apartments enroute to the lake, but it is there. Apparently this was planned but a sidewalk was never built? If this could be just cleared and marked/improved with just a wood chip foot path, it would be nice to just walk down and visit the pond. Another larger site is to the south and east of Lake Jones, at the end of the street called Lakeview Point, and just to the north of the end of that street, there is some land apparently owned by the city as part of the public roadway, and there might be some possibilities there. It's between a truck parking lot and a freeway, but it exists and has a little creek. Just a sign marker and/or footpath and maybe a primitive bench, and an acknowledgement that it's okay to walk back there would be nice, especially to local workers but I might want to visit it too on occasion, just to commune with nature maybe on holidays when 35W isn't too loud, without feeling weird or arousing suspicion.

Q13. What other comments, ideas, concerns, or suggestions do you have regarding New Brighton parks, trails and recreation programs?

1. better/more frequent signage and maps would be great!
2. Consider adding to the Ramsey Co entrance to Long Lake Regional Park at Mississippi and Poppyseed Lane, Add trash containers like at Moundsview's entrance.
3. Dog park! 😊
4. Dog park; solar on top of NB Community Center; several butterfly gardens; pollinator friendly polices and city encouragement of more private and public pollinator areas (business and residential).
5. I'd love a pool. My parents live in New Brighton and I know they'd love a dog park.
6. In the winter time, the big issue that prevents older people from getting out and enjoying the parks is the ice on streets and sidewalks.
7. It would be great to have information centers along the trails or parks where residents and visitors can scan a QR code and learn more about the foliage in that area or a bit of interesting NB history or information. It would be nice to see us make use of all the water we have by adding more water sources for animals we walk or waterfalls, water sculptures or bird baths. We could even give the Bartz Brothers a space to create a sculpture next to City hall for all to see when they come, or invite other artists to create winter art.
8. It would be nice to have a single person tennis back board wall at Hansen to work on skills.

9. I would like the Department to focus on up keeping the parks as they are and maintaining successful park programs. There may be a good new idea or two worth pursuing raised in this process, but I believe there is a tendency to prioritize the new and exciting over the more important work of maintaining current parks and programs. I hope the Department and the City will try to avoid this problem.
10. I would love to see the City engage the local faith, school, and non-profit communities more to help accomplish goals. The care of this Earth is all of our responsibilities and I think we could make a real impact.
11. Just the connections to facilities east of 35w especially into Arden Hills
12. main concern is the baseball parks, the fields are not maintained well and need major resurfacing. I am concerned about the safety as the fields have major flaws that need to be repaired
13. More activities showcasing the parks would be helpful. Roseville features a park each week in the summer and has fun activities at that park. Ball fields that can be first come and first served, not always scheduled, would be great.
14. native plants/gardens in a lot of areas. encouraging people to plant these types of flowers at home
15. NB has such great parks to offer already and we're in such a convenient location to downtown - I think a lot of investment in building up our parks programs further and improving connectivity would make us even more attractive to others outside of NB. Thanks for your hard work!
16. New Brighton has plenty of parks, but none of them are particularly interesting. When our family wants to do an outing, we usually end up visiting larger parks in other cities (see above) that have much more to do. It would be great if the city would invest in creating a "destination park" with many amenities. Hansen Park would be a logical choice for this, given its size and central location in the city.
17. Overall our park system and the spirit of public service are a very large part of what has kept New Brighton thriving.
18. Please consider addressing the upkeep of the local baseball parks; while some are in good condition others could use attention to help for safety and playability for our younger children to middle aged players. Thank you!
19. Please improve the baseball fields!
20. Please more baseball and of leash dog areas
21. Safer crosswalks with lights or something when crossing long lake road and silver lake road
22. See previous comment in survey and comment I sent on the Hansen Park winter opportunities.
23. Specifically I'm still frustrated that the city opted to not only stop flooding the neighborhood skating rinks, but also allowed the hockey rinks to be taken down. At the very least it made the decision irreversible. The abandoned hockey rinks were tailor made for dog runs and the Totem pole rink was frequently used for this purpose. Taking down the hockey boards was short sighted and stripped the park of a great asset.
24. The Silverwood big community building would be something to model. Large open space with classrooms, event rental, coffee shop, tables, fireplace, art. I'd love to see NB offer that!
25. The tennis court area is our top concern as tennis has long been an important sport to our family and friends. We also enjoy Pickleball and appreciated having the lines painted there. Pickleball at the NBFSC is so popular that it is frustrating to try to play there because of the constant wait to get back on the court.
26. The youth associations comprised of residents of the City of New Brighton and Mounds View need more facilities, fields and upkeep of these areas, to continue to bring in families and keep youth activities thriving in the community.

27. Turn empty / unused sites into parks and playgrounds, NOT high density housing.
28. Why hasn't totem pole baseball field been updated or properly maintained. That is a field that could be a great little league field.
29. Youth could be more involved in leadership and jobs but finding information and navigating training is so hard, they give up. The attitude has seemed to be "if they want it badly enough they will find it." Getting youth engaged will make them and their families want to stay here.

Social Pinpoint Comments

City of New Brighton – Parks and Trails System Master Plan

1: Creekview

2: Driftwood

- Would love to see a splash pad, a few more covered picnic areas, maybe a playground to include space for the younger kids instead of all the high climbing, or even a dog park. It feels so underutilized. There is soccer every weekend through the summer on the field area, which makes it feel as though the entire park has been rented out. (5 likes) (2 dislikes)
- Would love to see a dog park added in the space not used, i.e., the southwest corner? Would also like to see liquor limitations on the weekly soccer games/tournaments during the summer. (2 likes) (1 dislike)

3: Freedom

- Permanent bathroom structure to eliminate portable toilets. (5 likes)
- Would be great to see two things with this location. 1. Have the hockey rink base be cement /other so that it could be used in the summer for in-line/roller hockey. 2. Would love to see some sort of outdoor refrigerated ice that could be more consistent during odd winters like this one. Something like what is seen at St. Louis park community Center, or at Braemar or the skating trail @ Maple grove central park. could be used for programs by the school and rented to youth hockey programs (5 likes) (2 dislikes)
- Skatepark sunk into the ground
- The skatepark has sunken into the ground on the side near to the quarter. The damage is causing wheels to be caught in the hole. Also, the concrete is very rough and scrapes you up when you fall. (1 likes)
- I enjoy ice skating here in the winter!
- I like walking my dog here. (1 likes)
- This is an area of risk for a liability claim. My car was struck on the windshield by a softball while driving on Silver Lake road. The referee and three police said " balls are hit into SLR but 'I've never seen a car struck". If my car had been a pedestrian walking on the sidewalk, the person would have been injured or killed. If no protective fencing is put up, ball players then need to be informed they are personally responsible for damages. Umpires need to know that too.
- Would love to see the playground space evolve or expand into a challenge course and all inclusive play area similar to Schaper Park in golden valley! This park we have visited on several occasions. It engages the whole family to be active and kids love the light competition aspect! I can't say enough good things about that park and with the growing challenge of keeping our lifestyles active this type of park would provide so many benefits.

4: Hansen

- LOVE the NEW Hansen Park TRAIL!!!! (1 like)
- There desperately needs to be trash cans on the north side of the park and along the new trail. There is NOWHERE on this side of the park to dispose dog poop. (6 likes)
- The pond is coming around. We've seen wonderful water fowl here as well as osprey and amazingly, two bald eagles in the willow on the south end. That said, why has such a mess been left behind? The green rubber fencing is a terrible eyesore. The old dam

bridge railings were tossed aside and have been laying there ever since. Plaster molds for the new railings were also tossed aside. Who does that? Ridiculous.

- The new dam/pond appears to be working in terms preventing flooding. The walking path around it is excellent. Can we put a few park benches along the trail path so people can sit down to rest and enjoy the view?
- I'd like to see lights go around the entire lake area (1 like) (6 dislikes)
- More nature based camps & programs all year long with experienced naturalist for both kids & adults. (10 likes)
- Would love to have the trail between 7th street and 12th Avenue paved. In the winter it's very hard to walk the full loop because the trail cannot be plowed. (6 likes)
- Would love to have a splash pad or community pool in New Brighton. (18 likes) (2 dislikes)
- It seems if you are the few kids of RICH Parents that are friends of MAYOR VAL. & council the city will get the money for lights for the rich kids ball fields from Hansen Park and leave the less PRIVILEGED KIDS of much greater numbers a pile of dirt where they played ball for 30 years. Must be NICE to own a MAYOR & council! This despite the promises of Mayor Val! (2 likes) (5 dislikes)
- Why was the dredge piled up here? But since it is, why is this now a big lawn requiring maintenance... seed, mowing, pesticides? This should be restored to prairie for pollinators.
- Hansen Park is the best! Thank you for all the good work done here. It would be even better, if we can provide a water/drinking station for our pets! Perhaps put a drinking fountain that has a lower spout specifically designed for pets near the meeting house/shelter. Many parks (e.g., Como Park, Silverwood Park) has such drinking fountains. Speaking of pets, it'll be so amazing if NB can have its own dog park with registered owners using a swipe card to enter.
- To add more activities a splash pad could be added as they are easier to maintain than a pool but still offer a water activity/play space for kids. (24 likes) (2 dislikes)
- There has been an ice patch on this part of the path all winter. Is there any way to salt or sand the paths in winter to prevent dangerous icy pathways? (1 like)
- Improve signage of Hansen Park. Difficult to navigate to baseball fields when you expect them to be accessed from the main lot (1 like)
- Groups of tennis players and neighborhood children regularly play at Hansen Park, and sadly find the court surface to be very badly cracked and deteriorated. We have reported weeds climbing the fencing and finally resorted to doing our own grounds keeping. Might our own filler/resurfacing be frowned upon, or even noticed? (sigh) (5 likes)
- Every fall there is an off road bike tournament hosted at Hansen that absolutely tears up the grass in multiple areas. They seed after but because it's right before snowfall, it doesn't help. (1 like)
- Would be pretty amazing if we could get a splash pad here. All kids, and parents, absolutely would love it. (4 likes) (1 dislike)
- Maintained soccer field with goals/nets. Our family would love to use the rinks for soccer during the summer but they are often muddy and too wet to use. How about a basketball court? (13 likes)
- Improve drainage for ball field so it is useable a day after rains. (3 likes)
- It would be great to have a separate play structure for 2-5 year olds. Triangle Park in Robbinsdale has a Kompan brand one that is really awesome.
- our family enjoys ice skating here in the winter! (2 likes)
- We are in need of baseball fields for our youth baseball teams. Would love to see clean fields, possibly one with a mound for our older teams! (6 likes)
- Hanson fields could be upgraded, full field, good drainage and adjustable base lengths to accommodate more ages would be a huge asset to our youth communities. As the IBL

grows, it would be a huge asset to have fields comparable to other communities. As just having started in traveling at one age level, this will only grow in numbers through the years. Please help us in that growth process and help make fields we are proud to call home. (3 likes)

- Please don't forget about sustainability! None of these fun ideas matter in the long run if we will have to cancel things and mitigate their impacts. (3 likes)
- The ball fields in NB are not only too few, but in quite poor condition and need safety upgrades. Our Parks director recently informed the Irondale youth director the reason conditions are poor, "No one has complained." NB Parks also charges for field use while most of our nearby cities donate field use to the youth leagues. NB families shouldn't have to navigate rush hour traffic to nearby cities for practices. Lets get this outdoor equipment up to par for our ever expanding youth please. (3 likes)
- I realize this is probably not a priority, but I wanted to ask if anything could be done to alert folks that dogs are welcome in our parks only if they are "on-leash". Hansen Park seems to be the worst- every day I walk at Hansen I see people letting their dogs run loose, off-leash. It's a safety issue certainly, and very often these owners are not picking up after their dogs. I noticed Arden Hills has these signs posted at all their parks- seems like this might be a good solution for us. Thanks (1 like)
- Similar to my comment at Long Lake beach, the city could rent space to food or beer vendors, such as food trucks. A beer garden could be established. City/Private entity could host music events for regional musicians. This would be a public/private partnership. I've seen this work well in similar spaces in other communities, such as at Hoyt Park in Wauwatosa, WI. The beer garden would go well with the beach. See link below.<https://friendsofhoypark.org/the-landing/>
- Could one of these hockey rinks be used as an off-leash dog park during the summer? Hazelnut Park in Arden Hills does this with their rink from May-Nov.
- The big one is I hope the 'lake/holding pond' is not finished yet. Would like to see dead fallen wood removed, cleanup (net) surrounding ponds, paint bridge, soccer/lacrosse field, winter>clear path to rinks, additional bbq to large picnic area. (1 like)
- Keep the disc golfing to the course. Sunday's the players set up temporary holes all over the park and take away play space and open space for the rest of us. (2 dislikes)
- Hansen Park Baseball Fields #3 & 4 NEED UPDATING and REPAIRS Outfield has large potholes and mounds that players can fall into or trip over when running to catch a fly ball. 3rd base also has a large low spot. The sidewalk near the fields is right next to the bench where players frequently practice their batting and play catch for pitcher warmups during the game. People using the park's walking path can be in a danger zone... especially young children. There is no barrier between them. (7 likes)
- New Brighton needs a baseball complex with 2-4 fields and perhaps a center shelter/pavilion that could potentially be used for concessions when hosting a tournament. Fields would ideally have fenced in dugouts and perhaps a batting cage too. We currently have a son playing 12U traveling baseball and have visited fields in Cottage Grove (Hamlet Park) and Woodbury (Ojibway Park) which both have very nice complexes that would be good to model after. (8 likes) (1 dislike)
- We love Hansen Park but it feels underused as a community gathering space. I think it could be a great spot for so many more events for the area - maybe some outdoor concerts, kids nature programming, or yoga classes etc. (35 likes) (2 dislikes)
- Really enjoy the "secret" path through the trees next to the rinks. A great place to hear or see the Hansen Park Owls. (4 likes)
- Hansen Park is definitely underutilized in the community. The stockyard days festival should be moved to hansen. It's a much better site for the amount of the traffic, especially compared to the solitary entrance and exit at Long Lake Park. (8 dislikes)

- Off leash dog park would be a huge draw. This is a really high use park for dog owners. (12 likes) (4 dislikes)
- Add lighting to newly paved trail. Add more trash cans to dispose dog poop. Add salt or sand to trails in winter to minimize slips and falls on icy trails. Add off leash fenced dog park area (9 likes) (1 dislike)
- More baby/toddler friendly playground equipment. The last few weeks the two baby swings have been hot commodities. (6 likes)
- Would love to see a few baseball fields for yourh baseball as well as an off leash fenced dog park (6 likes) (2 dislikes)
- Off leash dog park would be so great at Hansen Park. (11 likes) (2 dislikes)
- Consider expanding disc golf from 12 to a full 18 holes. As the popularity of disc golf has been increasing, it would be great to allow more space for it in this park. (1 like) (2 dislikes)
- Maybe a archery range somewhere in New Brighton? Hansen is such a big park, and this might bring more people out to New Brighton instead of heading to Shoreview and nearby cities that have ranges. (10 likes) (5 dislikes)
- We need more baseball fields for the youth to play. In the area we only have 1 field to use for 14/15U teams with a real mound and 90' baselines. As the sport continues to grow in our community we need more fields to use. (9 likes) (1 dislike)
- What about some youth baseball fields? Hard to build a good baseball program with terrible or lack of youth baseball fields in this city. (12 likes)
- We call this "Big Hill" and it is a NB destination for sledding after snowfall. One of best kept secrets in NB. (2 likes)
- I think a splash pad at Hansen Park or Freedom Park would be a great addition for children in the summer months (7 likes) (2 dislikes)

5: Hidden Oaks

- All of the soccer fields in New Brighton need ongoing maintenance... better drainage so they don't flood, as well as continued grooming to keep them even. Hidden Oaks Park has many low spots making uneven ground for soccer players, and also when it rains there are VERY large puddles. (2 likes)
- Park has a huge soccer field but is not maintained well. There is also a low spot behind the playground that is always flooded so a 2nd playground for smaller kids, a splash pad, or a basketball court would be great here. (4 likes)
- MANY residents around Hidden Oaks tennis court have already worked with the city to keep pickle ball out of this court. There are other places available in the city that are NOT SO close to residents. (3 likes)
- Love having these tennis courts - my friend and I are out at least once a week in the spring/summer and we often see others using them. It's a convenient location to enjoy the outdoors and play a great sport! (4 likes)

6: Innsbruck

- Great place to add a splash pad or park area designed for toddlers. (4 likes)
- I love this space for the kid's and walks in the nice weather. But the soccer field isn't regulation size and the nets are always a mess. Maybe shorten the field for smaller ages youth games/ practice and use some of the other space for a fenced in dog park! (3 likes)

7: Meadow Wood

8: Lions

- Long Lake would be a great location for a new disc golf course. This would alleviate some congestion from Hansen as that course gets busy (4 dislikes)
- This would be a great location for a 14/15U Baseball Field with a scoreboard and lights, and a grass infield. (10 likes) (2 dislikes)
- We need a safe railroad crossing here! Kids are constantly going between the beach & lions park. (9 likes)
- Love the soccer/Lacrosse field! It needs better grass though!
- Would there be room here for 3-4 baseball fields and concessions stand so that we could host baseball tournaments? (7 likes) (3 dislikes)
- Brand new park with dead tree a, mud, and poor drainage waste of money if it isn't fixed. Take pride parks department and get the trees replaced and drainage fixed (2 likes)
- There isn't much shade at this park. Maybe some trees, a covered picnic area with bathrooms would be great!

9: Pike Lake

- The freeway wall by this trail is in need of repairs. There are large cracks in several locations. It would also be nice to have more trees and plants covering the wall. (2 like)

10: Silver Oaks

- This looks like a great area to build a few baseball fields and a concession stand so that we could host tournaments in the summer. We would need additional parking as well. (4 likes) (1 dislike)
- This ball field needs to be kept up in the Summer. Many times the grass and weeds were overgrown and tough for young kids to play on. (2 likes) (1 dislike)
- I agree with that comment completely. New Brighton is getting a reputation for having 'something less' than good baseball fields.
- Baseball field needs work and the basketball court is very old. Great park if the baseball and field space was kept up and basketball court was redone. (2 likes) (1 dislike)
- It would be great to have a paved trail connecting the playground and the swings. With the hill especially, it is difficult to access the swings from the playground with a stroller.
- Tennis court needs resurfacing. (1 like)
- Could use a little more parking (1 dislike)
- Sledding on the hill in this park is awesome in the winter. I am glad the city installed a light on the hill for sledding at night! (3 likes) (1 dislike)

11: South

- Love this trail under the RR bridge! (3 likes)

12: Sunny Square

- Please place allergy awareness signage at all parks and playgrounds! Shoreview does this, as do many other cities and businesses. They usually read something like, “Did you know 1 in 13 children has a food allergy? You can keep our children safer by following these simple rules: 1. Keep food at the picnic tables 2. Clean your hands with a water based wipe after eating”
- Put a splash pad here where the old playground equipment was removed. NB needs a splash pad! Neighborhood has tons of littles (3 likes) (1 dislike)
- Playground is fun, but there is a big empty space where equipment was removed two years ago. The picnic shelter and tables are shabby, the park trails are broken and uneven. The park itself is pretty but it seems like it could use better upkeep. (4 likes)
- Love the ice rink at this park in winter! (1 like)

- It would be really helpful to have a changing table in the restrooms.
- I think this rink would get used more if there was better access from the warming house to the rink. The Path from the building to the rink is often quite sketchy and uneven, and is down hill. Maybe something simple like a flat bench area down by the rinks for putting skates on/off. (1 like)
- There are frequent speeding cars on Gregory Drive & Longview Drive coming from and going to Sunny Square Park, particularly with summer softball games. This is a neighborhood with many young kids; would like to see a speed bump or two to combat this. (3 likes)

13: Totem Pole

- It would be great to continue this walking path to make a loop around the outside of the park.
- New Brighton is gaining a reputation for having poor baseball fields. Let's spruce them up! (3 likes)
- Would love to see a sand volleyball court here as well as ice skating. (7 likes)
- Definitely agree ... bring back ice skating! (4 likes)
- Bring back ice skating to Totem Pole park. The hockey rink could be used as a dog park/running area in the non-winter months. (18 likes) (2 dislikes)

14: Vermont

15: Veterans

- Splash pad/pool would be a great addition for families in our community! (10 likes) (3 dislikes)

16: Brightwood Hills Golf Course

- I like that you allow middle school and other Cross Country running meets on this course. Can there be more running events here? (1 like)
- Could this space be marketed and used for either fat bikes, snow shoeing, or cross-country skiing in winter? (5 like)
- Rent out ski equipment for winter use at golf course (1 like) (1 dislike)
- I enjoy golfing here. Keep up the great job
- Great value for residents. Keep it up.

17: Community Center / City Hall

- Like: The boardwalk Dislike: State of disrepair (3 likes)
- Splash pad/pool would be a great addition for families in our community! (10 likes) (3 dislikes)

18: Jones Lake

- There appears to be a legal public access here, but I'm not sure anyone knows about it. It looks like a long thin piece of city property that is about 10 feet wide, extending from Old Hwy 8 between Lakes Run and Hillside East apartments, with two 90 degree turns on the way to Lake Jones. Maybe it could be cleared, covered with wood chips and marked. Could be a nice place to sit with a book & listen to birds. Maybe buy the 27 ac from the Baptist church and create a trail around the south end (4 likes)
- Jones lake area would be fantastic place for a passive park, simply run a nature trail in a loop here and enjoy birds and nature (3 likes) (1 dislike)

- The city already owns the 10 acres on the east side of Lake Jones. Maybe it could be made into a natural area. Maybe also acquire the 27 acre swamp itself from the owners (Methodist church in Plymouth), and even the 5+ adjacent acres to the southeast from the Fulford family, and then it could all be connected to existing city land featuring the creek and extending a bike/pedestrian trail down to Lakeview Point Drive. (4 likes) (1 dislike)
- A trail through here from Co Rd D to Co Rd E would be a welcome way to avoid Old Hwy 8 for bikes and pedestrians 10 likes)

Rice Creek Trail / Silver Lake RD NW Crossing:

- Maybe run the trail through a tunnel under silver lake road, like they do along lake drive. Would be a win win, traffic doesn't have to slow down, and pedestrians can safely cross! (4 likes) (2 dislikes)
- This is an incredibly dangerous trail crossing. Visibility is poor with cars coming up the hill and over the railroad tracks, not seeing pedestrians and bikers until it's too late, and many cars ignore the trail crossing completely. A tunnel under Silver Lake Rd, although costly, would be so much safer and also alleviate traffic problems. (2 likes) (1 dislike)
- We use the bike trails and have crossed Silver Lake Road here, from Pike Lake. This is the absolute most dangerous crossing we have ever seen. We cringe when driving up Silver Lake Road, hoping a family visiting New Brighton trails doesn't allow a little one to bike ahead. A bright RED flashing stop sign is needed. We have seen a car stop in the right lane to direct bikers across, then a left lane driver not stop and sail through. Something must be done to prevent a disaster here! (5 likes) (1 dislike)
- Follow up to another comment regarding trail crossing here - there is low visibility here for vehicles to see pedestrians. I have seen pedestrian-activated yellow-flashing lights that may be a good solution here. (7 likes)
- For god sake, make this crosswalk more visible. I see families with young children, older children alone, adults, EVERYONE trying to cross here daily. It is clear that they are indicating that they would like to cross, and cars speed through without even noticing. When a car does brake and wait, other vehicles often lay on the horn or pass and speed through the cross walk in the other lane. IT NEEDS A MEDIAN AND FLASHING LIGHTS (4 likes)
- trail crossing here is a challenge. Could use a traffic stopping light to ensure safe crossing. (10 likes)
- 4 lanes of traffic makes it nerve racking to cross safely here, some vehicles stop and some don't which make it harder and more difficult. A light we could flash when trying to cross would hopefully make traffic more predictable. (7 likes)

Long Lake Regional Park:

- Great Trail
- Access to the NW corner of LLRP is great here. (1 like)
- This is a great bridge for getting from Long Lake up to H2 but it is currently glare ice from the lack of snow removal (2 likes)
- Do we know what these water channels are for? They appear to be man-made.
- Youth baseball needs good fields, good buildings and good upkeep to continue to grow its program. This would be a great place to renovate the fields, place insignia, have a field of our own to call home. The fields would be best used if it had mounds, different sized base lines, concession possibilities, The possibilities of how these could help grow programs hence bringing more revenue into our communities could be endless. (1 like)
- renovate field to be used again for baseball. Irondale youth sports lack fields. This space could be developed into a complex for youth sports with the possibility to raise revenue through tournaments and concessions. (6 likes) (1 dislike)

- Lots of land here that would be great for some single track Mountain bike trails. Parking already exists for trailhead. Could work with MORC or other local trail orgs to help build sustainably. (1 like) (1 dislike)
- As part of New Brighton's desire to be a welcoming city, It would be great to include some play equipment that parents in wheelchairs could access to play with their children, and children of varying abilities could enjoy. See KASH Park, Stevens Point, WI, that built a large structure and play area for children and adults of all ages and abilities. (1 like)
- Addition of another baseball field. If space allows a football field as well. Irondale youth sports lack fields. This space and the existing field by the pavilion that is currently over grown could be developed into a complex for youth sports with the possibility to raise revenue through tournaments and concessions. (8 likes) (1 dislike)
- Off leash Dog Park in this area. The parking lot is already in place. Remove trees to create trails in the wooded area. The wood chips could be used for said trails. Because it is largely wooded, it would need minimal maintenance. It also offers more stimulation to the dogs versus a simple green area type dog park. Joint venture with Ramsey County perhaps? (6 likes) (4 dislikes)
- I very much like the Long Lake walking trails (5 likes)
- The city could rent space to food or beer vendors, such as food trucks. A beer garden could be established. City could host music events. This would be a public/private partnership. I've seen this work well in similar spaces in other communities, such as at Hoyt Park in Wauwatosa, WI. The beer garden would go well with the beach. See link below. <https://friendsofhoytpark.org/the-landing/>
- 1. I think it would be great to add paddle-board and canoe kayak rental To the options available at the beach. 2. Off leash dog park would be a great add to this area in general 3. Trap shooting location - Seems there is enough land here to consider this option. (10 likes) (5 dislikes)
- Would love to see a baseball field complex. Minimum of 2 fields, ideal for 4. Could also be used for Adults, Flag Football, Lacrosse, etc. Could raise revenue with tournaments. Fridley has this, St Anthony has this, Heights has this, Shoreview has this.....(4 likes)
- An off leash dog park would be nice!

Rush Lake:

- As part of New Brighton's desire to be a welcoming city, It would be great to include some play equipment that parents in wheelchairs could access to play with their children, and children of varying abilities could enjoy. See KASH Park, Stevens Point, WI, that built a large structure and play area for children and adults of all ages and abilities. (1 like)
- Kayak & Canoe Launch - Would like to see a path mowed to the water and a sandy area made to drag into the water. A small dock would be great, but not necessary. This would make a great lake for kayaking since there is no boat traffic. (4 likes) (1 dislike)
- Would love to see a large sized indoor court facility (4 or more volleyball courts). We are in need of court space for basketball and volleyball in the area for local youth sports. Weekends could host tournaments which would bring visitors to the area spending money at our local shops and eateries while supporting the facility (4 likes) (1 dislike)

Long Lake Boat Launch:

- This is a popular location for boaters, paddlers, anglers, etc. and the area sees a fair amount of pedestrian traffic. Could form a public/private partnership and lease a location here on a temporary or seasonal basis for a concession stand-type setup, which could also sell simple fishing gear/lures/tackle/bait.

Long Lake Rd / 694 Crossing:

- This trail is not kept clear of snow in the winter. Property owners on Rose Lane plow their snow on to the sidewalk/trail. Not sure if Beach road is a city street or part of Long Lake Park.
- Crossing Long Lake Road on the trail between Pike Lake and Long Lake is tricky. The crossing area is close to the freeway exit ramp, and drivers do not appear to be expecting pedestrians here. (3 likes)
- The stop lights need to be kept up here after the project is over..You can finally turn left when coming from the east onto Long Lake 10th St without sitting there forever. (1 like) (1 dislike)
- I love this running/walking trail! (4 likes)
- It would be wonderful to have a more pedestrian/bike friendly trail to cross 694 safely toward Long Lake.
Agree about the bike path here being dangerous. Many times I have ridden my bike across 694 and been honked at and verbally assaulted by drivers who are angry that a cyclist is (rightfully and for my own safety) using the entire lane in the part of Long Lake Road that crosses 694. If you've ever ridden a bike in rush hour traffic, you appreciate that being honked at and yelled at is really pretty terrifying and upsetting.
- Need better enforcement on speeding on this stretch of road. People drive like they are still on the freeway.
- Would like to see some better linkage via walking from our neighborhood to Long Lake (7 likes)
- An officer needs to be here when the school bus picks up kids in the a, and drops off in the afternoon. The number of cars that run the school bus stop arm is unbelievable. These people need to be ticketed. You are welcome to sit in our driveway anytime to help catch these offenders. (1 like)

Old Hwy 8 / 694 Crossing:

- I would like to see better railing along the pedestrian sidewalk over the bridge that crosses over 694. When crossing over this bridge with kids, the railing feels very low and unsafe.
- It is imperative that we have a safe way to cross 694 at this point on Hwy 8 so that we can access the southern park trail from downtown NB. The current sidewalk along Hwy 8 over 694 is very dangerous as it is too narrow that close to the car lanes, and on the other side a low wall. A car on Hwy 8 could easily jump the curb. Ideally, the railway should vacate the track over 694 so that it can be converted to trail as in other parts of MN. In the meantime, we need a safe solution. (1 like) (1 dislike)
- Lots of cars speed down 9th Ave as a shortcut to 694. A speedbump would help reduce this danger to kids. (4 likes)

Silver Lake Rd:

- I'd love to see a sidewalk on this road or maybe even just lines for the shoulder of the road like 14th Street has to give walkers a little breathing room.(4 likes) (1 dislike)
- Need Bike trail along Silver Lake Road.
- This intersection has two "No UTurn" signs but on a regular basis people make uturns. Today I saw a New Brighton labeled truck make the uturn but couldn't and went on the curb because there wasn't enough room to make the turn. This is an accident waiting to happen. Righthand turners are not expecting someone to make a uturn. Either enforce it and enhance the signs or make the road wider(?) (Crossing Palmer Dr.)
- The Silver Lake Road / 694 sidewalk here is TERRIBLE and very dangerous for pedestrians. Some serious attention should be given to how walkers, runners, and

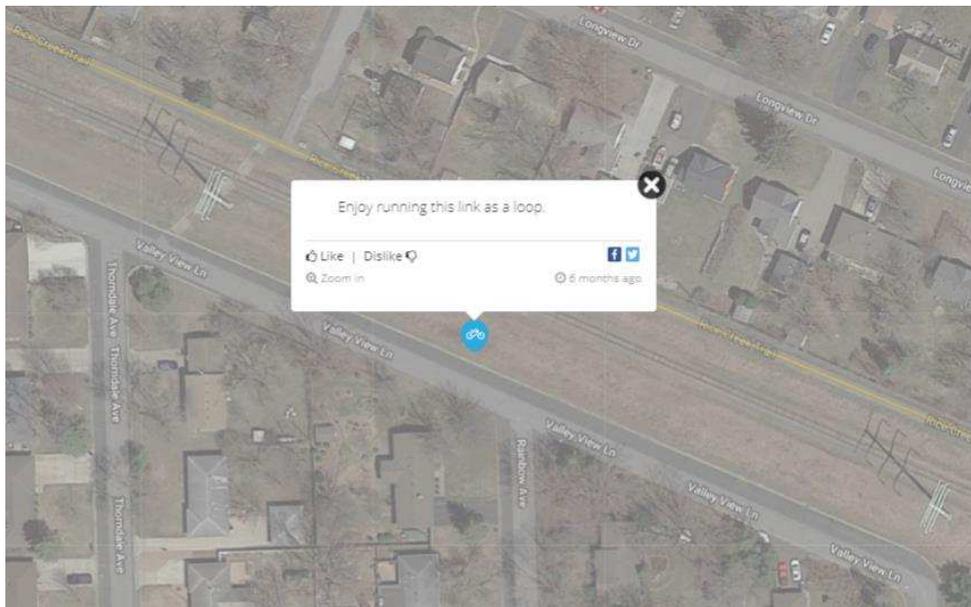
cyclists could be kept safe from motorists making turns at all these intersections. (12 likes)

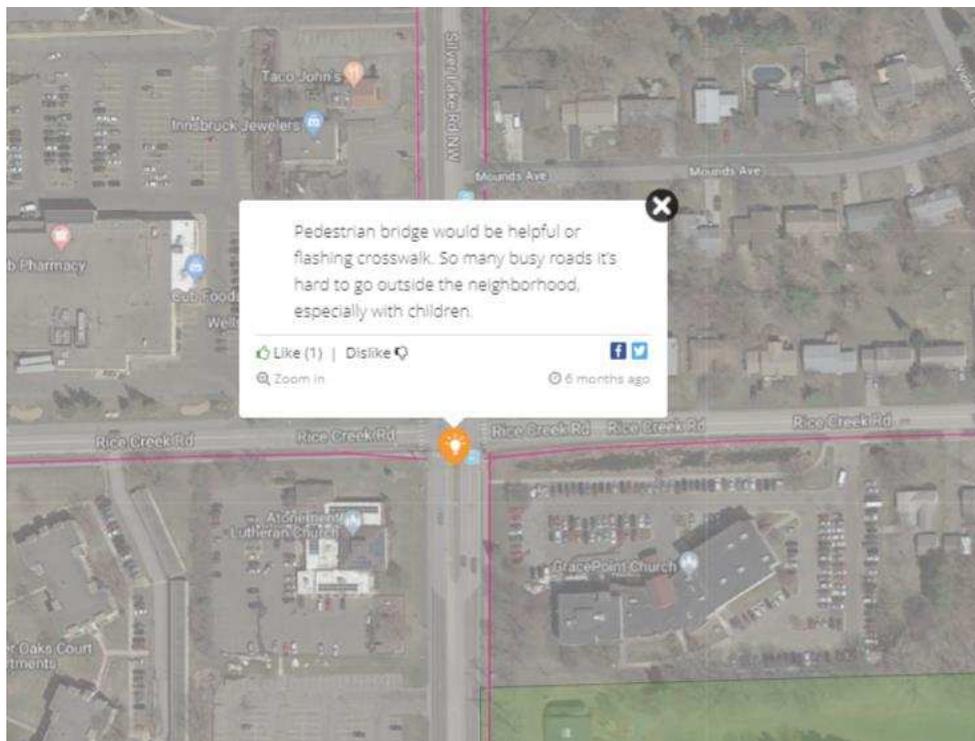
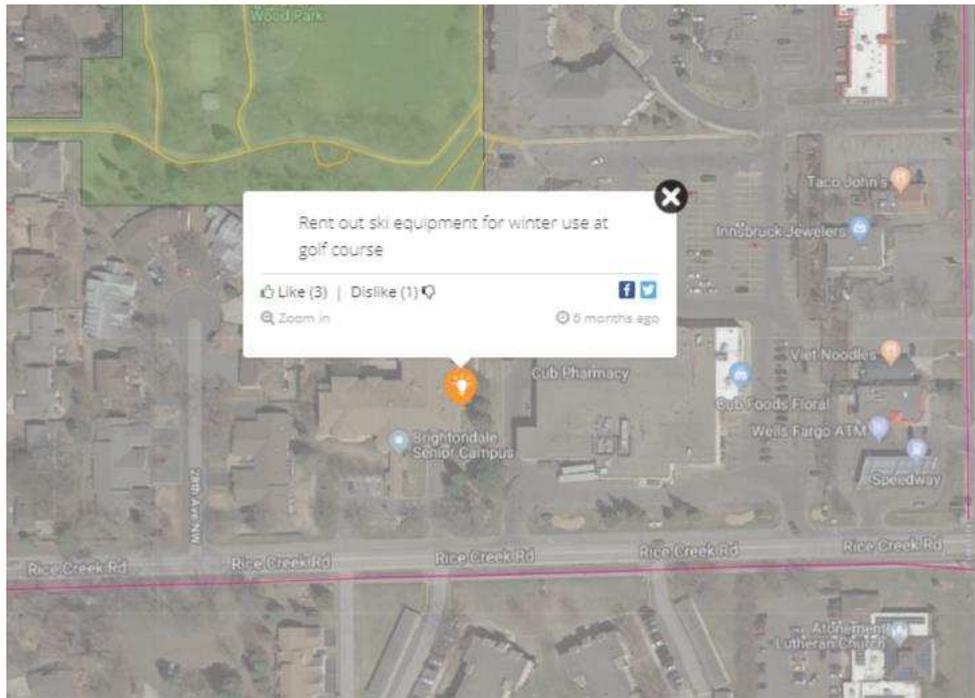
- I would really like to see improvements to pedestrian/bike crossings over 694. I would like my kids to be able to bike safely to school at Highview Middle School or Bel Air Elementary, but we live north of 694 and right now there are no good options available at Silver Lake or at the Long Lake crossing. (19 likes)
- I like this little trail extending from Driftwood Park down around the pond and terminating at Silver Lake Road. It's a nice little obscure and natural place to visit. (5 likes)

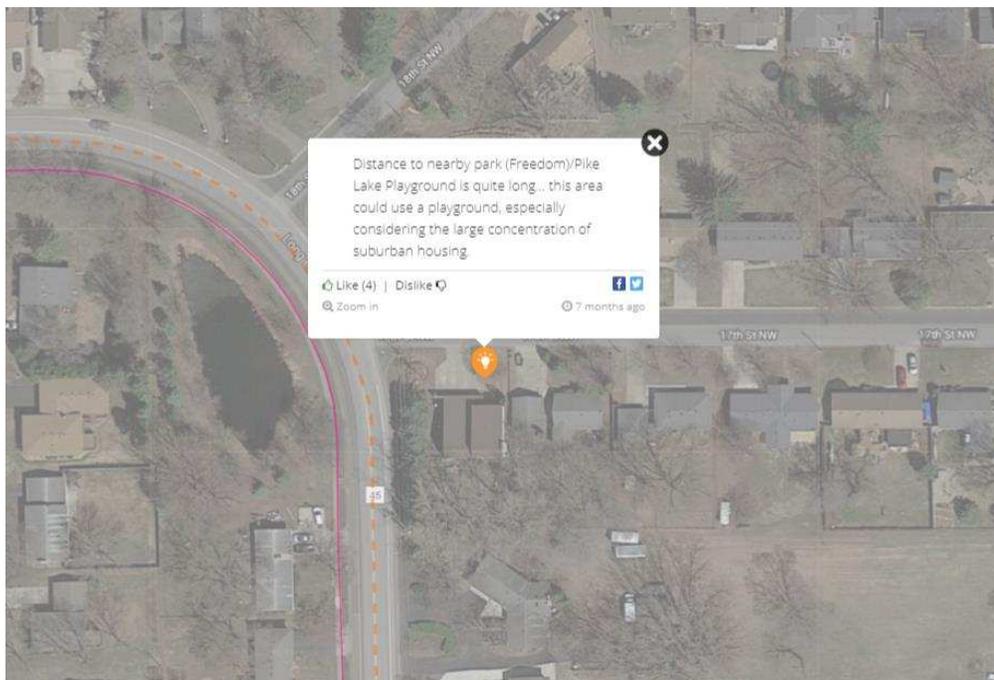
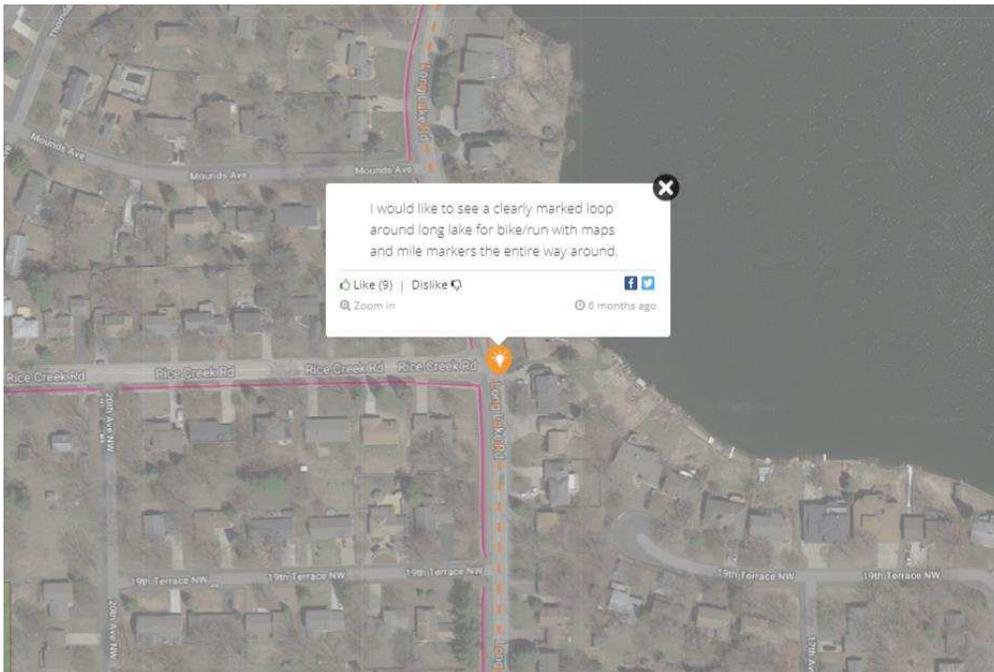
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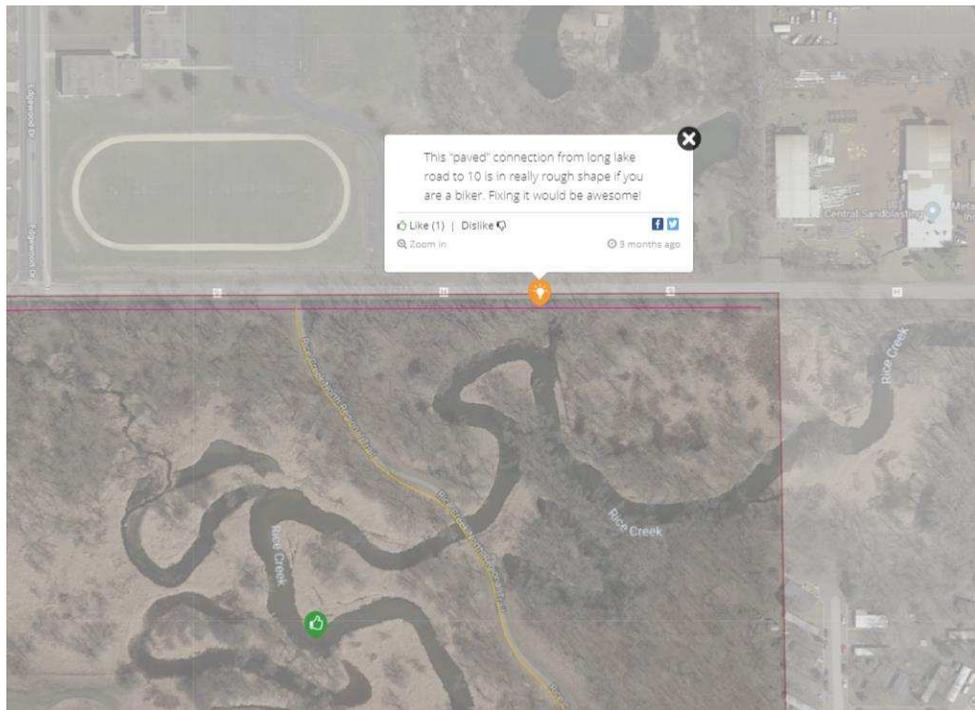
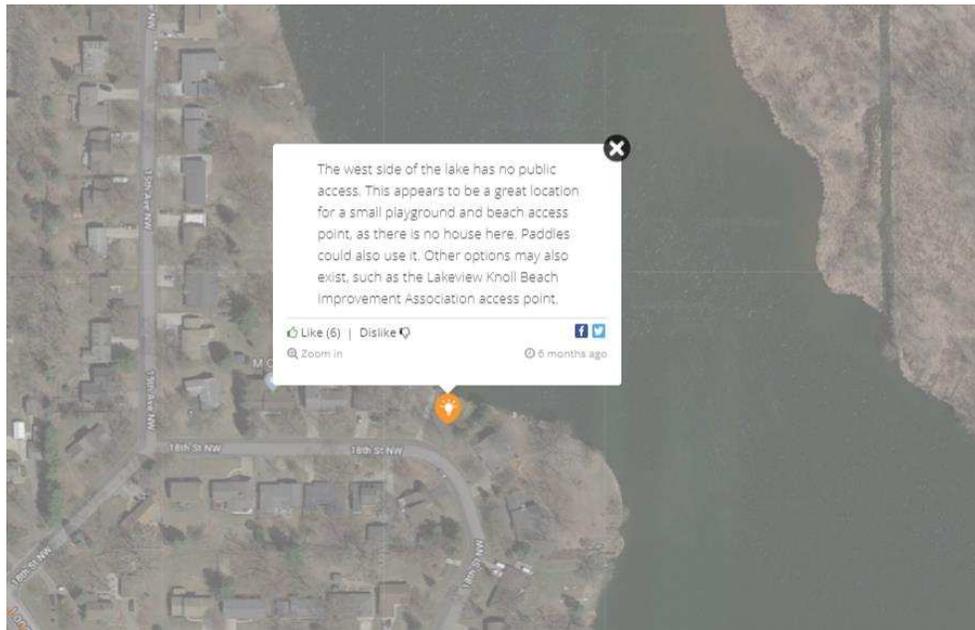
- By MN legal definition there is a crosswalk here. It used to be marked, but hasn't been marked for several years. Drivers don't understand this. Once they make the turn north from Old Hwy 8, they just hit the gas and aren't expecting to see a pedestrian there. My wife had a very close call here. She is careful but nonetheless was nearly hit. Cars appear suddenly from Old 8. This should be marked, as pedestrians do cross here. I've brought this up at neighborhood meetings, nothing gets done. (3 likes)
- Very difficult to make a left on a bike
- Absolutely terrible intersection, dangerous for bicycles and pedestrians, long wait times for automobiles wanting to turn left onto Old Hwy 8. The single worst thing about NB streets: The entire Old Hwy 8 corridor divides the city in two and is dangerous for anyone wanting to cross in anything but a car. (6 likes)
- High Volume of walkers try to get to Dairy Queen. Install a pedestrian crossing, including pedestrian refuge and signs with flashers (8 likes)
- This is such a dangerous crossing point, so many families with kids trying to get to/from Dairy Queen with no pedestrian crosswalk. (18 likes)
- I would love to see Old Highway 8 completely transformed from a 4 lane death road that acts as a scar down the middle of this part of town to a 2+turning lane road with a landscaped median and other traffic calming features, ideally from County Road D to the NW Quadrant, but especially from County Road E to the 5th Avenue turn. This is such a dangerous road, but doesn't have to be. It would create a whole new area of town that businesses and people would want to frequent.
- Dedicated bike path on Old Hwy 8 so children and adults who live in southern New Brighton can bike to the community center safely. (22 likes)
- It is nearly impossible at certain times of the day (esp. during rush hour) to turn left/north onto Old Hwy 8 from Foss Road. And with the prospect of additional housing going in at the former Korean Church site in New Brighton as well as the development in Roseville across from/south of Barley John's the traffic on Old Hwy 8 will no doubt increase. Please please please put in a traffic light here!! (4 likes)
- This crosswalk is very dangerous for anyone in the apartments who wants to cross Old 8 to visit Totem Pole park. (6 likes)

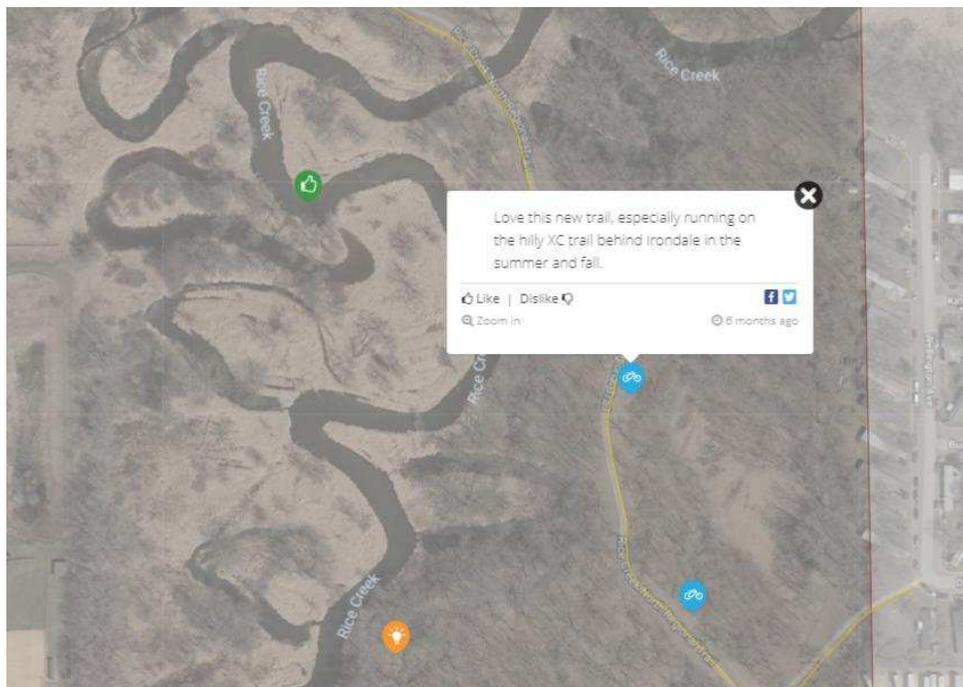
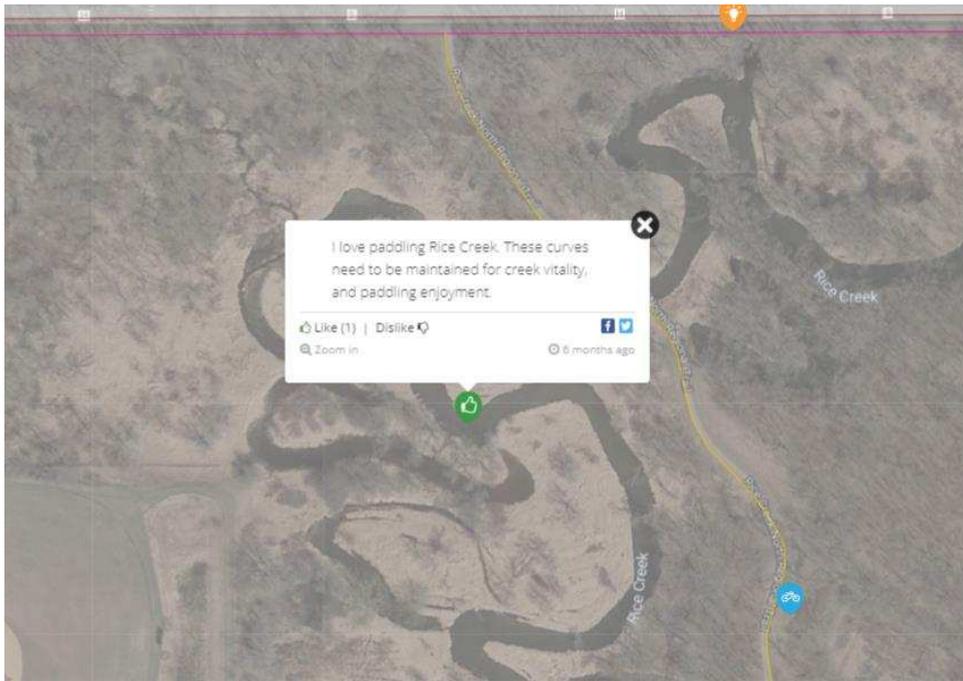
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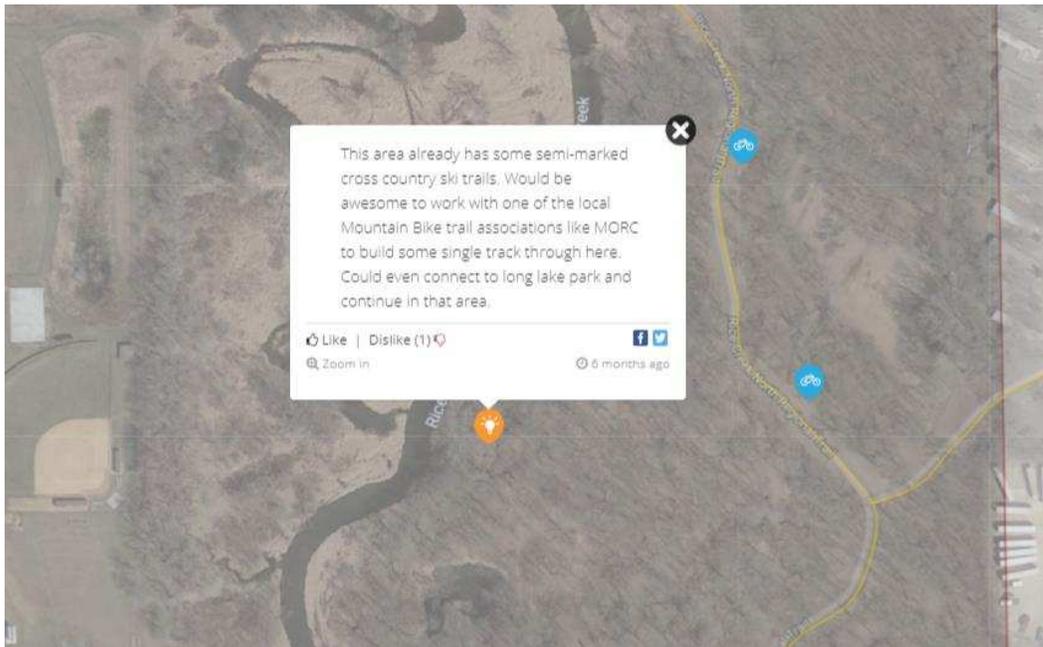
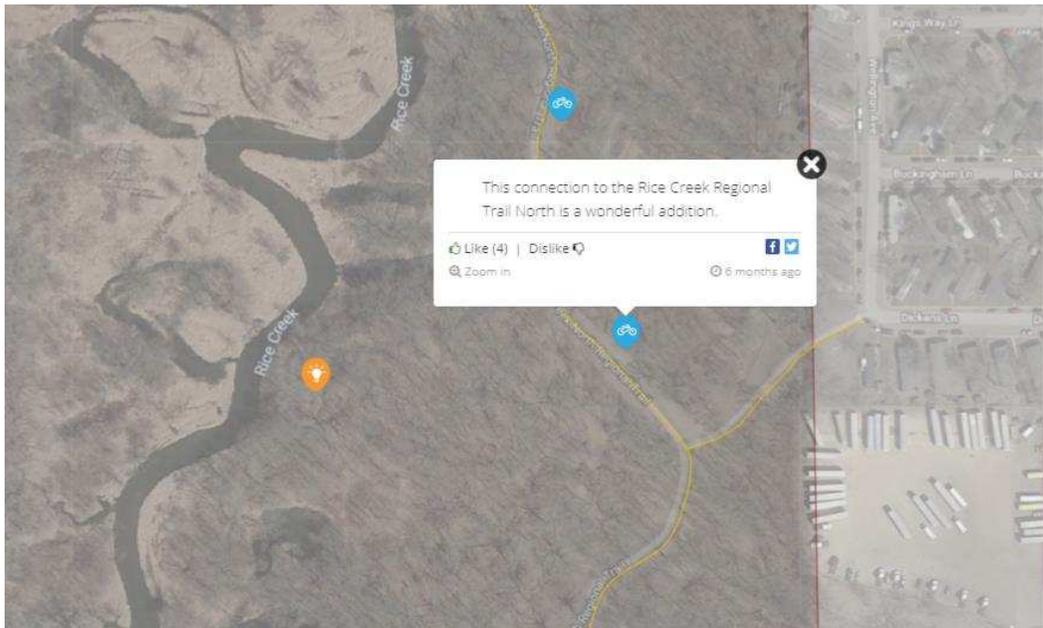


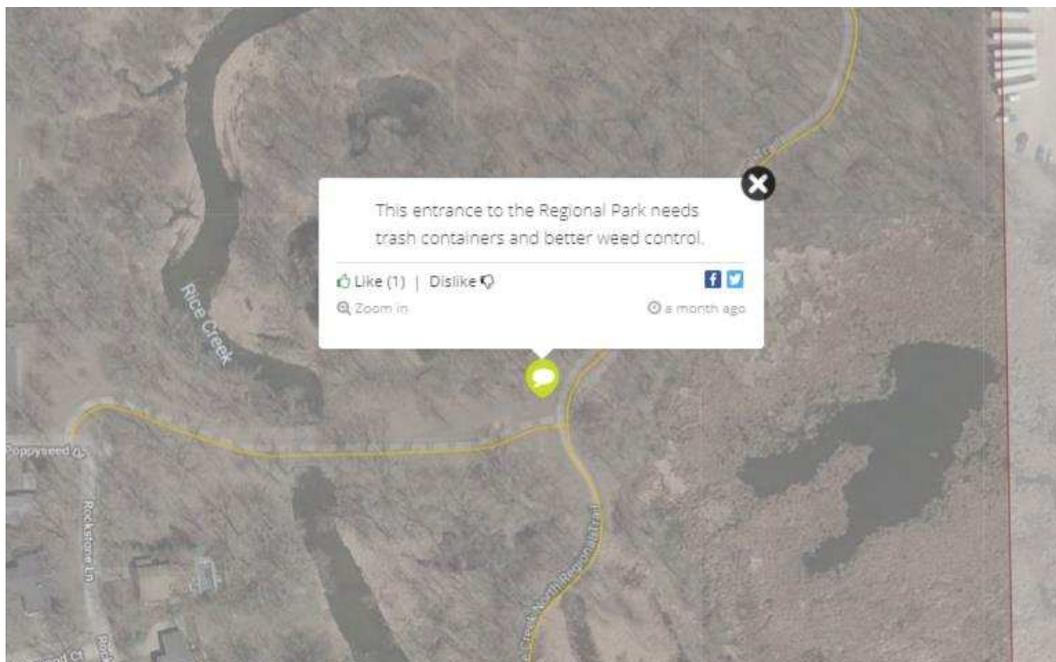
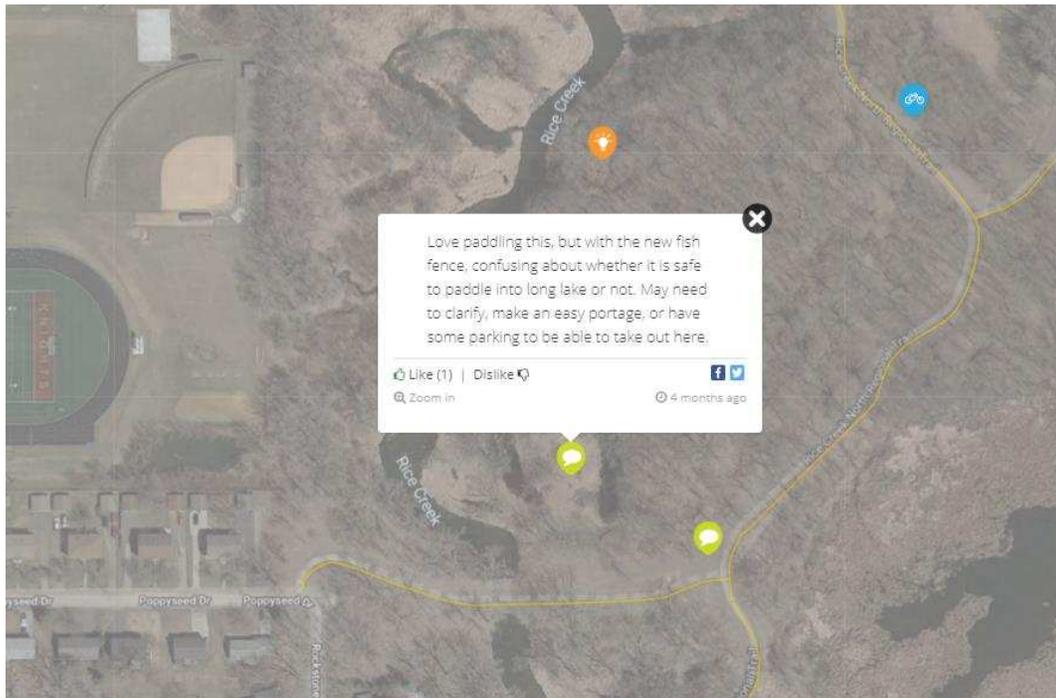


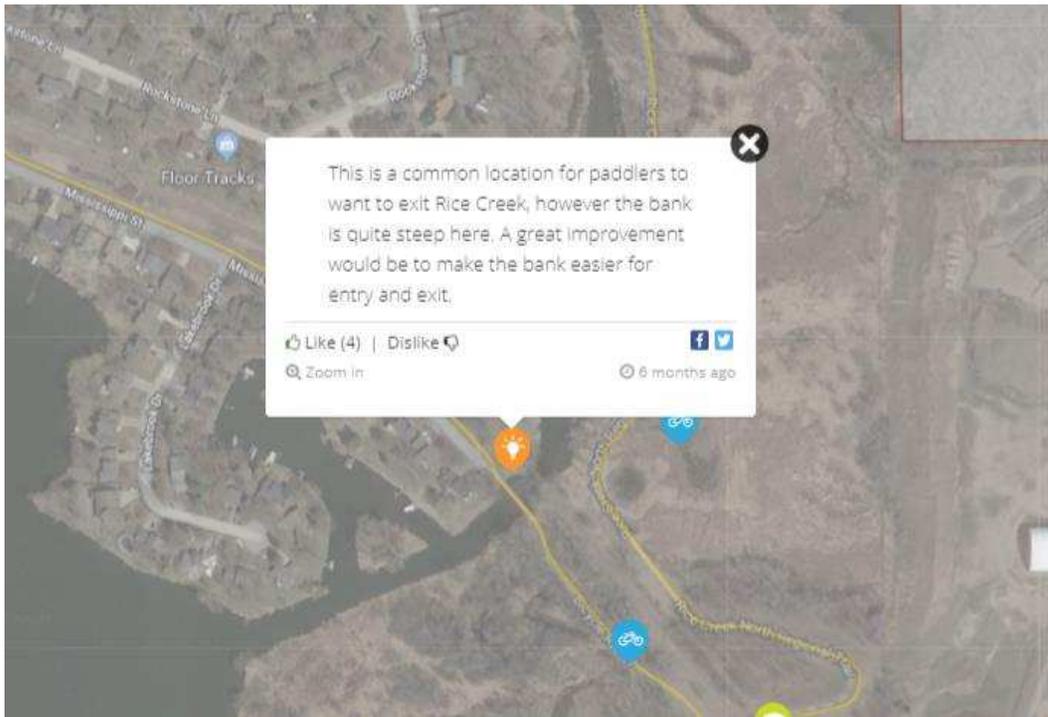


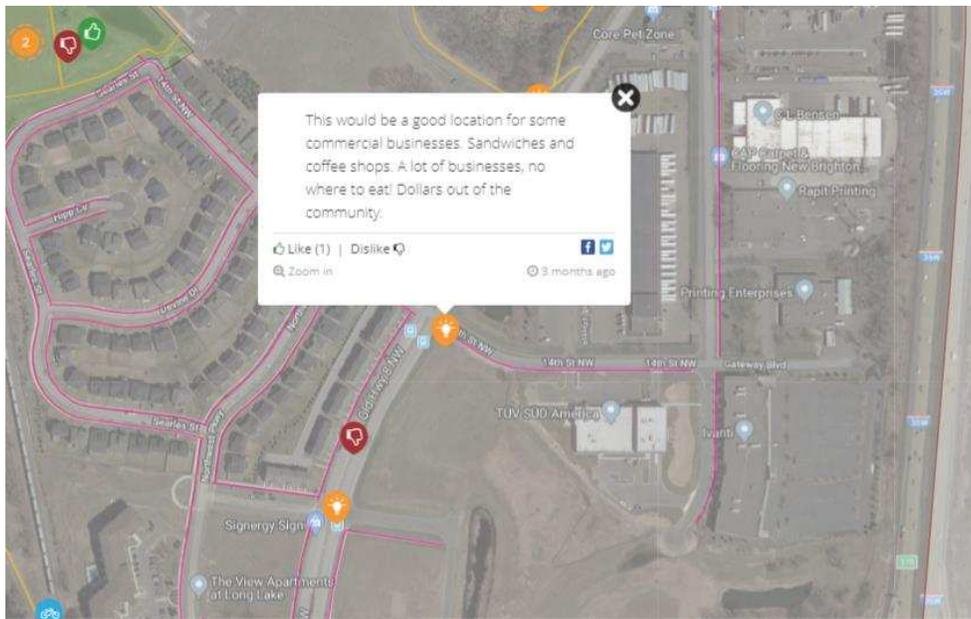
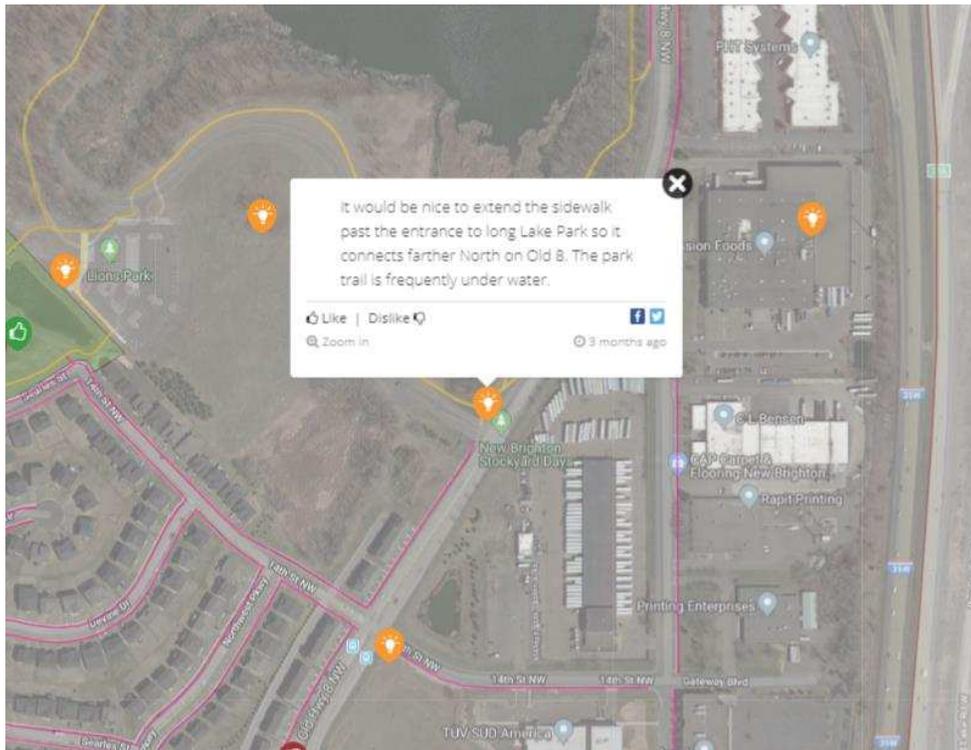


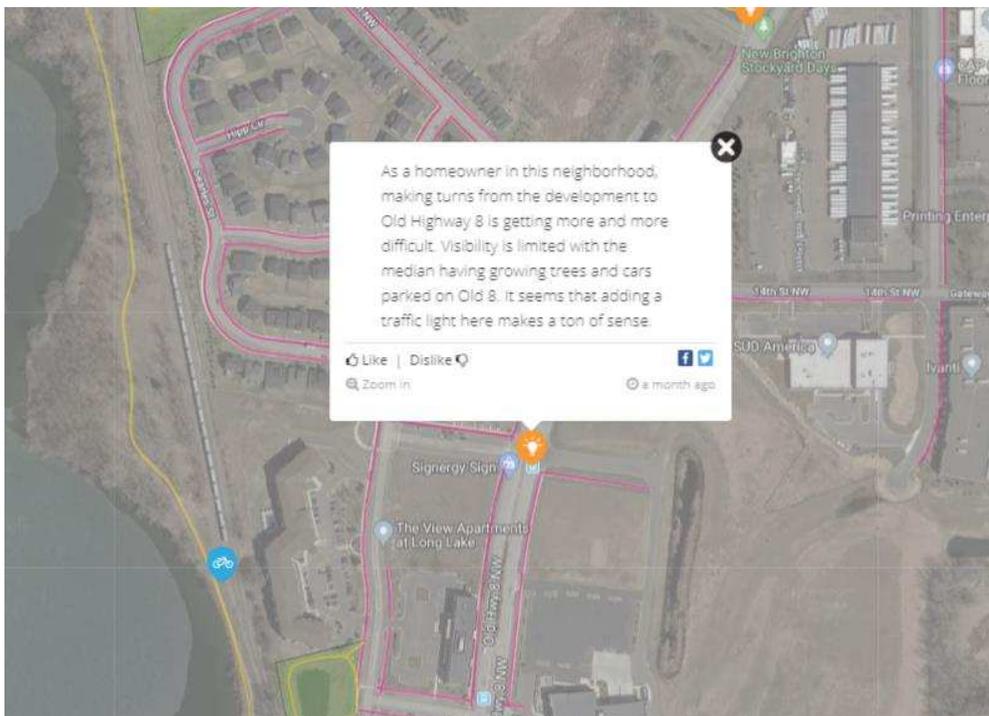
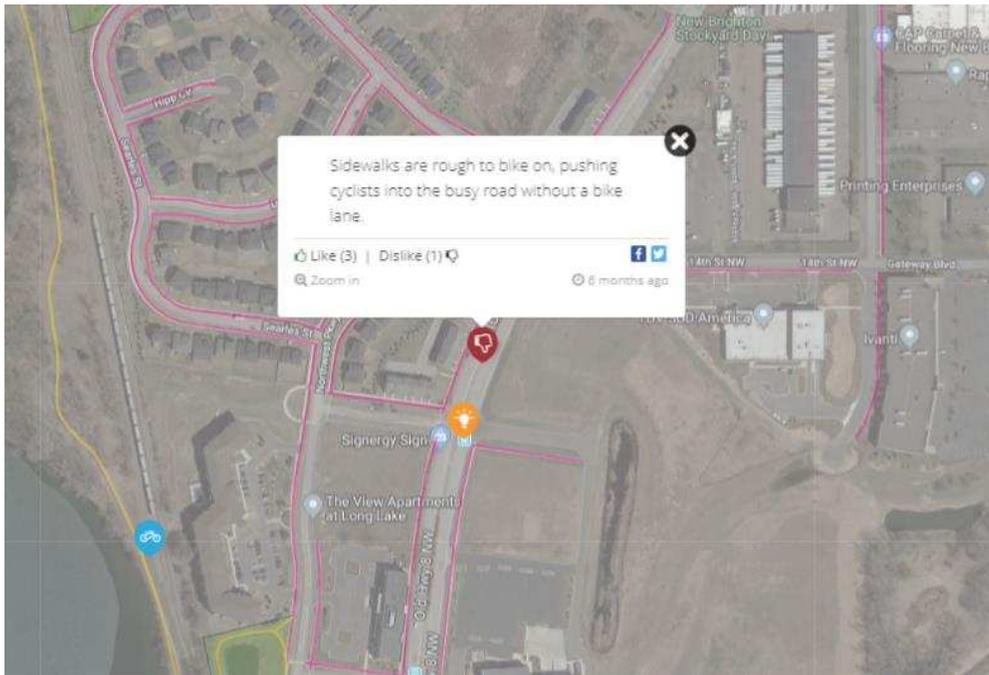




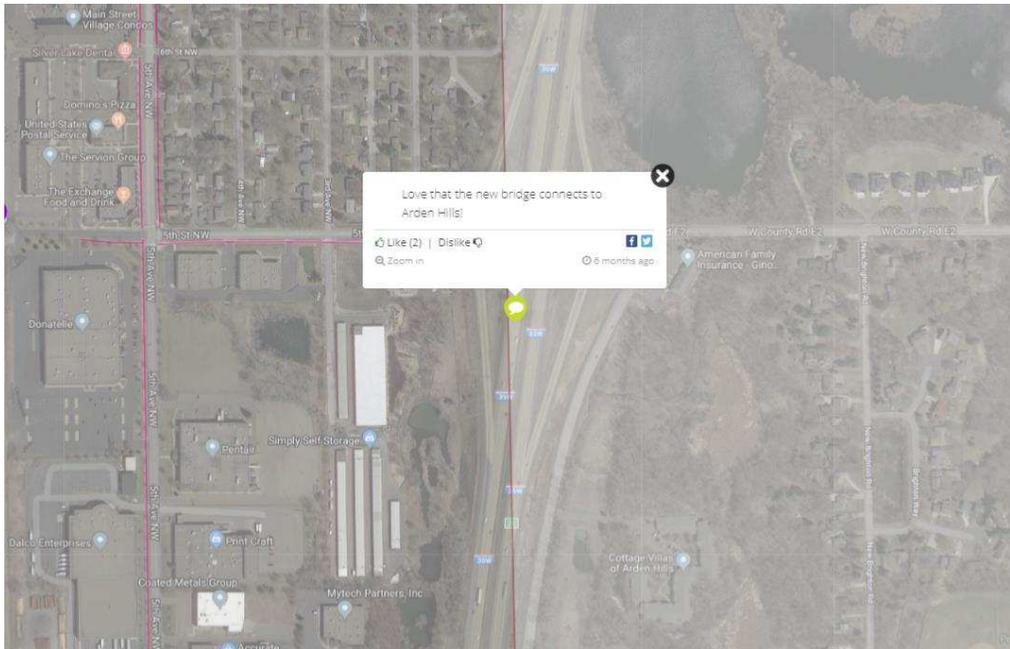
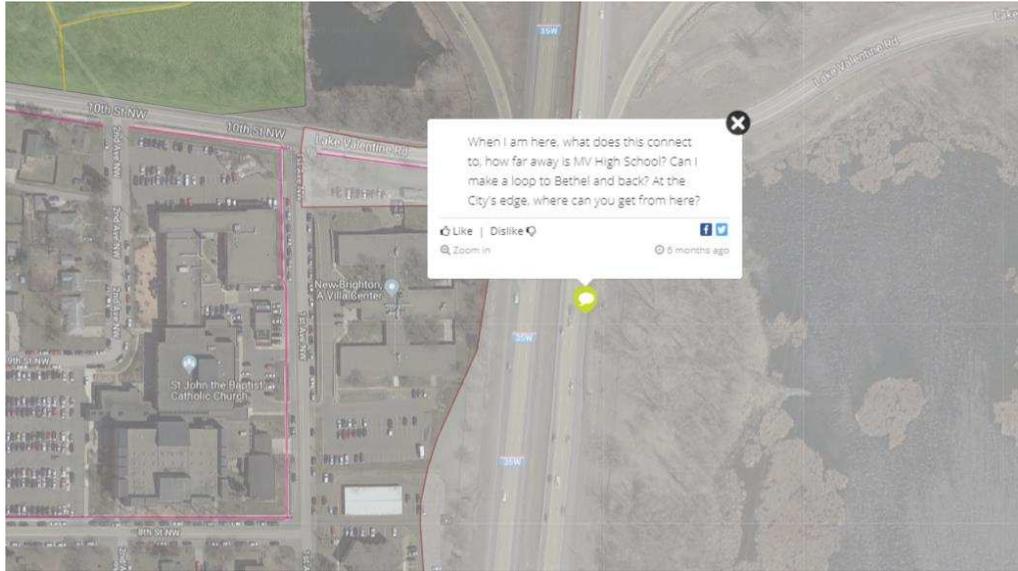


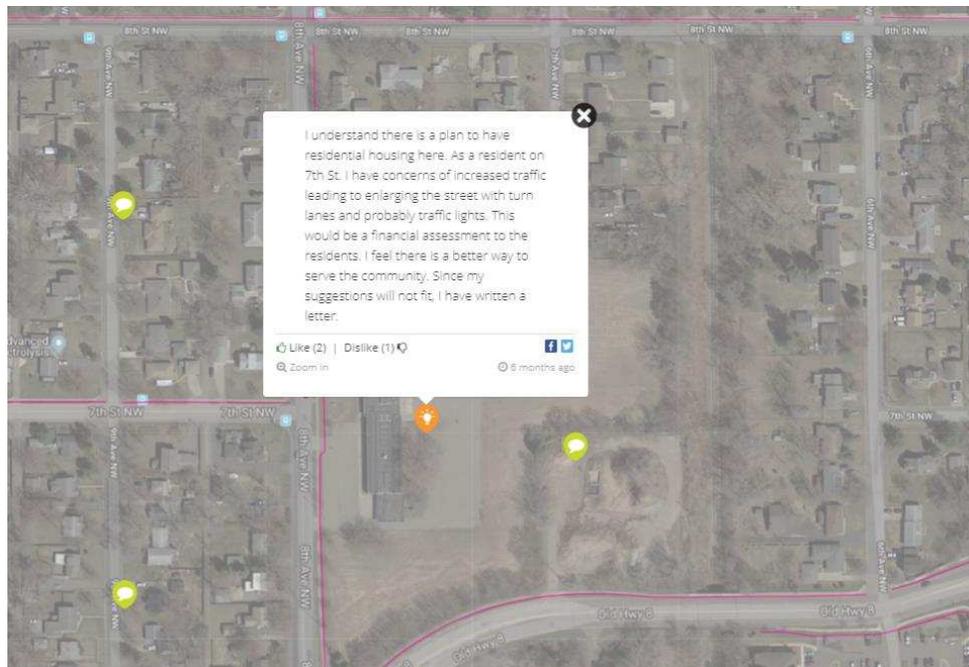
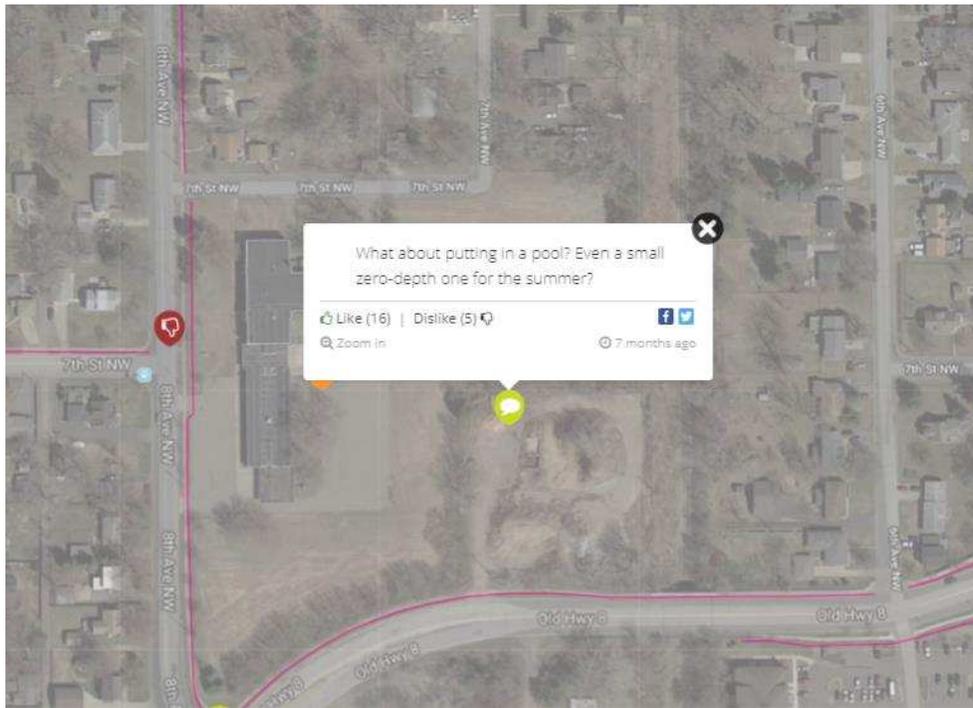


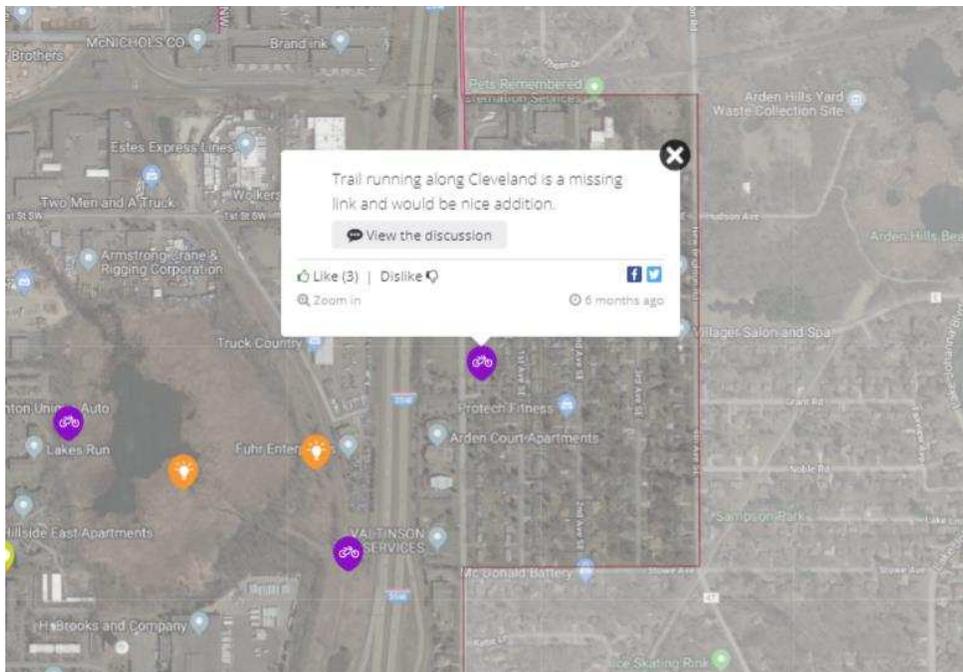
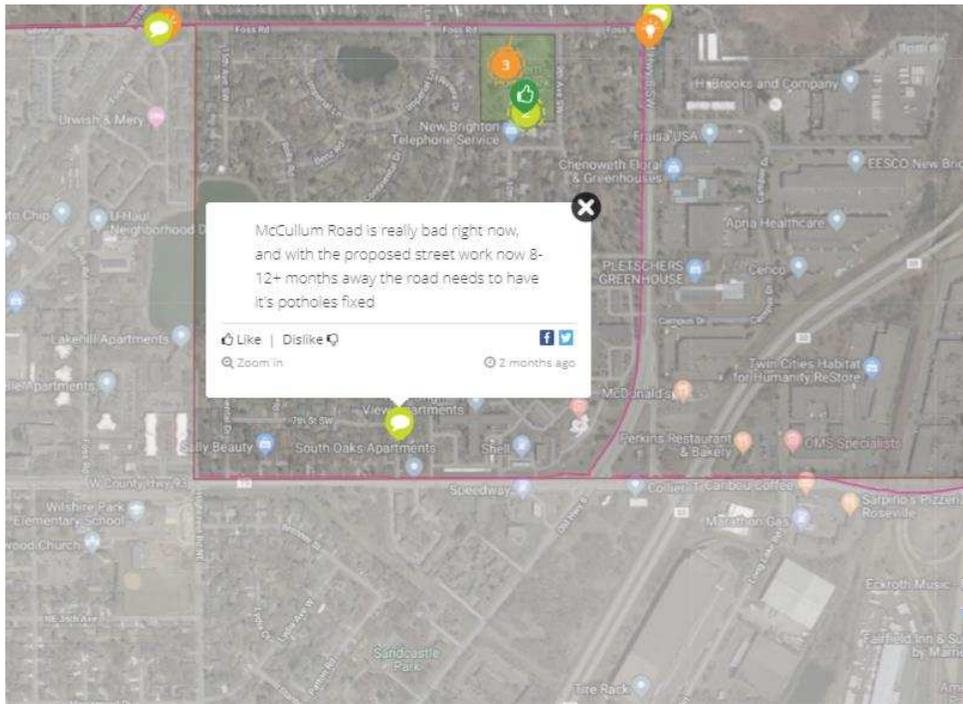




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Brightwood Hills Golf Course



Park Evaluation # 1 (partial evaluation)

Park Name: Brightwood Hills Golf Course

Park Size: 32 acres

Location: 1975 Silver Lake Road

Proposed Classification: **Special Use**

Overall Park Design: A 9-hole golf course with a club house building, practice putting green, small driving range (netted). There was road noise from Silver Lake Rd. Golf course was busy during site visit. Course was built in 1977. Aesthetic gardens and entry area by the building.

Overall Park Maintenance: All greens and fairways are irrigated and highly maintained. There is a maintenance shed near the clubhouse and storage below the clubhouse for carts.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Golf course with mature trees and wetland/pond by the parking lot. Muskrat and ducks spotted swimming in the water. Well maintained landscaping, gardens and seating areas. Lack of sufficient native plantings around pond.

Overall Park Ranking: **36%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion #1	1	1	0	1	3	12	No trail to shelter, pad is ok, shelter in poor condition similar style to other parks
Picnic Pavilion #2	2	1	0	2	5	12	Has a grill, no trail, similar style as other shelters. Columns look to be recently replaced, but not roof.
Parking Lot	1	2	1	1	5	12	Water is close to elevation of parking lot and runoff may be entering without pretreatment. HC parking stalls but not accessible to the main building. Older with cracks.
Totals					13	36	

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Creekview Park

Park Evaluation # 3

Park Name: Creekview Park

Park Size: 17 acres

Location: Silver Lake Road & Mississippi Street

Proposed Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Wooded park along Rice Creek with natural trails (approximately 0.5 miles). The park is mainly underutilized due to minimal development but the creek is appealing. Parking is on-street only but on a wide street. There were mowed areas along the trail as well as smaller trails closer to the creek and a few overlooks with benches. Park was established in 1971. Access and crossing

Overall Park Maintenance: Trails were in fair condition but older amenities. There were piles of brush along the trail during the site visit.

Natural Resources/Landscape: There are large mature hardwood trees and woodlands. Rice Creek meanders through the property. Although at the park, you can hear road noise from Silver Lake Road. Invasive species present and mosquitos.

Overall Park Ranking: **38%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Trails	2	2	1	1	6	12	Trails were aggregate and soil, in fair condition
Amenities	1	1	0	1	3	12	Older amenities in need of replacement
Totals					9	24	

General Comments:

Fairly underutilized park site, likely due to the minimal amount of current development. Rice Creek is an attractive feature. The sidewalk along Silver Lake Road is narrow and the connection to the park trail needs park signage and a better park entrance as it currently aligns with a guardrail. Would be nice to have a trail continue across Silver Lake Road along the creek to tie into the trails further west along the creek (privately owned in this section).

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Driftwood Park

Park Evaluation # 4

Park Name: Driftwood Park

Park Size: 9.6 acres

Location: 2705 5th Street NW

Proposed Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Large park with great character and a variety of amenities. There is a marked crosswalk across 5th Street NW to access the smaller parking lot but lack of designated route in the lot. There is another parking lot to the west with no trail access from the street. There are natural trails to the woodlands in the south as well as an embankment slide. Park was established in 1977.

Overall Park Maintenance: Landscape and wood chip trails are well maintained. The paved trails and volleyball court are in need of maintenance/replacement.

Natural Resources/Landscape: There are mature trees and woodlands and garden along eastern parking lot. The wooded areas had a lot of wild rhubarb and also invasive species were present. During the site visit, a coyote was spotted running through the park.

Overall Park Ranking: **42%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion	1	1	2	1	5	12	Old pavilion, in need of repair or replacement. There is a trail to it.
Playground Equipment	2	2	2	1	7	12	2009 Game Time equipment in good condition. Trail leads to playground.
Embankment Slide	2	3	0	2	7	12	Desirable feature by users, kind of hidden
Volleyball Court	0	1	n/a	1	2	9	Poor condition, weeds growing in it, no nets. Adjacent to playground. Double court, proper orientation.
Soccer Field (330' x 110')	1	2	n/a	2	5	9	Needs re-grading, some turf areas in poor condition. Is irrigated.

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Trail	1	1	1	0	3	12	Trails mainly fair but some areas in poor condition. Very steep at access point from east parking lot and does not connect to western lot. Portions of trails are lighted.
Parking Lot (east)	3	2	0	2	5	12	Steep grade at entrance, not accessible, only few stalls (9).
Parking Lot (west)	2	2	0	2	6	12	Ok condition, no ada stalls or trail access from the lot. This lot is a longer walk from the playground. 10 stalls
Amenities	1	0	1	1	3	12	Bike rack, older picnic tables, trash cans, portable restrooms and 1 is ADA. Variety of styles and ages for amenities.
Totals					43	102	

General Comments:

Nice sized park with a variety of amenities, but the parking availability is minimal so any efforts to connect a trail to the adjacent church parking lot may be helpful to the park, if the church approved. The crosswalk by the eastern lot needs better delineation through the lot between the crosswalk and park trail. Adding a trail along 5th Street would allow for a loop park trail. Wayfinding signage recommended.

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Freedom Park

Park Evaluation # 5

Park Name: Freedom Park

Park Size: 8.7 acres

Location: 2121 14th Street NW

Classification:

Neighborhood Park

Overall Park Design:

Park is adjacent to Pike Lake Education Center, shares a large playground with the school. There is also a neighborhood center here which runs summer daycare programming. There is a trail from the parking lot leading to a large pavement area with basketball and skatepark. The park has a popular sledding hill. It was busy at time of site visit. The park has a cell tower. Park was established in 1968.

Overall Park Maintenance:

Overall, the park is fairly well maintained, though some features are in need of repair or replacement. Trails showed some cracking. There is some erosion close to the picnic pavilion and on the general skating area.

Natural Resources/Landscape:

There are mature oak trees throughout the park. There is a small raingarden off the parking lot and appealing park areas.

Overall Park Ranking:

50%

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion	0	1	1	0	2	12	Old, in poor condition, trail leading to it is not accessible. Beautiful location but erosion on slopes. Concrete is cracked.
Ball Field (275', irrigated)	3	2	1	1	7	12	Well groomed, has lights, no accessible parking stall connection. Backstop needs repair/replacement
Playground Equipment (shared with school)	2	2	2	1	7	12	Variety of ages and conditions and a separate rock climbing piece. Swings do not meet current standards. Natural shade. Landscape Structures equipment.
Basketball Court	2	2	1	2	7	12	Good condition, adjustable new hoops, not colored pavement – gaga ball on court edge.

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Skate Park	2	2	1	2	7	12	Not ideal equipment for what skate park users are looking for, but good condition. Bituminous pavement.
Ice Rink	2	2	n/a	2	6	9	Boards are in good shape, lighted rink.
Trail	1	2	1	2	6	12	Humps in the trail, some cracking. Access to building is not accessible due to change in pavement/condition. Lighted portions of trails.
Parking Lot	1	2	2	1	6	12	Fair to poor condition, has accessible stalls but needs one closer to ballfield. Has 42 stalls .
Amenities	1	1	1	1	4	12	Tables, trash, benches, drinking fountain, portable restrooms (1 ADA) varying styles and conditions.
Totals					52	105	

General Comments:

Good visibility from Silver Lake Road. The park conjoins with the school site with shared amenities and lacks identity. A better trail connection along the parking lot would create larger trail loops. The ballfield has had known instances of balls being hit out onto the roadway, suggesting that safety netting would be recommended. Large amount of bituminous areas that could be reduced, especially since there are numerous basketball courts at the school site.

It should be noted that the adjacent site contains:

- Double Tennis Court
- Shared Playground
- Basketball Courts
- Softball Fields (2)
- Soccer Fields (small overlays)

Park Recommendations

- Provide a park sign at the entrance for wayfinding.
- Provide a sidewalk connection from the street to the ballfield.
- Ballfield safety netting

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Hansen Park

Park Evaluation # 6

Park Name: Hansen Park

Park Size: 69.2 acres

Location: 1555 5th Street NW

Classification: **Community Park**

Overall Park Design: Large, popular park with trail loop, ballfields and disc golf. There is a neighborhood center at this park with summer programming. There are four parking areas. There have been drainage issues at this park and recently two ballfields were removed. Park was established in 1968. South intersection at County Road E has visibility issues/safety.

Overall Park Maintenance: Fair to good. There have been historic flooding issues at this park. The newer stormwater feature is still in the progress of establishing.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Park has wetlands, wooded areas and mature trees with a newly constructed stormwater feature that provides a focus on natural features and habitat.

Overall Park Ranking: **45%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion (near playground)	2	2	2	2	8	12	Newer, some hail damage to roof, close to playground, needs accessible tables
Picnic Pavilion (near horseshoes)	2	2	0	1	5	12	Older, concrete pad is in good condition.
Ball Field #4 (A)	1	1	0	1	3	12	Good orientation. Uneven outfield cut off in one corner, no trail to bleachers, 300'
Ball Field #3 (B)	1	1	0	1	3	12	Good orientation. Uneven ground, 275', fencing older, benches & bleachers in poor condition
Playground Equipment	2	2	1	2	7	12	Two separate areas (upper and lower), newer equipment, has gaga ball pit, no walk to lower area.
Tennis Court / Pickleball Courts	0	1	1	1	3	12	Two courts with pickleball overlay, long access route, poor condition

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Volleyball Court	1	1	n/a	1	3	9	Needs sand replaced, reconditioned. Hidden in nice surroundings but not best orientation.
Horseshoes	0	1	n/a	1	2	9	Older, missing stake, one used as a bonfire pit
Disc Golf	2	2	n/a	2	6	12	14 holes (recent added two), some with cones (retro style), has Wednesday leagues, gathering area with small bonfire pit close to parking, some paved trails, popular course
Ice Rink (2 with boards)	1	2	n/a	1	4	9	Nice setting, has boards, lights along trail behind it, in low area
Trail	3	3	1	3	10	12	Trails range from mainly very good condition to some smaller sections that are in poor condition. 0.85 miles plus 1.3 miles lighted trail, with some natural trails on the northeastern side of the park. Need better / more trail connections to amenities and parking.
Parking Lot #1 (Cul de sac off 12 th Ave)	2	2	0	2	6	12	Striped access aisle but no designated HC stalls, though trail is too steep. 4 stalls
Parking Lot #2 (off 4 th Street NW, east side)	1	2	0	1	4	12	52 stalls, older but in fair to good condition. No proper ADA stall or trail connection (1 older stall with ADA symbol that does not meet requirements)
Parking Lot #3 (at 5 th Street, west side near Neighborhood Center/tennis)	2	2	1	1	6	12	95 stalls, 4 ADA that need adjustments. Has small rain garden. Older pavement in fair to good condition.
Parking Lot #4 (off 5 th Street NW, east side)	2	2	2	2	8	12	35 stalls, 2 ADA, by ball fields, needs ped ramp, shaded
Amenities	2	1	1	1	5	12	Range of styles and conditions
Totals					83	183	

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General Comments:

The park is very long (linear) with lack of a sense of entrance into the park on the south and east sides, but has good entrance on the main NW side. The site is known for being wet and having poor soils, resulting in expensive construction for developed recreational amenities. About half of the park is designated for the disc golf area that contains a variety of holes and has retro style baskets. Temporary setup of tables by the parking lot for the golf course does not meet their needs well and is not appealing. Overall, better organization and sense of entrance is needed.

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Hidden Oaks Park

Park Evaluation # 7

Park Name: Hidden Oaks Park

Park Size: 9.7 acres

Location: 1550 29th Avenue NW

Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: The park is quiet and feels secluded and hidden with a fairly function design. The park is in two separate areas with 29th Ave NW between and parking on the eastern side, but not on the western side. Park has varying topography and is mainly surrounded by mature trees.

Overall Park Maintenance: Landscape and turf filed is well maintained, but the courts and some equipment are in poor condition.

Natural Resources/Landscape: There is large wetland/ponds on either side, mature oak trees and open lawn spaces.

Overall Park Ranking: **44%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion	0	1	1	0	2	12	Old with trail connection but not meeting ADA requirements. Has a grill and there are utility boxes along trail to pavilion.
Playground Equipment	2	2	2	2	8	12	Safety zones are not adequate in some locations, lacking proper container border in some locations. Newer main equipment but older swings.
Tennis Court	1	2	0	1	4	12	Double courts with pickleball overlay. Slope excessive and courts older.
Soccer Field (150' x 210')	2	2	2	2	8	12	Needs some minor regrading, irrigated
Parking Lot	2	1	1	2	6	12	No designated ADA stalls but has access aisle. Lacks connection to park amenities, fair condition, 18 spaces

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Trails	1	2	0	1	4	12	Too steep at entrance, connects to playground and shelter
Amenities	2	1	1	1	5	12	Portable restroom, tables, bike rack, trash, benches in varying conditions and styles.
Totals					37	84	

General Comments:

The park is very hidden and has utilities on site.

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Innsbruck Park

Park Evaluation # 8

Park Name: Innsbruck Park

Park Size: 6.5 acres

Location: 1150 27th Avenue NW

Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Established park with mature trees behind residential lots that has appealing character. Gardens along the parking lot entrance are inviting. Mostly functional design.

Overall Park Maintenance: Landscape is well maintained.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Large cottonwood trees at the entrance. Water noise from aerator / fountain. Gardens along parking lot.

Overall Park Ranking: **43%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Playground Equipment	2	1	2	1	6	12	Play surface needs leveling, Game Time little older but in fair to good condition.
Soccer Field (150' x 210', irrigated)	2	2	n/a	2	6	9	Has shade trees, well-used, separated from play area by drainage ditch
Trail	2	2	2	2	8	12	Some cracking, in good condition.
Parking Lot	1	2	0	2	5	12	Lot of striped off area but no designated ADA stall. Fair condition. 18 spaces but should not have spaces in turnaround location.
Gazebo	0	0	0	0	0	12	Older, poor condition, not accessible, no room for tables
Amenities	2	1	1	1	5	12	Portable restroom (no ADA), benches, tables and trash in a variety of styles of amenities.
Totals					30	69	

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Lions Park

Park Evaluation # 9

Park Name: Lions Park

Park Size: 8.9 acres

Location: Northwest Parkway

Proposed Classification: **Community Park**

Overall Park Design: Newly developed active recreation park located close to new residential development within Long Lake Regional Park (parking lot is on regional park property). Park has room to expand in open areas.

Overall Park Maintenance: New park is well maintained, except for parking lot (needs weeding) but this is Ramsey County property.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Open lawn areas, few trees and areas of shade. Adjacent to Long Lake Regional Park with mature oak trees, prairies and Long Lake. The County parking lot has some pervious paver areas in it.

Overall Park Ranking: **96%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Playground Equipment	3	3	3	3	12	12	Miracle inclusive play with zipline, new, great condition. Rubber surfacing was very bouncy.
Ball Field	3	3	3	3	12	12	Lighted, irrigated, shaded dugouts, bleachers
Soccer Field	3	3	3	3	12	12	Lighted, irrigated, trail loops around it.
Trail	3	3	3	3	12	12	Trail loop and access to all amenities.
Parking Lot	3	3	3	3	11	12	Islands need weeding, nice design, has entry plaza and lights
Amenities	3	2	2	3	10	12	Numerous bike racks along parking lot, newer trash and benches that coordinate well in style. No proper ADA bench seating space currently. Portable restroom not ADA.
Totals					69	72	

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General Comments:

The park is newly developed with an accessible playground and athletic fields. Due to the popularity of the improvements, there is increased pedestrian traffic from Lions Park to Long Lake Beach across the railroad tracks which is a safety issue. There is a cow path from Lions Park to beach at Long Lake Regional Park (at railroad crossing). The City and County are working jointly on the development of a large shelter structure and separate restroom building along Lions Park.

Park Recommendations

- Planned shelter and restroom are anticipated.
- Remove trash receptacles from being adjacent to benches
- Add seating along playground
- Trail connection from Lions Park to beach site
- Enhance with additional tree plantings
- Potential splash pad location

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Meadow Wood Park

Park Evaluation # 10

Park Name: Meadow Wood Park

Park Size: 5.5 acres

Location: 2081 29th Avenue NW

Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Popular park with open space behind residential lots with trail loop and connections to the neighborhood. Park was established in 1983.

Overall Park Maintenance: Landscape is well maintained. Trails are in great condition.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Park has mature maple trees around the interior open field space creating shade for users and an appealing setting.

Overall Park Ranking: **46%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion	0	1	0	0	2	12	Poor condition, grill is not accessible, no trail
Gazebo	1	2	0	1	4	12	Small octagon by soccer field. Older, underutilized and no trail connection. Roof ok.
Playground Equipment	1	2	2	2	7	12	Good condition, recent retaining wall added behind play area. Miracle play equipment.
Basketball Court	2	2	0	2	6	12	Oversized half court with adjustable hoop, no trail connection
Volleyball Court	1	2	n/a	1	3	9	No net in place, needs sand/conditioning, nice location for shade
Soccer Fields (150' x70', 210'x150')	2	2	n/a	2	6	9	Nice fields with 1 larger E-W field and 2 smaller N-S fields
Trails	3	2	2	3	10	12	Great condition, lighted trail loop, small seating area off south trail.
Amenities	1	1	1	1	4	12	Different styles and conditions. Portable restroom.
Totals					41	90	

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General Comments:

The park is adjacent to senior housing, so the park is popular for trail walking. It has a nice turf soccer field but due to the hidden nature and lack of a dedicated parking lot, there could be issues with parking conflicts in the neighborhoods. There may be opportunity for joint use or agreements with Cub Foods for parking in their lots. There needs to be improved pedestrian route designation from the park to Silver Lake Road along Cub Foods.

Park Recommendations**High Priority:**

Low Priority: Add ADA portable restroom

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Pike Lake Trail

Park Evaluation # 11

Park Name: Pike Lake Trail

Park Size:

Location: 1021 Pike Lake Drive

Classification: **Open Space Park**

Overall Park Design: Small park located between Pike Lake and 694. There is no park sign or map. The walk down to the lake has a freeway wall on the south side and is dark even in daylight. It is a secluded area and there is no parking lot (on-street parking only on a curved street). The bench overlooking the lake is close to the storm sewer outlets with a drop-off. Trail turns to mowed trail (not accessible) to access the lake and seating area. Trail does connect to boat access at Long Lake Regional Park below freeway wall.

Overall Park Maintenance: Some amenities at the park are old (benches) and in disrepair.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Shoreline of Pike Lake and wetland/grasses. Mature tree cover and woodlands.

Overall Park Ranking: **46%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Trail	2	2	2	2	8	12	Secluded trail, some cracking and humps along trail, no paved trail access to lakeshore.
Site Amenities	1	1	0	1	3	12	Disrepair, old benches, not in great locations, different styles and ages.
Totals					11	24	

Park Recommendations

High Priority: Wayfinding, park and trail map at the site. Fishing area. Paved trail to access the water.

Low Priority:

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Silver Oaks Park

Park Evaluation # 12

Park Name: Silver Oaks Park

Park Size: 4.8 acres

Location: 340 Oakwood Drive

Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Neighborhood park with ballfield and small parking lot. Overall, the park contains scattered amenities and lacks proper design and circulation. There is terraced topography and steep rails connect some amenities but is not accessible. Popular for sledding on the hills.

Overall Park Maintenance: Some amenities are older mixed with some newer and a large concrete pad by the ballfield remains where a shelter once stood. The ballfield is in fair to good condition.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Park has mature trees and open lawn and gardens along the parking lot.

Overall Park Ranking: **26%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Ball Field	1	1	n/a	1	3	9	No bleachers, off trail, small field, bench is bent, faces SW (small soccer field in outfield)
Playground Equipment	1	1	1	0	3	12	Some equipment is old and needs to be removed or replaced, terraced levels of play with embankment slide that is too close to other equipment zones – wood chip surfacing should be monitored for proper thickness
Tennis Court	0	1	0	0	1	12	Fence condition is ok except for large vines. Hard to access through gate, surfacing in poor condition with cracks
Basketball Court	1	1	0	1	3	12	No trail connection, older goal, and too close to the ballfield, not striped

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Trail	1	1	0	1	3	12	Fair to poor conditions, not accessible, very steep at both park access locations
Parking Lot	1	2	0	1	4	12	Fair condition, no ADA stall, no buffer between lot and tennis court
Gazebo	1	2	0	1	4	12	Small octagon shelter along the playground. Older, underutilized and no trail connection. Roof ok, nice location.
Amenities	1	1	0	1	3	12	Variety of styles and conditions, portable restroom
Totals					24	93	

General Comments:

The varying levels of the park adds interest but needs to be master planned with accessible trail connections. The park is adjacent to senior housing and apartments, so the park is popular for trail walking though this may be difficult for some users with mobility issues.

Park Recommendations

High Priority:

Low Priority:

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South Park Trail

Park Evaluation # 13

Park Name: South Park Trail

Park Size:

Location: Northwest Parkway

Proposed Classification: **Open Space Park**

Overall Park Design: A short trail loop around small stormwater ponds close to Long Lake. Trail connects underneath railroad bridge to the Long Lake Regional Park boat access. Park is in newer area of New Brighton close to office campuses.

Overall Park Maintenance: Average landscape maintenance, trail is in good condition, some dead trees.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Close to Long Lake Regional Park, Long Lake and creek. Has stormwater pond, some native grasses/forbs along edge of pond (invasives present).

Overall Park Ranking: **96%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Trail	3	3	3	3	12	12	Newer trail, good condition
Site Amenities (benches)	3	3	2	3	11	12	Recycled material, Ramsey County similar style benches
Totals					23	24	

Park Recommendations

High Priority:

Low Priority:

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Sunny Square Park

Park Evaluation # 14

Park Name: Sunny Square Park

Park Size: 7.6 acres

Location: 2200 Sunnyside Terrace

Proposed Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Park behind residential lots with neighborhood center close to regional trail. Park has a random layout of amenities and large areas for stormwater. There is a sand box or old play area surfacing close to the neighborhood center. Park is close to elementary school with new playground and basketball courts. Park was established in 1971.

Overall Park Maintenance: Trails are mainly in poor condition and narrow in width in some areas. Landscape and ballfield maintenance is good.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Mature trees, lower stormwater area opposite of rink is not appealing.

Overall Park Ranking: **31%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion	0	1	0	0	1	12	Poor condition, similar style to all other parks, nice location by lawn
Ball Field (lighted, 261-275-276')	2	2	0	2	6	12	Field good condition, no shade, fencing older but fair condition. Good orientation, but part of 1 st base baseline is affected by parking lot. No trail to bleachers.
Playground Equipment	2	2	1	2	7	12	Safety zones not adequate at property line, curb blocks access. Wood chips. Large structure. Random sand pit.
Trails	1	1	1	1	4	12	Range from fair to poor condition and some not accessible
Ice Rink	2	2	n/a	2	6	9	In low area, newer boards, not maintained in summer months
Parking Lot #1 (off Gregory Dr)	0	1	0	0	1	12	No ADA stalls marked, poor pavement condition, 25 stalls

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Parking Lot #2 (off Sunnyside Ter)	0	1	1	0	2	12	25 stalls + 1 ADA stall not completely compliant, poor pavement condition
Amenities	1	0	0	1	2	12	Bleachers, benches, tables in a variety of styles and ages. Portable restroom.
Totals					29	93	

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Totem Pole Park

Park Evaluation # 15

Park Name: Totem Pole Park

Park Size: 5.0 acres

Location: 1111 Foss Road

Proposed Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Has neighborhood center building and summer programming. Small parking area along street is undesirable for safety. The amenities are close to one another with random layout. There is an old rink area (rink removed) with informal skating in winter months. Ballfield sits up on a high end of the park. Park was established in 1968.

Overall Park Maintenance: Landscape was well maintained.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Mature trees and open spaces.

Overall Park Ranking: **50%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Ball Field (175-200')	1	2	1	1	5	12	Turf infield. On-street parking, no trail from the street to the ballfield or bleachers, fence is older but fair, and benches are old. Good orientation
Playground Equipment	3	2	2	3	10	12	Good condition, similar style to other parks, newer wood chips
Tennis Court	1	2	1	1	5	12	Trail to court, but gate is not accessible, needs resurfacing
Basketball Court	2	2	3	2	9	12	Full court, colored coated surfacing, good condition, adjustable hoops
Parking Lot	1	0	1	1	3	12	Backs up onto street, has striped access aisle but not ADA stall, 11 spaces
Amenities	1	1	1	1	4	12	Mixture of styles and conditions.
Totals					36	72	

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Vermont Park

Park Evaluation # 16

Park Name: Vermont Park

Park Size: 2.5 acres

Location: 150 1st Avenue SE

Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: Small isolated park and neighborhood in eastern New Brighton. Park has lots of freeway noise. There is no shade or shelter at this park. Parking is on-street only. Park established in 1977.

Overall Park Maintenance: Landscape is well maintained.

Natural Resources/Landscape: Limited trees, open space.

Overall Park Ranking: **44%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Playground Equipment	2	2	2	2	8	12	Main structure and swings are in good condition, one piece is old and should be removed. Wood chips with some timber border.
Basketball Court	2	0	0	2	4	12	Court is not proper size for half court, add trail
Soccer Field (150'x210", no irrigation)	1	2	n/a	2	5	9	Needs regrading, NE area is low, oriented N/S
Trail	2	2	2	2	8	12	Good condition
Amenities	0	0	0	0	0	12	Portable restroom, random tables and benches that are old
Totals					25	57	

General Comments:

Parking is along the street and if the field is programmed, could cause issues. Buffer vegetation should be added. Should try to purchase remaining properties for enhanced park.

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Veterans Park

Park Evaluation # 17

Park Name: Veterans Park

Park Size: 5.6 acres

Location: 803 Old Highway 8 NW

Proposed Classification: **Neighborhood Park**

Overall Park Design: The park is adjacent to City Hall and shares a parking lot. There is a memorial to the Challenger Astronauts along Old Highway 8. The play area is tucked between the wetland and the ballfield fencing.

Overall Park Maintenance: Park amenities (benches) are interesting but in need of repair along with portions of the picnic pavilion. The trails are in good condition. The landscape is well maintained.

Natural Resources: The park has mature trees (Tamarack) and a wetland. The park is surrounded by buildings and roads.

Overall Park Ranking: **46%**

AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Pavilion	1	1	2	1	5	12	Larger structure on deck overlooking pond/wetland. Roof needs replacement. Has electrical outlet, no lighting. Decking is ok. Built in 1988, has wood ramp access.
Park Building	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	Not Rated – enclosed building now used for storage
Bench Gazebo	1	1	1	1	4	12	Older and nice feature with newer benches but landscape portions are weedy and lacks wheelchair space.
Ball Field	1	1	0	2	4	12	Poor NW orientation. 257-270-275 ft, fencing is fair and has covered players benches. Lacks trail to spectator area, has low area in field, could use regrading

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Playground Equipment	2	2	2	2	8	12	Newer equipment, similar style to other parks. Nice shade in this area. Wood chips.
Trail	2	2	2	2	8	12	Trail is in good condition, some cracks and some steep areas
Parking Lot	2	2	2	1	7	12	City Hall lot that has 55 standard and 2 ADA stalls. Parking lot has noticeable slope.
Horseshoes	0	1	n/a	0	1	9	Poor condition
Firepit	2	2	0	1	5	12	Interesting feature, brick with chimney. Needs larger pad and connection to trail
Amenities	2	2	1	1	6	12	Variety of styles and conditions. Some benches are in need of replacement with wood missing in one of the benches. Adirondack chairs are nice amenity but some need repair or replacement. Some benches are newer.
Memorial	1	2	2	1	6	12	Pavers cracking, missing letters on memorial, in general needs repairs.
Total					54	117	

General Comments:

The park and City Hall should relate better with improvements made to the main entrance to City Hall from the parking lot to be made to feel more like a front entrance.

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Steering Committee Meeting #1
WSB Project 013154

April 16, 2019
5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions (See attached Sign In Sheet)
2. Project Roles & Responsibilities
 - a. Consultant (WSB)
 - b. City
 - c. Steering Committee Members
 - i. Attend 3 meetings total (Project visioning & Brainstorming)
 - Project Visioning and Brainstorming
 - Data Findings, Project Review & Facilities Programming
 - Draft Plan Review
 - ii. Spread the word about the plan including how residents can comment online or attend open house meetings.
 - iii. Update commissions, council and other groups with information relating to the Parks & Trail System Plan.
 - iv. Provide feedback to Jennifer Fink on feedback or questions you are hearing in the community and from stakeholders regarding parks and trails.
3. Project Overview / Process
4. Community Engagement (See attached summaries from Neighborhood Meetings)
 - a. Social Pinpoint Interactive Website
<https://wsb.mysocialpinpoint.com/newbrightonparks#/>
Please share with your stakeholders, groups and commissions.
 - b. Press & Social Media
 - c. Fitness Expo
 - d. Eagles Nest
 - e. Neighborhood Meetings
 - i. Totem Pole
 - ii. Sunny Square
 - f. Open House Meetings
 - i. Saturday, May 4th : Project Overview & Brainstorming/Input
 - ii. Findings and Preliminary Recommendations
 - iii. Draft Plan Review
5. Data Collection / Assessments
 - a. Building Assessments

- i. Architect sub-consultant HCM will be assessing four park buildings, the Community Center and the golf course Clubhouse in terms of the following:
 - Overall age and condition
 - Building codes
 - Potential future programming ideas
- b. Athletic Needs Assessment
 - i. WSB will be speaking with athletic associations within New Brighton and surrounding areas regarding field use, needs, participation and growth.
- c. Park Evaluations
 - i. WSB will be visiting each park in New Brighton and evaluating the site and park amenities based upon age, condition, accessibility and design.

6. Steering Committee Input
 a. SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% Cost Recovery mainly (revenue from Eagles Nest contributes) while 28% is average • Lots of Parks, within ½ mile +/- • Parks are being used: city survey indicated 9 out of 10 use parks • School district is a strength – growth and demand • Location of New Brighton in proximity to the downtown areas (draws residents) • Long term stability of community • Younger and more diverse new community members • Economically diverse – good range of residents from low to high income • Community Center/ Eagle’s Nest • Golf Course • Proximity to regional parks (Silverwood, Long Lake) and Rice Creek trail • Public safety’s relationship with the community • Staff at the Community Center • Has Park & Rec department • Has Parks & Recreation Director • Well run, fiscally sound city • Connection with Moundsvew, specifically Carl Brown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of pool in city building (at school) • Age of park buildings and community center, park amenities: city survey indicated 1 out of 10 are satisfied with the parks currently • No sidewalks, few sidewalks • Deferred maintenance • Fields with poor conditions and poor drainage – were not originally built to higher quality to handle poor soils common in parks • Lack of full size multi-purpose fields (High School level) • No athletic complex – cannot accommodate tournaments and fields are spread out • Part of community is resistant to change or funding improvements if residents don’t see a direct impact for them specifically • Focus of neighborhoods on their local park vs. the overall community park system: some have proprietary feel over their park and lack greater overall picture of parks and recreation • Lack of a large gathering space for civic events, concerts, etc. • Lack of a dedicated space for seniors or not enough space to accommodate their programs: City currently doesn’t include some programs common in other areas due to lack of space (serving meals, etc.) • NB is already developed and established community • Southeast area / Vermont Park seems to be forgotten about • Many parks located on swampy ground

Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational activities • Four season recreation: vitality and wellness in all seasons • Promote partnerships with Three Rivers, School Districts • Partnerships with Health & Wellness organizations • No Child Left Inside – MN legislation – funding potential if passed • Indoor Athletics – turf field • Adaptability overall for outdoor and indoor • Increase in population density – park plan should correlate with these populations • Align with the comprehensive plan • More housing means more tax dollars • Public art – which is reflective of the community (art to be welcoming) • Gateways into NB / Placemaking • Infrastructure and emerging technology (wi-fi) • Indoor gaming • Harnessing enthusiasm and energy of new residents • Proximity to parks and schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing political landscape: shifts over time can affect goals and funding availability • Surrounding community's amenities as competition (example: Shoreview CC) • Lack of funding or support from future councils • Competing city priorities for funding • Overlap with School Districts: lack of who is taking care of the amenities? (school property with tennis courts for example)

b. Project Vision and Goals:

The project vision should focus on:

- Access
- Intra-connectivity with other communities and destinations
- Safety
- Welcoming to new members of the community
- Connecting north and south New Brighton
- Establishing parks as an asset, placemaking for parks, creating a sense of community through the parks
- Ability to adapt - age, cultural, demographics
- Plan should be a living document
- Should be reflective of the community
- There should be something for everyone
- Health, wellness and vitality
- Four seasons, indoor athletics (adaptable)
- Sustainability and Natural Resources
- Revenue generation (ex. Eagle's Nest)
- Improve public awareness of parks and programs available
- Improve quality of life for residents

- c. Miscellaneous Comments and Discussion:
 - i. Dog Park issue that arises: Long Lake was recently restored and these new natural areas cannot be used for dog park or other development – Jones Lake was brought up as potential location
 - ii. Community Engagement: seek out those who are not attending, Trevor and/or Brad would be good connections for setting up methods for getting input in a method that would be non-threatening
 - iii. Townsedge Terrace (adjacent to NB) had trail put in specifically to connect them to greater parks and trails
 - iv. High aging-in-place population that provides strengths and weaknesses
 - v. Propriety Park Examples:
 - Looked at pickleball at Hidden Oaks but local residents opposed it and they were not developed
 - Hansen Park had stormwater improvements but local residents feel this took away some of their park amenities
 - vi. Review changes to Middle School, High School, Driftwood and others
 - vii. Noted to look at Crystal as a good facility for Seniors
 - viii. Park dedication dollars should be geared towards areas in need of improvements and areas of growth/new populations
 - ix. Are there ways to do more with local clubs and organizations? Noted the canoeing and kayak clubs as an example
 - x. Food shelf currently operated by the school district
 - xi. Tennis Courts at Pike Lake, should there be a joint powers for use of those?
 - xii. There will be art incorporated more at the Community Center, as there is a mural that will be going on the West Wall
- d. Stakeholders
 - i. Residents (New Brighton, Moundsvew, Shoreview, St. Anthony, Arden Hills)
 - ii. City of New Brighton (Park & Rec, City Council, City Leadership Team, Inclusive Communities Task Force, Economic Development)
 - iii. New Brighton Public Safety (Police & Fire Depts)
 - iv. Business Community / Chamber of Commerce
 - v. Three Rivers Park District
 - vi. Rice Creek Watershed District
 - vii. Ramsey County (Long Lake Regional Park)
 - viii. Lions Club / Rotary Club
 - ix. School Districts (Moundsvew, NB-St. Anthony, student councils, Global Academy charter school)
 - x. Community Partners with Youth (CPY)
 - xi. Seniors – at all stages of life (St. Benedictine)
 - xii. New Brighton Area Historical Society (NBAHS)
 - xiii. Area Churches
 - xiv. Various Athletic Groups – Needs Assessment (PREC)
 - xv. Apartments / Multi-Family Housing – Connect with Brad – 30 complexes
 - xvi. Farmers Market good location for engagement
 - xvii. Vermont Park area
 - xviii. Northeast NB

7. Next Steps

- a. Finishing Data Collection – Parks Evaluations
- b. Continuing Community Engagement through early summer

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- c. Beginning Draft Recommendations
- d. Steering Committee will meet again in July (tentative) to review over findings and preliminary recommendations
- e. Prepare Draft Parks Plan
- f. Steering Committee review of Draft Parks Plan
- g. City Boards & Commissions review of Draft Parks Plan
- h. Finalize Parks Plan
- i. Final review and approvals process
 - i. PREC Commission
 - ii. City Council
 - iii. Met Council

8. Adjourn

New Brighton Parks & Trails System Master Plan Project



Steering Committee Meeting #1
WSB Project 13154

April 16, 2019
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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City of New Brighton Park & Trail System Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #2
WSB Project 013154

August 22, 2019
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Meeting Notes:

- Discussed how plan is long term look at NB and sets the city up to take opportunities when they arise.
- Ramsey County is adding a refuge at Silver Lake Road – possibly in 2020
- Have we looked at accident data for the unsafe pedestrian crossings? Discussion about objective and subjective safety.
- Public safety has had no issues with full basketball courts in NB
- Member would like to see what is existing in NB and where things are moving or what is being replaced elsewhere. For example, which parks currently have tennis and which are being eliminated etc.
- Comments on Community Center concepts:
 - Liked woonerf but not expansion of city center area
 - Discussed pedestrian mid-block crossing and safety (would eliminate other crossing that is closer to intersection)

1. WSB Introduction / Steering Committee Roles & Outcomes of this Meeting
2. Project Overview / Schedule to Date
3. Results of the Community Engagement (main points)
 - 1) Social Pinpoint Interactive Website & Community Surveys
 - 2) Pop Up Events & Meetings
 - 3) Stakeholder Meetings
4. Review Data Collection / Assessments
 - 1) Building Assessments
 - 2) Park Evaluations
 - 3) Athletics
5. Review Preliminary Recommendations
 - 1) Policies and Objectives
 - 2) Park Service Areas
 - 3) Trails and Connectivity
 - 4) Greenway Network and Natural Resources
 - 5) Gateways and Streetscaping
6. Review Concept Planning & Building Programming
 - 1) Community Center & City Campus
 - 2) Select Park Sites
7. Next Steps

- 1) Finalize Recommendations
- 2) Prioritization
- 3) Draft Plan Review

Project Overview and Engagement Findings:

A. Community Engagement (Main Highlights)

- 4) Flexible / multi-use spaces
- 5) Improved Accessibility
- 6) Retiree Activities
- 7) Dog Park
- 8) Splash Pad
- 9) Teen Activities / Challenge
 - i. Skate Park
 - ii. Full basketball court
 - iii. Missing turf soccer field in south end of town by Hansen

10) Athletics

- Baseball 14/15U
- Ability for tournaments
- Soccer / turf space
- Indoor sports (turf, basketball, volleyball)

11) Trail Connections

- Connect North and South of 694
- Connect to Schools
- Connect routes to Parks
- Fill Gaps
- Regional connectivity
 - Long Lake RP to Tony Schmidt RP
 - Minneapolis
 - St Paul
 - Neighboring Communities
- Wayfinding

12) Safe Pedestrian Crossings

- Rice Creek Trail at Silver Lake Road
- Lions Park to Long Lake Beach (across RR tracks)
- Crossings over 694
- Long Lake Road
- Old Hwy 8
 - Foss Road
 - 8th Ave. Intersection
 - 4th Street (by DQ)
 - Desire to get across RR tracks at 5th Street
 - Alter access and potential elimination of Long Lake Road access to County Road 19 (D) – by Big Louie's and McDonald's
- Silver Lane/16th Ave NW to Foss Road across RR tracks (trains parked here)

B. Building Assessments

- 1) Community Center
- 2) Brightwood
- 3) Neighborhood Park Centers

C. Park Evaluations

- 1) Park Ratings

Preliminary Recommendations, Concepts and Options

- A. Mission Statement, Policies and Objectives
 - 1) Mission Statement
 - 2) Policies & Objectives

- B. Park Service Areas
 - 1) Existing service areas and barriers

- C. Trails, Connectivity, Greenways & Natural Resources
 - 1) Regional link from Long Lake to Tony Schmidt
 - 2) 694 Bridge Crossings
 - 3) Silver Lake Road Trail
 - 4) Old Hwy 8 Trail
 - 5) Jones Lake Trail

- D. Gateways
 - 1) Primary: 694 ramp to 10th St. NW (route to City Centers)
 - 2) Primary: Old Hwy 8 & Hwy 88 at County Road 19 (D) from 35W
 - 3) Primary: Hwy 96W at Old Hwy 8 NW by LLRP (off of 35W)
 - 4) Primary: 35W ramp to 5th St NW
 - 5) Secondary: 694 ramp to Silver Lake Road
 - 6) Secondary: County Road H / 69th Ave NE

- E. Streetscaping
 - 1) Primary: 10th St. NW
 - 2) Primary: Old Hwy 8
 - 3) Secondary: 8th Ave NW from 10th St to Old Hwy 8

- F. Proposed Park Improvements
 - 1) Community Center / Civic Center
 - i. Building programming conceptual options
 - ii. Civic Center Campus conceptual options
 - 2) Neighborhood & Community Parks
 - i. Splash Pad Options
 - 1. Lions Park
 - 2. Civic Center (decorative fountain)
 - 3. Hansen Park
 - ii. Dog Park Options
 - 1. Hansen Park
 - 2. Creekview Park
 - iii. Skate Park Options
 - 1. Civic Center
 - 2. Remain at Freedom (improved)
 - iv. Hansen
 - v. Totem Pole
 - vi. Sunny Square
 - vii. Silver Oaks

Next Steps & Tentative Schedule:

- A. Finalize Recommendations and Priorities & Prepare Draft Master Plan (September – October)
- B. Steering Committee Review of Draft Plan & Priorities (November)
- C. Public Review of Draft Plan & Priorities (November)
- D. Finalize Master Plan (December-January)

City of New Brighton Park & Trail System Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #2

Mission / Vision Statements

Mission / Vision Statements directly from 2040 Comp Plan:

1. **Existing Vision Statement (relating to gateways / city center, from 2040 comp plan):**
In the past years, New Brighton has built upon its strengths. Working from existing cultural, natural and historic patterns, the city has developed a unique, distinct image identifiable to both residents and visitors. This image is seen immediately upon entry into New Brighton, where gateways with welcome signage and attractive landscaping announce one's arrival into the city. Through a special landscape treatment at the edge of the freeway, even those passing by on I-35W and I-694 can identify the city.
2. **Existing Vision Statement (from 2040 Comp Plan, relating to trails):**
By reestablishing historic drainage patterns and protecting them with open space, many of New Brighton's lakes, streams and wetlands have been reconnected to form a prominent north-south corridor. A trail winds through this corridor, providing recreational opportunities as well as a major off-street transportation route for pedestrians and bicyclists. The trail provides amenities such as rest stops with drinking water and benches, interpretive signage, overlook points, and links to a regional network of pedestrian and bicycle ways. New Brighton's residents have many transportation options. The pedestrian and bicycle system offers several major routes with regional connections, as well as neighborhood connections to parks, schools and other activity areas.
3. **Existing Vision Statement (from 2040 Comp Plan Draft) Future of New Brighton relating to Parks:** New Brighton's parks have been transformed. While they still provide active and passive recreation opportunities, several parks have become much more than places to play. They have become places for gathering and neighborhood interaction, places where people of all social and economic status can find activities which improve their mental, social and physical well-being. The park shelters are neighborhood activity centers that expand the typical role of a park system. The centers provide meeting and storage space for a wide array of groups and individuals of all ages. Participation in neighborhood and community events is up, thanks to the programs and facilities provided by neighborhood activity centers.
4. **(DRAFT) Parks, Trails and Recreation:** New Brighton's appealing parks, trails and special use destinations provide diverse active and passive recreational opportunities through an interconnected, accessible system of parks, gathering spaces, greenways, and trail corridors with regional connectivity meeting the needs of multiple ages and demographics to strengthen community pride, improve health and well-being, and encourage interaction with the restored natural ecosystems.

Goals, Policies and Objectives

Primary Goals (2040 Comp Plan):

1. Strengthen Community Connections
2. Create Places for the Community to Gather and Interact
3. Celebrate Parks as Neighborhood Activity Centers
4. Create a Sense of Place & the “Feeling” of Community
5. Create and Maintain Streets that are Safe, Comfortable and Attractive to all Users

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Policies (2040 Comp Plan):

1.0 Improve the health of the community through safe, convenient, and accessible facilities and services for all and increased overall participation in programs.

- Support active living and wellness by maintaining and expanding facilities and programming for all ages, abilities, and interest levels.
- Create a community pathway network between city parks, neighborhoods, and community destinations.
- Develop strategies for broad and inclusive participation and engagement in recreation programs and use demographic data and neighborhood surveys to tailor specific programs to an area's needs.
- Ensure safe recreational places through thoughtful design and inclusive access.
- Promote the arts through programming, design, and building connections with local artists.
- Create parks that reflect community interest by using community driven park planning processes to prioritize significant capital improvements.
- Improve outreach and engagement to diverse populations and minority groups.

2.0 Protect natural resources through sustainable policies and practices that preserve the environment for future generations.

- Maintain a healthy urban forest and park system.
- Preserve existing open space and facilitate a greenway network.
- Foster environmental stewardship through educational programs and as best practices for city facilities.

3.0 Foster healthy youth development through opportunities to learn positive life-long skills.

- Expand youth leadership opportunities to participate in City decision-making processes.
- Facilitate partnerships with existing programs at local schools, religious organizations, and non-profits.
- Encourage play and physical activity by providing active and passive recreation facilities and programs for all ages of children.

4.0 Sustain fiscal responsibility through sound, cost-effective resource management.

- Develop sustainable revenues by maintaining and updating fees for programming and facilities.
- Expand community partnerships to enhance investments.
- Protect and enhance community investment by prioritizing maintenance and updates to facilities through the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

5.0 Support community reinvestment through investments in parks, open spaces, and facilities.

- Strengthen community identity through consistent signs, pedestrian lighting, furniture (benches, bicycle parking, waste receptacles), and wayfinding throughout all parks and trails.
- Plan for long term renewal by identifying priorities for investment.
- Communicate the benefit to community members through consistent active engagement methods.
- Distribute neighborhood scale recreation facilities across park service areas.
- Focus neighborhood park activities on playgrounds, informal gathering, and informal turf play.
- Explore ways to improve the park system to provide park facilities within a 1/4 mile walking distance of all New Brighton households.

Additional Discussion Topics:

1. This parks and trail system plan should be a living document that is adaptable to changing demographics, available funding opportunities and to the desires and needs of the community that it represents.
2. The plan shall provide for four season recreation.
3. The plan shall provide a unique sense of place.

City of New Brighton Park & Trail System Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #3
WSB Project 013154

January 16, 2020
5:30 – 7:30 pm

1. Attendees (see attached sign-in sheet)

2. Introductions & Intended Meeting Outcomes

After individual introductions, Candace Amberg (WSB) reviewed the agenda and intended outcomes for the meeting which were establishing priorities for the system recommendations and listening to comments from Steering Committee members. This is the last of the steering committee meetings for this plan. Members are asked to continue to be involved in the process by attending public meetings and spreading the word about the plan.

3. Overview of Community Engagement Results, Data Collection & Needs Analysis

A short handout described the high-level results of community engagement efforts, data collection and analysis of the parks and trails system as well as the athletic needs assessment.

4. Overview of 2040 Park System Goals

Candace Amberg discussed the following goals and how they relate to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Strengthen Community Connections

- a. Develop a regionally significant multi-use trail route through New Brighton between Long Lake Regional Park and Tony Schmidt Regional Park, with an extension south to St. Anthony.
- b. Provide an interconnected system of high quality, accessible multi-use trails and greenway network for recreation and transportation to improve overall health, accessibility and community equity with safe connections across major transportation barriers and connection to primary destinations.
- c. Provide recreation programs to meet the varying demographics, ages, abilities and cultures of New Brighton residents.
- d. Develop and implement an ADA transition plan for improved access to communications, parks, trails and recreation.

Create Spaces to Gather & Interact

- a. Provide a balanced and sustainable system of parks, trails and open spaces within a half-mile (10-minute walk) of all New Brighton households.

- b. Create safe and inviting spaces that encourage social interaction across all demographics, abilities and ages.
- c. Create flexible space for civic gatherings, events and celebrations that will encourage community participation and strengthen the civic identity of New Brighton.
- d. Provide unique recreational experiences with varying levels of challenge to balance usage across the system.

Celebrate Parks as Neighborhood Activity Centers

- a. Balance park developments to ensure they provide fun, unique and celebratory spaces for diverse users and abilities during all four seasons.
- b. Create a flexible park system that responds to the evolving demands of recreational trends, populations and demographics.
- c. Encourage play and physical activity by providing active and passive recreation facilities and programs for all ages and demographics.

Create a Sense of Place and the Feeling of Community

- a. Strengthen community identity through consistent signs, pedestrian lighting, furniture (benches, bicycle parking, waste receptacles), public art, and wayfinding throughout all parks and trails.
- b. Foster a sense of community, collaboration, volunteerism, and a shared identity through recreational programs and opportunities.
- c. Implement a wayfinding signage system that identifies the community at key locations, celebrates the culture and history of the community, and effectively guides users throughout the system.
- d. Provide appropriate, fun, educational, unique, and effective recreation programs meeting diverse needs and demographics
- e. Provide opportunities to effectively communicate with community members and neighborhoods through consistent active engagement methods to identify current recreational needs and desires.
- f. Expand youth leadership opportunities to participate in City decision-making processes.

Safe, Comfortable & Attractive Streets

- a. Develop attractive streetscape corridors with safe pedestrian routes in New Brighton that enhance the community identity, calm traffic, and guide users to primary destinations through effective wayfinding.
- b. Incorporate a variety of shade, seating and places of rest along trails and walks.
- c. Provide safe and aesthetic lighting of street corridors, pedestrian crossings and trails, as appropriate.
- d. Implement appropriate trail design standards, lighting, and pavement markings to improve safety, minimize conflict zones and allow for safe pedestrian crossings over transportation barriers.

Sustain Fiscal & Environmental Responsibility

- a. Maximize opportunities through the development of fair and equitable working partnerships (between the city and local recreation providers, the school district,

- adjacent cities and townships, the county, churches, and civic organizations) or expand community partnerships to enhance investments.
- b. Plan for long term renewal by routinely identifying and evaluating priorities for strategic investments that balance needs with current fiscal realities.
 - c. Protect and enhance community investment by prioritizing maintenance and updates to facilities through the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
 - d. Secure funding necessary to carry out the vision and priorities of the park and trail system plan.
 - e. Maximize park, trail and recreation opportunities that benefit the City of New Brighton through revenue generation.
 - f. Create standards and guidelines for the design and development of park, trail and recreation amenities that ensure high quality construction methods and materials for extended life spans and minimizing maintenance needs.
 - g. Build and maintain park, trail and recreation facilities through sustainable design, operations and management techniques.

Mentimeter poll was used to rank goals according to importance (see attached). The highest goals were Create Spaces to Gather & interact and Celebrate Parks and Neighborhood Activity Centers.

5. Review Recommendations & Priorities

- a. Create an improved community center with connected civic center campus up to Veteran's Park and city hall for an improved experience and functionality that allows for revenue generation and connected flexible outdoor spaces for gatherings, social interaction and civic celebrations.

Community center improvements were discussed and the concept plans for the community center campus to Veteran's Park were shown to the committee.

- b. Redevelop and improve existing parks according to priority for improved overall quality and satisfaction for a more balanced system meeting the needs of the residents.

Improvements (high-level) for each park was presented to the group. Specific recommendations at each park is detailed further in the plan document. Discussed desires from the community including a dog park, splash pad and pickleball.

- c. Develop and plan for an interconnected city-wide trail, walk and greenway network that connects to primary destinations such as parks, schools, the community center and city hall, areas of natural resources, lakes and water bodies, food and commercial areas, and adjacent communities and trail systems.

An overview of the trail system improvements (and corresponding map) was reviewed. A list of all the pedestrian improvements is in the plan document.

A Mentimeter poll was used to ask the group the highest of the three priorities above (a, b, c). "B. Redevelop and improve existing parks" ranked the highest.

Of the park improvements and recommendations in the plan, Hansen, Totem Pole and Creekview ranked highest in priority for this group.

- d. Continue effective methods of community engagement when developing or redeveloping parks, trails and open spaces and use public input, along with city goals, objectives and priorities, to inform design and planning.
- e. Continue effective methods of community engagement and input to identify and implement changes to recreation programs and opportunities to be in alignment with current trends, desires and demographics.
- f. Continue to seek and develop strong partnerships with other organizations (School District, Ramsey County, athletic associations, etc.) for mutually beneficial improvement and implementation strategies to further advance the recommendations of this plan.

Specific comments on the plan:

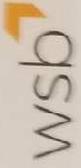
- Does XC ski team utilize Brightwood now? No
- Concern about showing a multi-use field and baseball field (duplicating uses during prime season)
- Do sidewalks shown in the plan relate to citywide sidewalk effort? Many neighborhoods do not have internal sidewalks and therefore you cannot walk to get to the major trails. Mention Ramsey Co active living.
- Veteran's Park concept – show parking lot as owned by St Johns church
- Comparable cities will be adjusted with list sent by Jennifer Fink recently.
- Verify Lions Park establishment date
- Hansen Park – baseball infield or softball infield, adjust concept plan (adjust 5th St label)
- Dog park is a priority, discussed location at Creekview
- Splash pad as a priority is a concern – there are two splash pads close by, in St Anthony
- Concern about hidden oaks diagram – playground further away from multi-use field
- Discussed volleyball courts being removed, a flexible space is provided if there is a desire or need to add them. Currently, they are not maintained or utilized and it would take funds to improve them.

6. Next Steps

- 1) February 5: PREC Draft Plan Review Meeting
- 2) March 2: Council Plan Review Meeting, **date changed due to election**
- 3) March 9-23: Public Review & Comment
 - When master plan document is out for public comment, Steering Committee members should forward and spread the word to their representative groups. A link to view the draft document will be sent to Steering Comm members.
- 4) April 1: PREC Approval & Recommendation to Council
- 5) April 14 or 28: Council approval and adoption

7. Steering Committee members were asked to send additional comments or questions directly to Jennifer Fink or Candace Amberg.

8. Adjourn



New Brighton Parks & Trails System Master Plan Project
 Steering Committee Meeting #3
 WSB Project 13154

January 16, 2019
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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Below are the high-level results of community engagement efforts, data collection and needs analysis of the New Brighton Parks and Trail System.

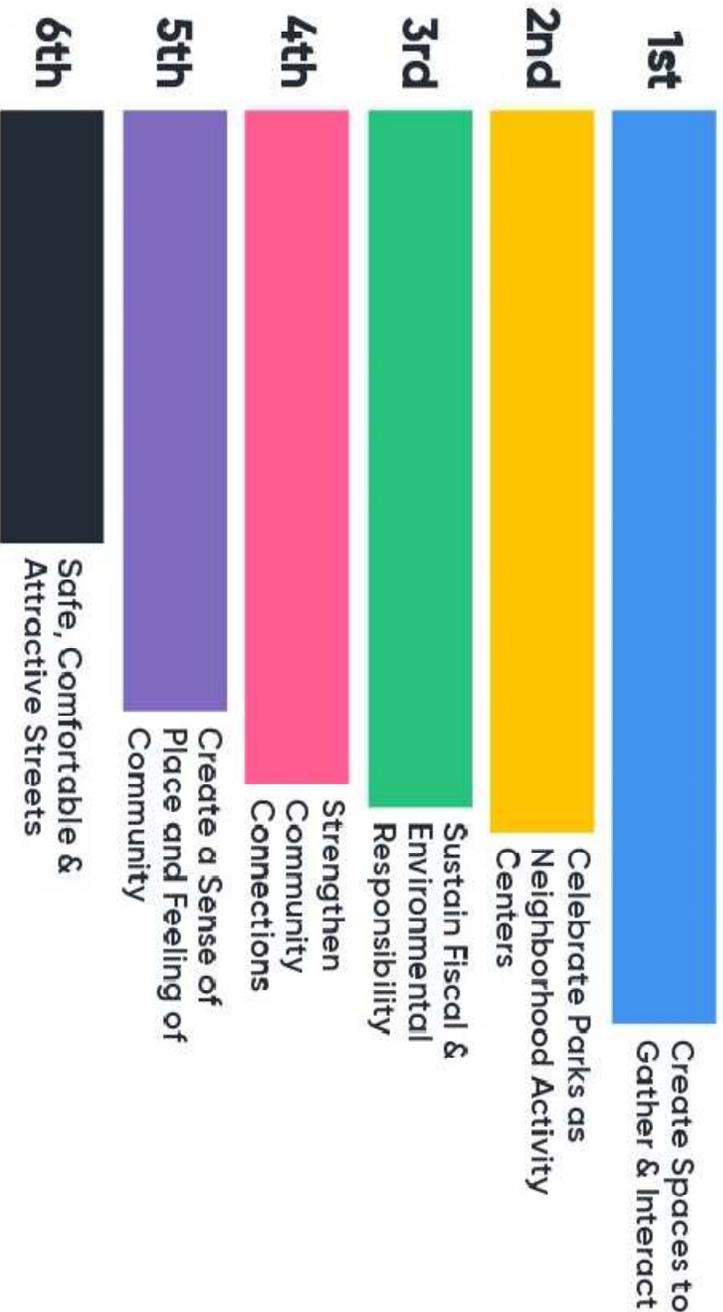
- » Overall, New Brighton meets or exceeds the comparisons with recreational design standards for types of recreation and distribution of parks to residents.
- » Overall, parks tend to have fair to good quality playgrounds; shelters and buildings mainly in poor condition/at end of life cycle; parks lack signage; pavements vary in condition.
- » Desire for improved trail connectivity and safety throughout New Brighton.
- » Whereas 9 out of 10 surveyed residents use the parks, only 1 out of 10 were satisfied with current conditions.
- » High senior populations who like to be more active and would like more dedicated programming space.
- » Residents highly value the Community Center, Silverwood, Long Lake RP and Lions Park.
- » Desire for more teen activities, programming and challenging recreation.
- » Desire for more convenience (wifi in parks, restrooms, charging stations, equipment available to use, rec programs outside of working hours).
- » Desire for civic event space (farmers market, music in park, art/street fairs).
- » Desire for more inter-generational activities.
- » Hansen disc golf has niche market and is a big attraction.
- » Need for older youth and adult athletic fields (turf and ballfields).
- » Lack of ability to accommodate athletic tournaments.
- » Need for improved quality athletic fields and ability to rest fields.
- » Many of the parks have poor soils and/or poor construction resulting in lower quality and difficult/more costly maintenance.
- » A community desire for a splash pad, inclusive playground and a dog park.
- » Need for flexible and unique spaces – enhance sense of place.
- » Placemaking, gateways, public art and wayfinding desired throughout the city.
- » Sustainability and fiscal responsibility are important.



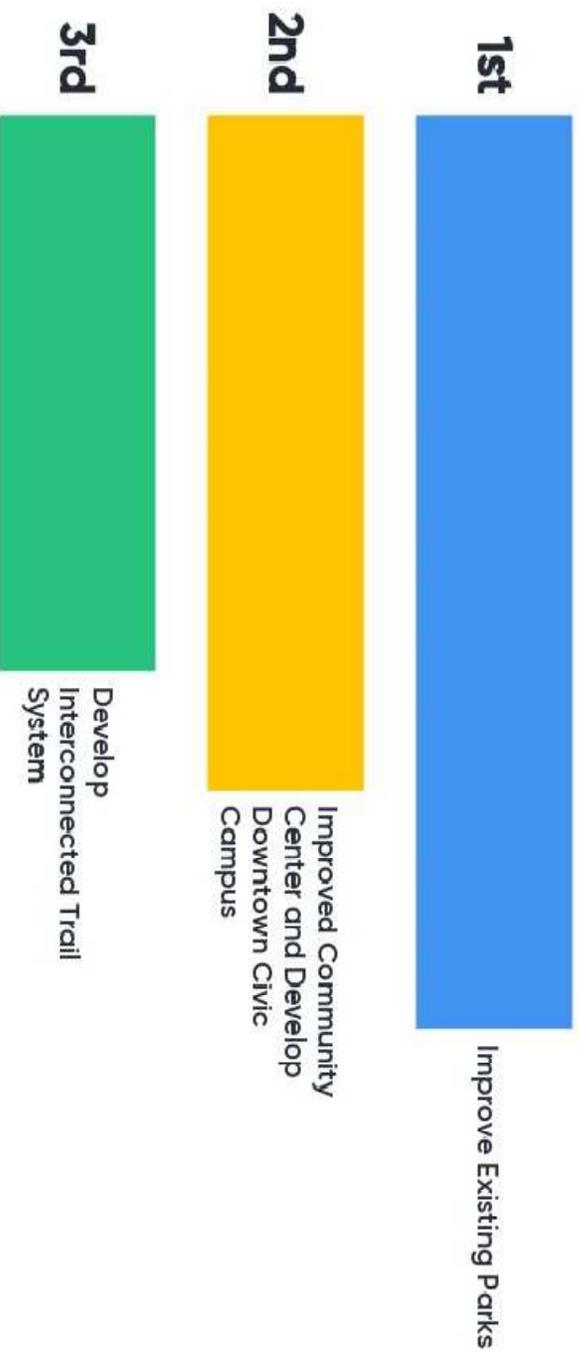


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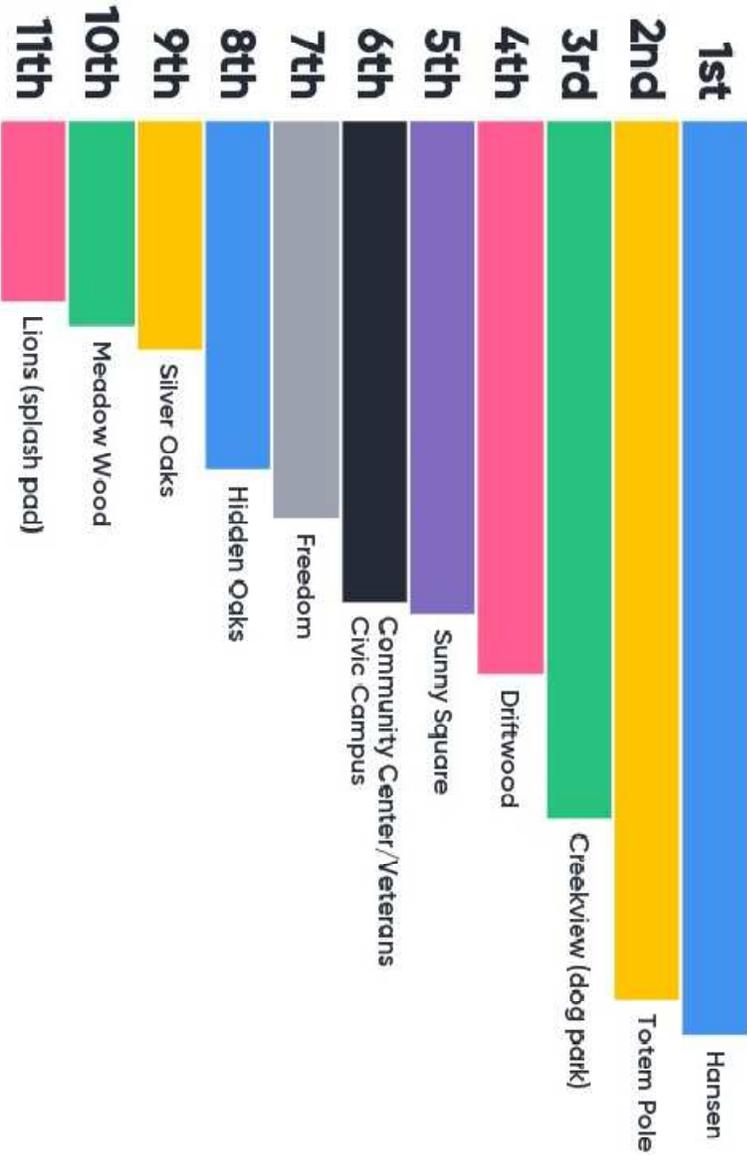
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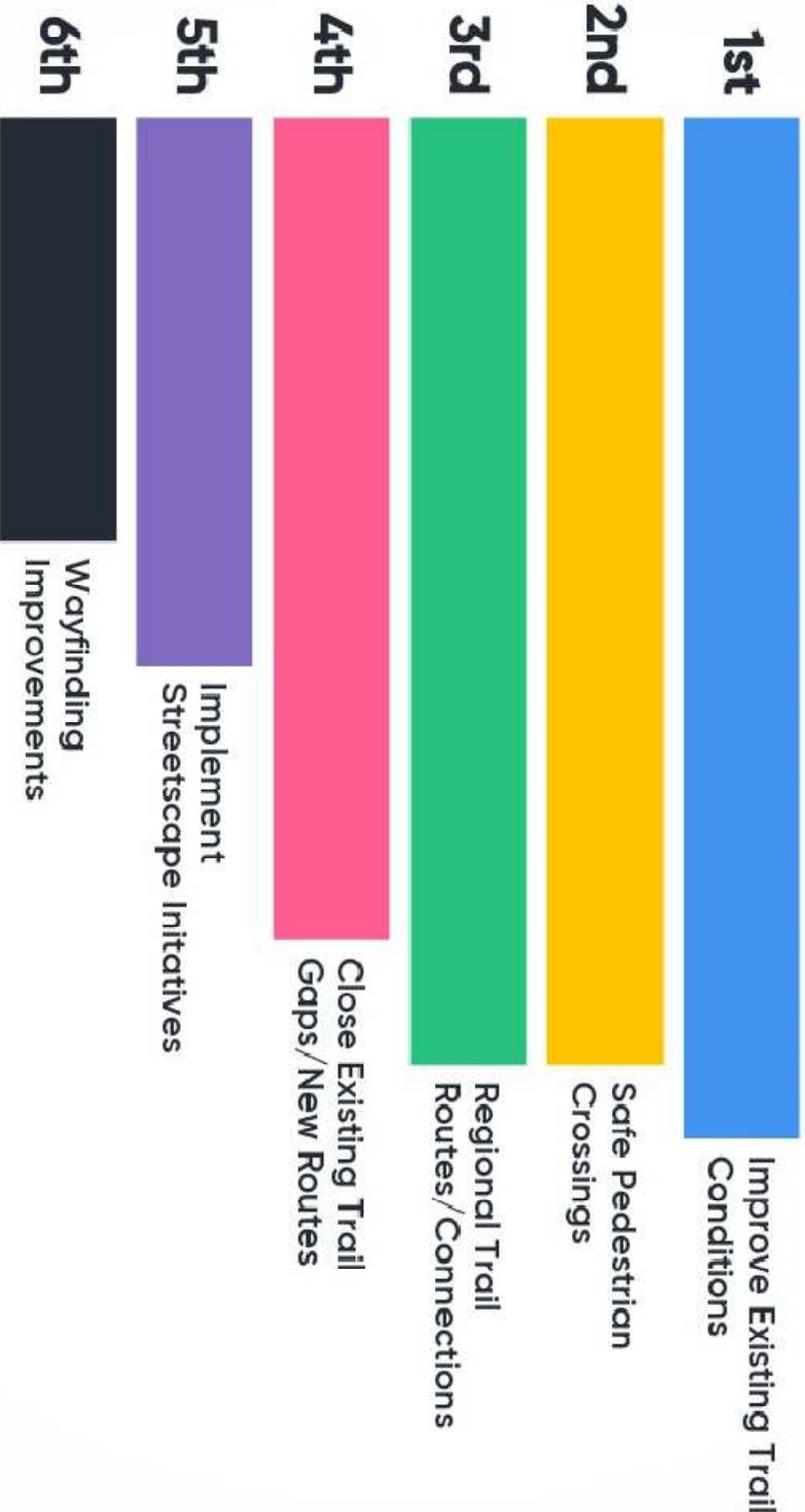
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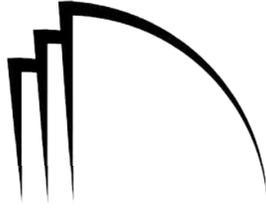


5b. Best Way to Establish Sense of Place for New Brighton



5c. Rank pedestrian network recommendations





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2. Conditions of the Existing Facility

Site Conditions

Located at 1975 Silver Lake Rd, Brightwood Hills Clubhouse is readily accessible by car. Accessible parking is provided and marked. The pathway leading up to the clubhouse is steep but appears to be within ADA requirements. That said, there are a handful of potholes within the pathway that could make it challenging for anyone with a disability. As one approaches the building, the building perimeter appears to encounter a good deal of surface moisture. This may be a function of the time in which the building was assessed, or it could be indicative of a larger issue. Regardless of the scale of the issue, the moisture issues at the building perimeter are not being helped by the lack of gutters and downspouts to direct water away from the structure. There are locations where landscape block, concrete columns and siding are showing signs of staining and possible degradation due to excess moisture. There are also areas where landscaping has washed out exposing the building's foundation walls and exterior insulation.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the site are:

- Potholes in pathway
- Siding/grade Issues (Images 005/008)
- Excess moisture at column bases (010)
- Landscaping washed out (008/009)

Exterior Building Envelope

Overall the exterior envelope is in fairly good shape. There are some locations where the siding is too low or too high relative to grade. In other locations the siding has been damaged or stained. There are typical indicators of wear and tear at the exterior doors where there are scratches, dents and light rust forming on the frames. The same can be said of the exterior columns, where some staining has occurred, and there is one significant chip exposing some rebar that needs to be patched. The only issues with the windows are on the interior, where some caulking has failed in one location, and there is minor damage to the sills. Lastly, the stoop at the exterior door by the stair (Door 110A) has drifted away from the building. The resulting cold intrusion has led staff to seal the gap with spray foam which could be hazardous from an egress standpoint.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the building envelope are:

- Siding damage and staining (Images 005/006/007/008/010)
- Exterior column staining and damage (004/010)
- Exterior door wear and tear (010/011)
- Door 110A (013)

Roof and Associated Components

A full roof inspection was not within the scope of this report, but there are no major problems visible from the ground or leaking within the structure. There appears to have been some work done recently. Shingles have been replaced in some areas. Apart from this, there is some paint chipping from the skylight but this appears to be the only issue visible from the ground.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the roof are:

- Chipped paint at skylight (Images 001/003)

Interior Environment – General Comments

Like the exterior, most interior surfaces are in fairly good condition. There is minor damage to gyp. soffits and especially at the perimeter of the main dining area. The carpet in this area has only a few damaged spots. There are typical signs of wear and tear at the window sills and on most interior doors. Likewise, there are scratches and scuffs throughout the interior in need of some fresh paint. The p-lam counters are fairly worn and will likely need to be replaced in the near future. There are also some accessibility concerns throughout the building. These will be addressed in more detail in the sections below.

Sports Equipment Storage (Rm B1)

It is the recommendation of this assessment that, due to the fire panel and electrical equipment being located within this room, that this area not be used for storage. Stored items can get in the way of emergency personnel should they need to access any of this equipment in an emergency. The exterior door to this room does not have the proper accessible pull clearance either.

Sports Equipment Storage (Rm B2)

The only item of note in this location is the cable tray penetrating the wall between Rooms B1 and B2. While it does not appear to be violating any codes, it is unsightly and could become a route for vermin to make their way into either storage area.

Sports Equipment Storage (Rm B3)

The insulation around the overhead duct in this area has been damaged. That is the only issue of note in this room.

Stair (Rm B4/110)

The code compliance of this stair falls in a somewhat gray area; thus, it is subject to the opinion of the local code official. To start, if the stair is deemed a necessary component for egress, then multiple issues must be addressed in conjunction with, or prior to, any other work on this structure. These issues are:

- Both stair runs are less than 36" minimum
- Hand rails are lacking continuity and should be located on both sides
- Door B4 does not have the proper pull clearance
- Door 110A does not have the proper push clearance
- The stoop outside Door 110A does not present an accessible threshold, nor does it connect to a public right of way

Should the stair be deemed as non-essential for egress by the local authority, many of these non-compliant items can be left out of any new work. This is plausible considering that both levels of the building have direct access to the exterior, but it is still up to the determination of the local code official.

Other issues within the stair are related to wear and tear. The entire stair could use a fresh coat of paint, and there are a few dents and dings that could be patched. See Photos 013 and 021 for reference.

Bathroom (Rm B5)

The shower is not accessible and would need to be relocated if any work is to commence on this structure. Similarly, there is no insulation kit beneath the lavatory in this room which is a violation of the ADA. Apart from the accessibility issues, there appears to be staining throughout this room. It is difficult to ascertain the root cause at this time, but the surfaces are in need of thorough cleaning. See Photos 022 and 023 for reference.

Janitor/Storage (Rm B6)

The only item of note in this room is the need for a more durable surface adjacent to the mop sink. Though the gyp. board doesn't look too damaged in its current state, a more durable finish like FRP will better ensure the longevity of the wall behind the sink. See Photo 024 for reference.

Cart Storage (Rm B7)

This space appears to be in working order. Being fairly utilitarian, there is less of a concern about the state of finishes. That being said, the overhead door does have its share of dents and scratches. The East wall has recently been repaired with drainage issues at the exterior having been mitigated. The only significant issue here is that any penetration through the precast plank above needs to be fire caulked. This assessment did not inspect every single penetration through the plank, but it will need to be done in the future if any work is to proceed on this building. Lastly, the eyewash was not tested as part of this assessment.

Men's and Women's Lav (Rm 100 and 101)

Both restrooms are single occupancy and in fairly good condition. Both rooms are in need of a fresh coat of paint to cover up any stains or scratches. The door to the Men's room has some pretty bad scuffs on it, and neither of these rooms have an insulation kit beneath their lavatories. As part of the ADA, exposed plumbing beneath sinks must be insulated. See Photo 017 for reference.

Storage (Rm 102)

This storage room appears to have been converted into a food prep area of sorts. Two large stainless-steel sinks have been added along with some other equipment. The single sink and countertop are right on the line for the required clear floor space for Door 102. The countertop for this single sink would likely need to be moved or trimmed down. It was also noted by the staff that this faucet is difficult to move and likely needs to be repaired or replaced. This sink also needs an insulation kit for the exposed plumbing below. The three-part sink is a bit more problematic. It is in

direct violation of Door 102's pull clearance. This is something that must be addressed moving forward. The last issue of note is the access stair for the mechanical mezzanine. It is in desperate need of repair and presents a hazard to anyone needing to access this space. See Photos 115 and 120 for reference.

Office (Rm 103 and 104)

Both offices seem to be functioning largely as storage space, and without access to the entire space, it was difficult to ascertain the current condition of all the finishes in either Room 103 or 104. Room 103 has some cracking on the ceiling near the Southwest corner, but that is the only item of note at this time.

Hall (Rm 105)

The finishes in this area are on par with the other common areas. There are some scratches and scuffs that require paint, but there is no major damage. It should also be noted that the drinking fountain in this area is not meeting its clear floor space clearances of 15" from the centerline of the fountain. See Photo 018 for reference.

Storage (Rm 106)

The latch set for Door 106 has been taped open. It is difficult to tell whether this was done by staff to make access easier or it was done because the latch is broken. In either event, the latch set will likely need to be replaced. See Photo 016 for reference.

Hall (Rm 107)

There were no items of note in this area.

Vending (Rm 108)

There were no items of note in this area.

Sales (Rm 109)

The laminate casework has begun to show its age. It has also pulled away from the wall in a couple locations. See Photo 014 for reference.

Dining (Rm 111)

As noted in the general interior section of this assessment, the overall condition of the dining area is fairly good. There is cracking as the perimeter soffits in multiple locations. The doors, window sills, walls and floors have signs of wear and tear, but there is nothing overly significant. There is a caulking failure above the window in the Southwest corner. There is one notable hole in the carpet and the gyp. around the skylight is cracking in a couple locations. The other issues in this room can be remedied with minor patches and fresh paint. See Photos 011, 012 and 019 for reference.

Mechanical Mezzanine

Apart from the poor condition of the access stair (See notes for Room 102), the mechanical mezzanine is in moderate shape. There are water marks on the floor from a previous water issue, but this appears to have been addressed in the past, since no moisture was present at the time of this assessment. It should be noted that a large portion of this mezzanine is being used for storage, and it is our recommendation that this area be subdivided, at the very least, to avoid storage items potentially preventing access to mechanical equipment.

3. Recommendations

Site Conditions

Potholes in pathway

- Option 1: Patch affected areas

Siding/grade Issues (Images 005/008)

- Option 1: Re-grade affected areas

Excess moisture at column bases (010)

- Option 1: Add gutters and downspouts and/or power wash affected areas

Landscaping washed out (008/009)

- Option 1: Re-plant affected areas
- Option 2: Control and direct drainage via landscape rock or other material

Exterior Building Envelope

Siding damage and staining (Images 005/006/007/008/010)

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product
- Option 3: Clean surface and/or paint to match existing

Exterior column staining and damage (004/010)

- Option 1: Power wash surfaces
- Option 2: Chemically clean surfaces
- Option 3: Patch affected areas as needed

Exterior door wear and tear (010/011)

- Option 1: Paint over rust to match existing

- Option 2: Replace damaged doors

Door 110A (013)

- Option 1: Re-cast or patch stoop to limit cold air intrusion

Roof and Associated Components

Chipped paint at skylight (Images 001/003)

- Option 1: Replace with like material and paint to match

Sports Equipment Storage (Rm B1)

Exterior door pull clearance

- Option 1: Clear landscaping from area near door per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404

Storage/Electrical in same room

- Option 1: Remove all stored items from room
- Option 2: Subdivide room into separate areas
- Option 3: Provide signage and/or striping clarifying where storage is permitted

Sports Equipment Storage (Rm B2)

Cable tray penetration

- Option 1: Patch opening and provide proper sleeve

Sports Equipment Storage (Rm B3)

Damaged duct insulation

- Option 1: Patch insulation if possible
- Option 2: Replace insulation and provide some form of protection to avoid future damage

Stair (Rm B4/110)

See description on Page 7 regarding code compliance and the designation of the local code official relative to egress function of this stair. If deemed necessary for egress, the following items must be addressed:

- Stair must be widened per 2015 MN Building Code 1009.4
- Hand rails must be provided on both sides per 2015 MN Building Code 1009.15
- Door B4 must be relocated to provide pull clearance per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404
- Door 110A must be relocated to provide proper push clearance per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404
- Stoop outside Door 110A needs to be connected to public way per 2015 MN Building Code Section 1027.5
- Door 110A threshold needs to be fixed per 2015 MN Building Code Section 1008.1.7 (013)

Other issues regarding the stair are as follows:

Minor scratches and scuffs (Image 021)

- Option 1: Paint to match existing
- Option 2: Paint entire stair area

Bathroom (Rm B5)

Shower non-compliant (Image 022)

- Option 1: Relocate shower
- Option 2: Remove shower

Lavatory non-compliant

- Option 1: Provide insulation for plumbing beneath lavatory per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606

Staining throughout ceiling (023)

- Option 1: Clean and treat affected area

Janitor/Storage (Rm B6)

No FRP at mop sink (Image 024)

- Option 1: Provide FRP at adjacent wall

Cart Storage (Rm B7)

Scratches and dents at overhead door

- Option 1: Paint to match existing

Fire caulking at precast penetrations

- Option 1: Inspect all plank penetrations and seal any that are open

Men's and Women's Lav (Rm 100 and 101)

Minor scratches and scuffs

- Option 1: Paint to match existing
- Option 2: Paint entire area in both restrooms

Lavatories non-compliant (Image 017)

- Option 1: Provide insulation for plumbing beneath lavatories per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606

Storage (Rm 102)

Single sink basin non-compliant (Image 015)

- Option 1: Provide insulation for plumbing beneath lavatory per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606

Clear floor space at Door 102 (015)

- Option 1: Trim down single sink countertop and relocate, or remove triple sink to provide clear floor space per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404

Mechanical mezzanine access stair (120)

- Option 1: Repair access stair
- Option 2: Replace access stair

Office (Rm 103 and 104)

Gyp. ceiling cracking

- Option 1: Refinish and paint to match existing

Hall (Rm 105)

Drinking fountain non-compliant

- Option 1: Replace with more compact hi/low unit to meet ADA side clearances per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602
- Option 2: Remove gyp. at drinking fountain side walls and replace with lower profile gyp. to ensure 30" clear per 2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602

Storage (Rm 106)

Latch set taped open (Image 016)

- Option 1: Replace latch set

Sales (Rm 109)

Laminate failing (Image 014)

- Option 1: Repair and replace as needed
- Option 2: Replace all casework, and invest in solid surface countertops

Dining (Rm 111)

Cracking at perimeter soffits (Image 012)

- Repair and paint to match existing

Caulking failure above window in Southwest corner

- Option 1: Remove caulking and re-apply

Carpet damage (019)

- Option 1: Patch carpet

- Option 2: Replace entire carpet with more durable surface

Cracking at skylight

- Repair and paint to match existing

Mechanical Mezzanine

Mechanical mezzanine access stair (Image 120)

- Option 1: Repair access stair
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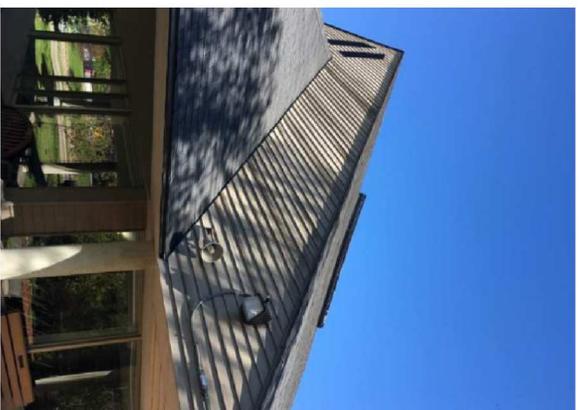


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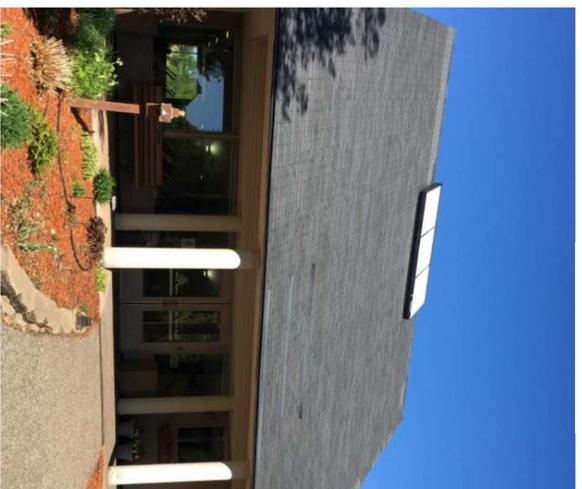
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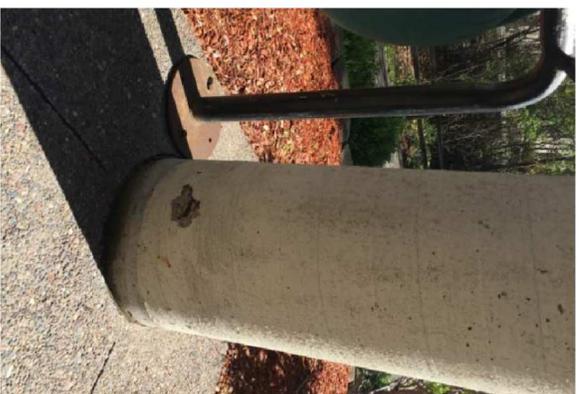
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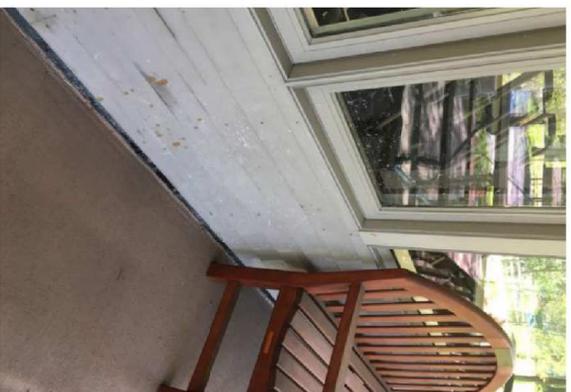
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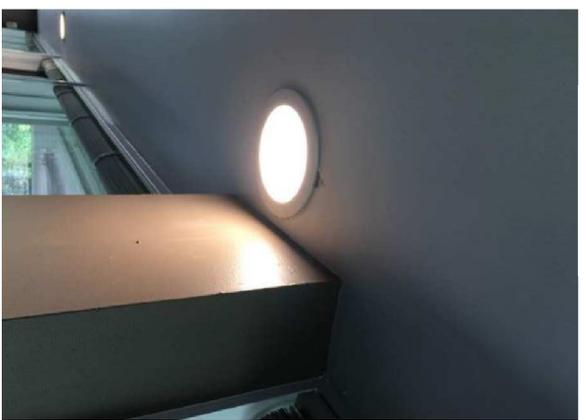
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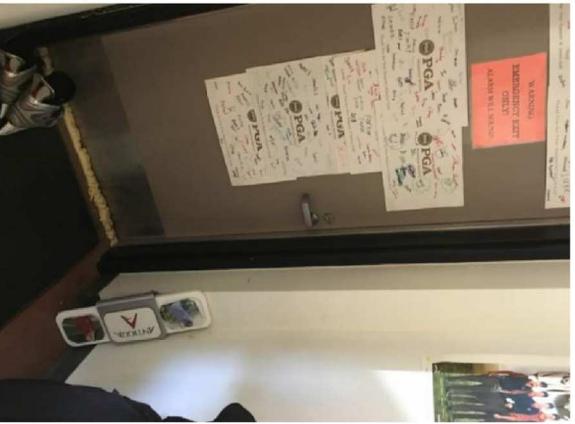
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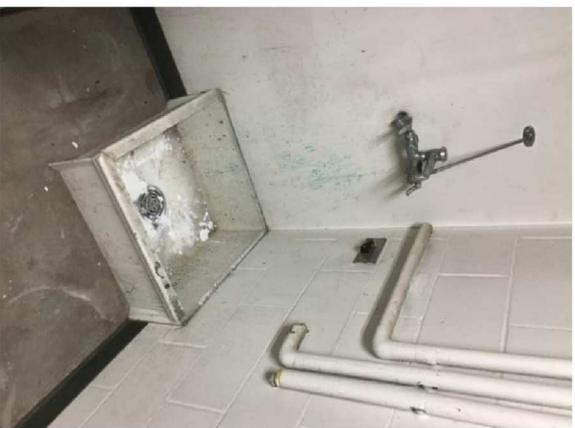
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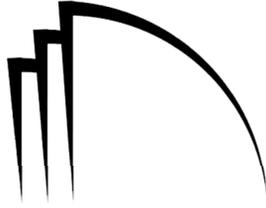
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2. Conditions of the Existing Facility

Exterior Building Envelope

Attached photos 1-16 show several, relatively simple items that should be addressed on the exterior envelope.

Items noted regarding the Building Envelope are:

- Cracking concrete at stairs, west entry (Image 001 and 002)
- Deteriorating masonry units at base, likely from salt degradation (003)
- Missing sealant at penetrations in exterior wall (004, 015, 016)
- Typical rusting of exterior HM Doors and Frames (006)
- Standing seam metal roof covers pulling off (007)
- Basic masonry mortar pointing and maintenance (008, 013)
- Exterior sealant past its useful life (009, 011, 012)
- Burst pipe (irrigation?) (010)

Interior Environment – General Comments

A moderate level of wear is visible on most surfaces throughout the interior, however the building is very well maintained and cared for. Nearly all noted items are simply the cause of use over the building's life.

Items noted regarding the Building Interior are:

- Handrails no longer require 23" extension (12" per current code) (Image 017)
- Streaking and finish could use touchup in places (020)
- Stained carpet (021))

- Standing seam roof leak or ice damming (022)
- No insulation kit on lavatory piping (ADA requirement) (024)
- Child chair is in required toilet clearance (025))
- Hand driers protrude more than 4" from wall (ADA requirement) (026)
- Wear and missing parts at doors, thresholds, stops, etc. (027)
- Wall damage from general use, corner guards, etc. (028)
- Typical wear and damage at party rooms, trim, etc. (029, 030)
- Stained ceiling tiles from leaks or condensation (031)
- Windows deteriorating with age at upper level, south (032)

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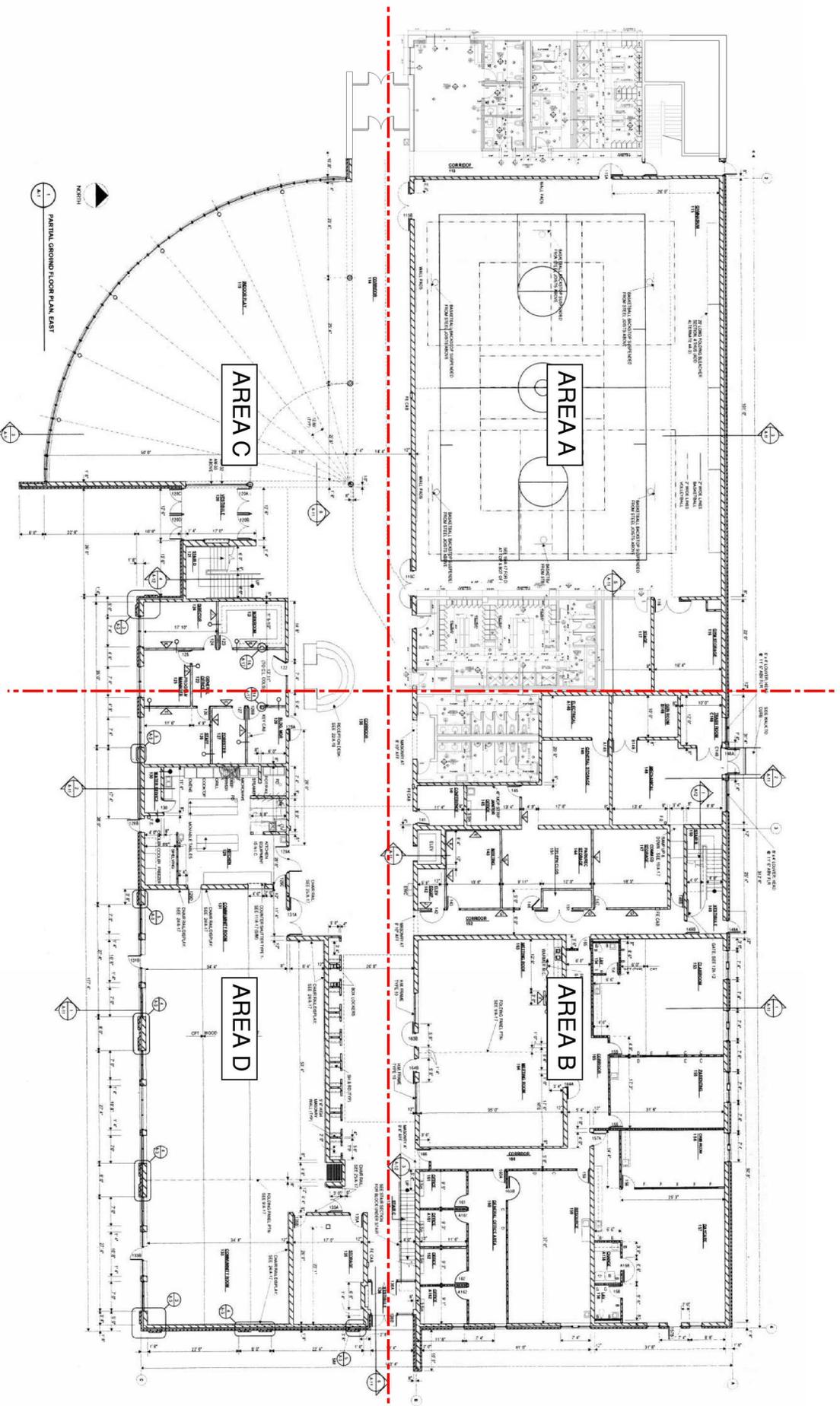
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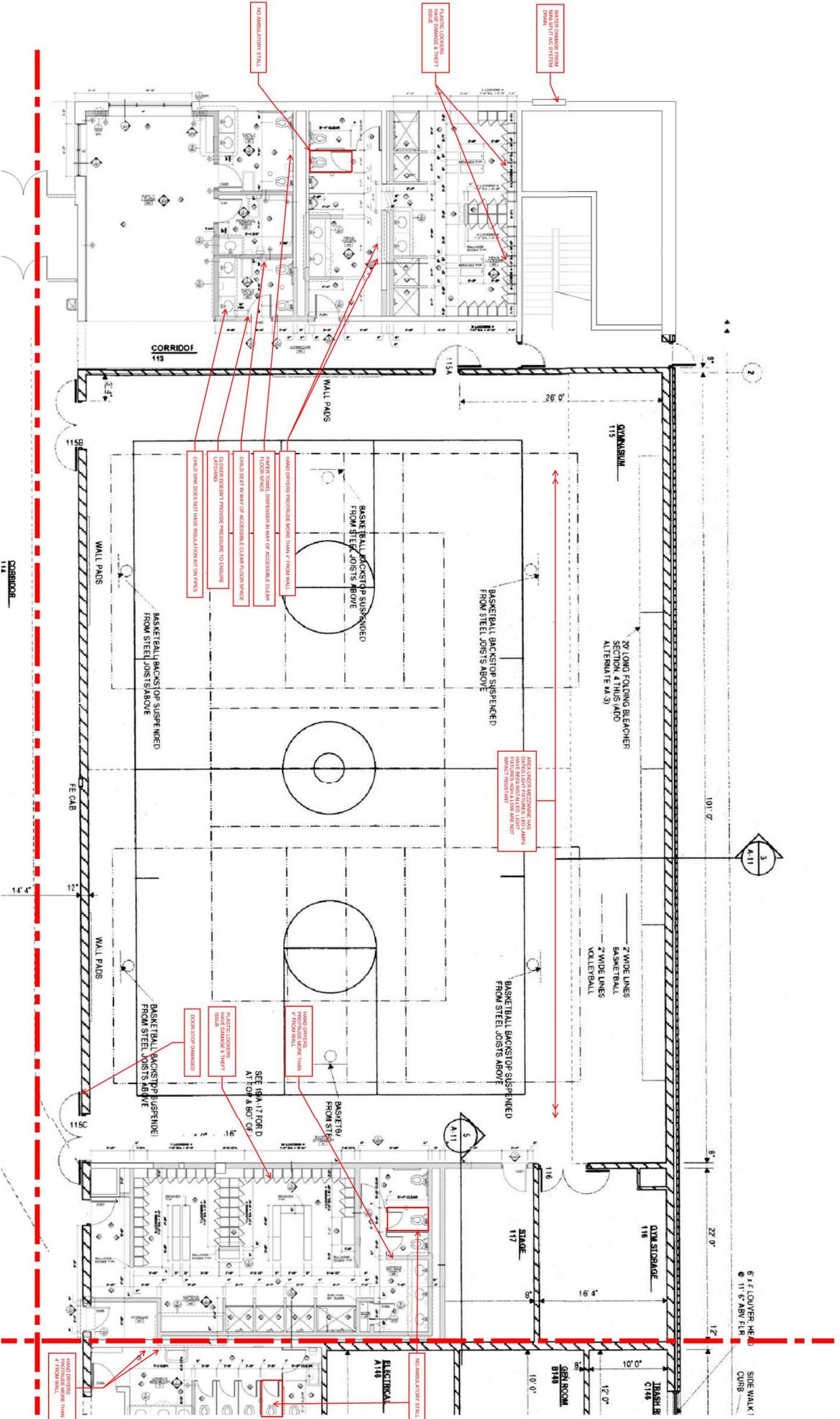
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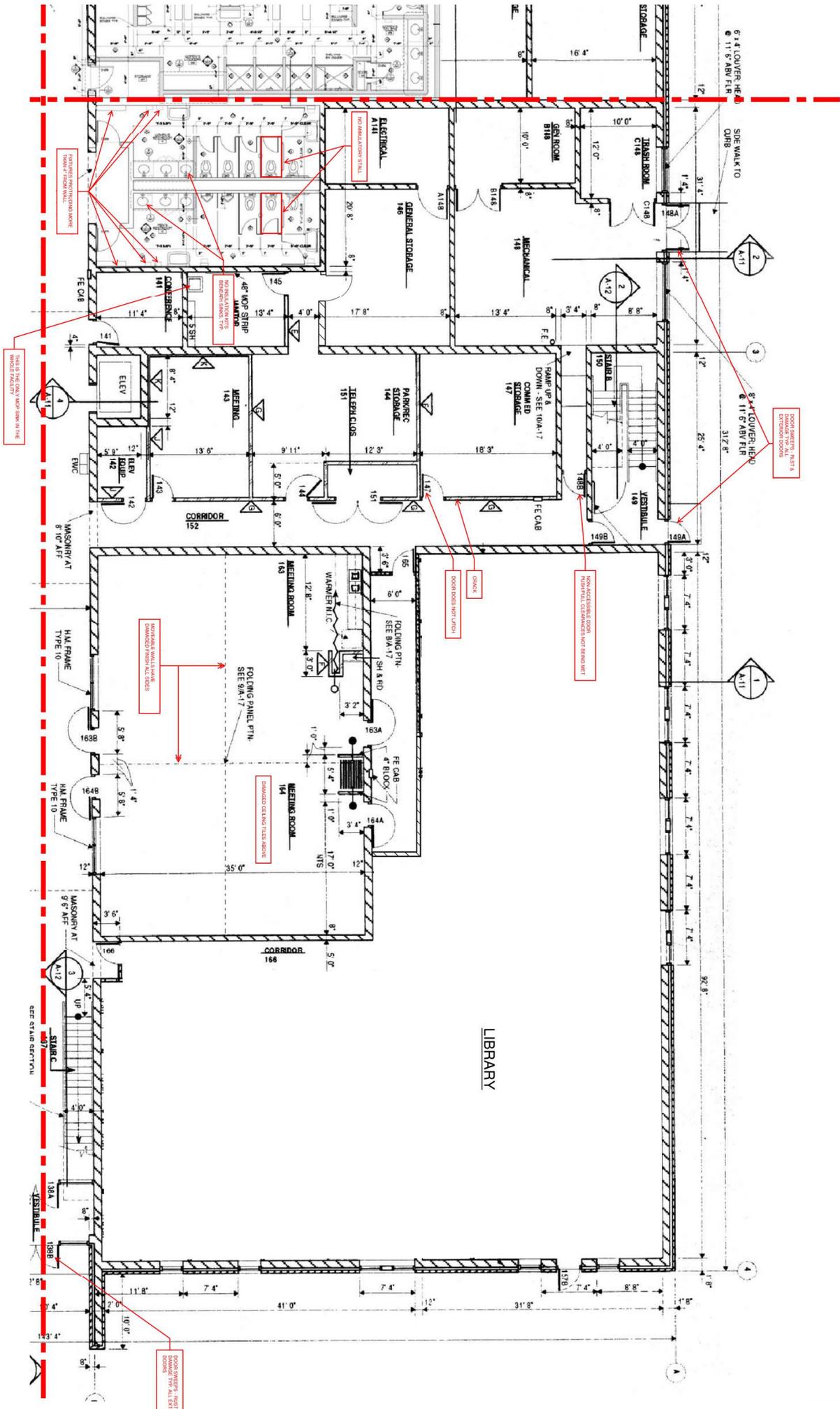
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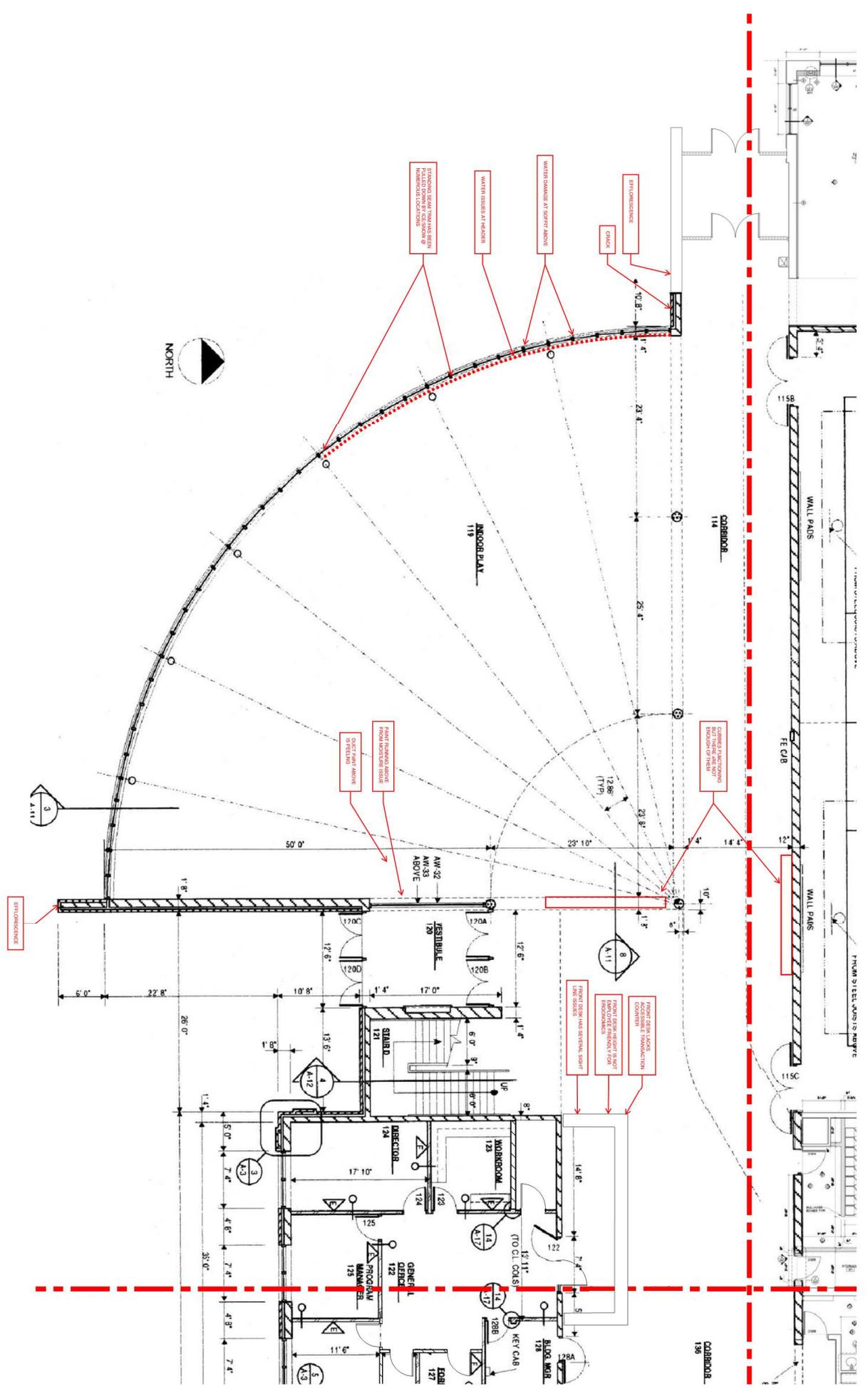
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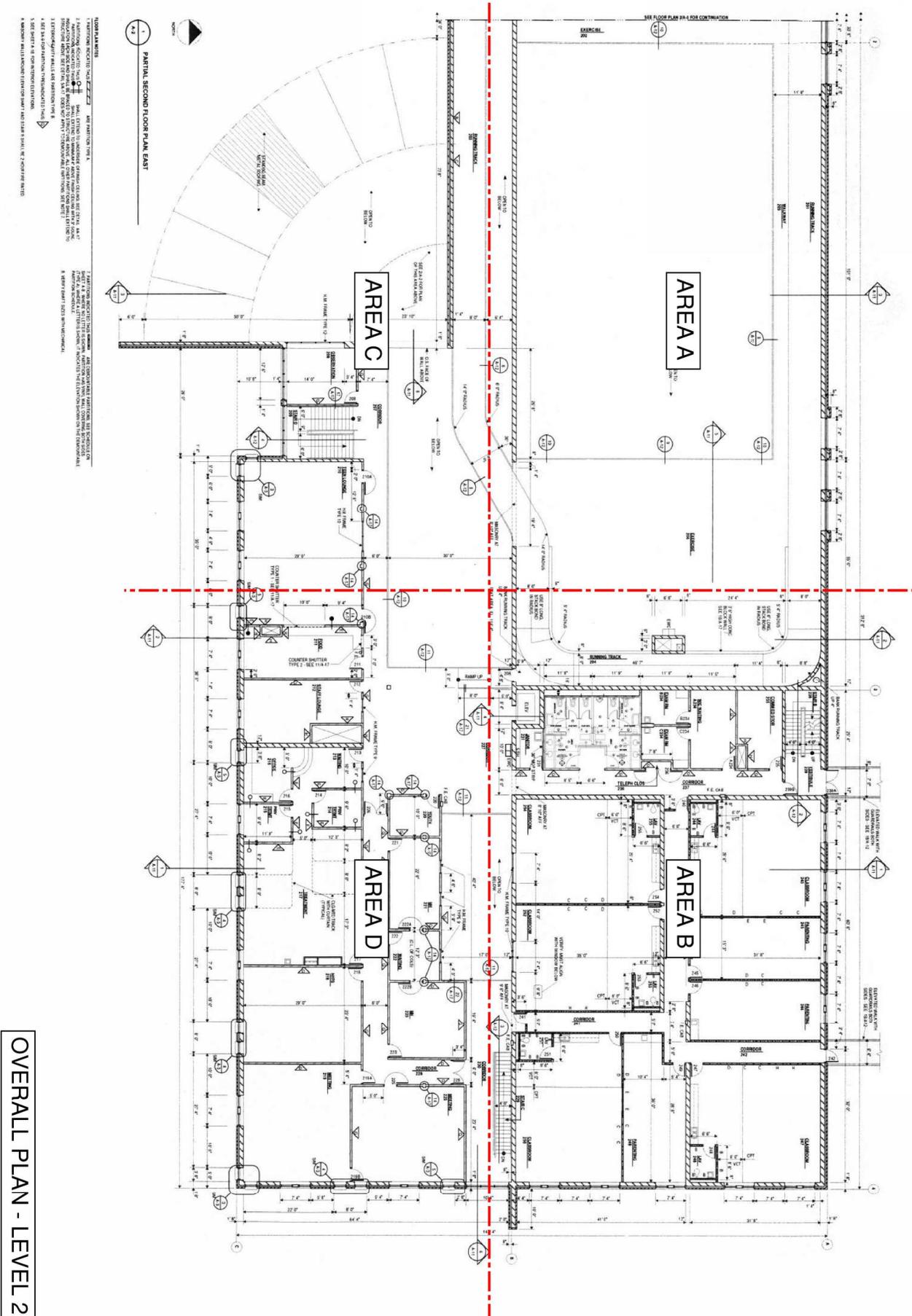
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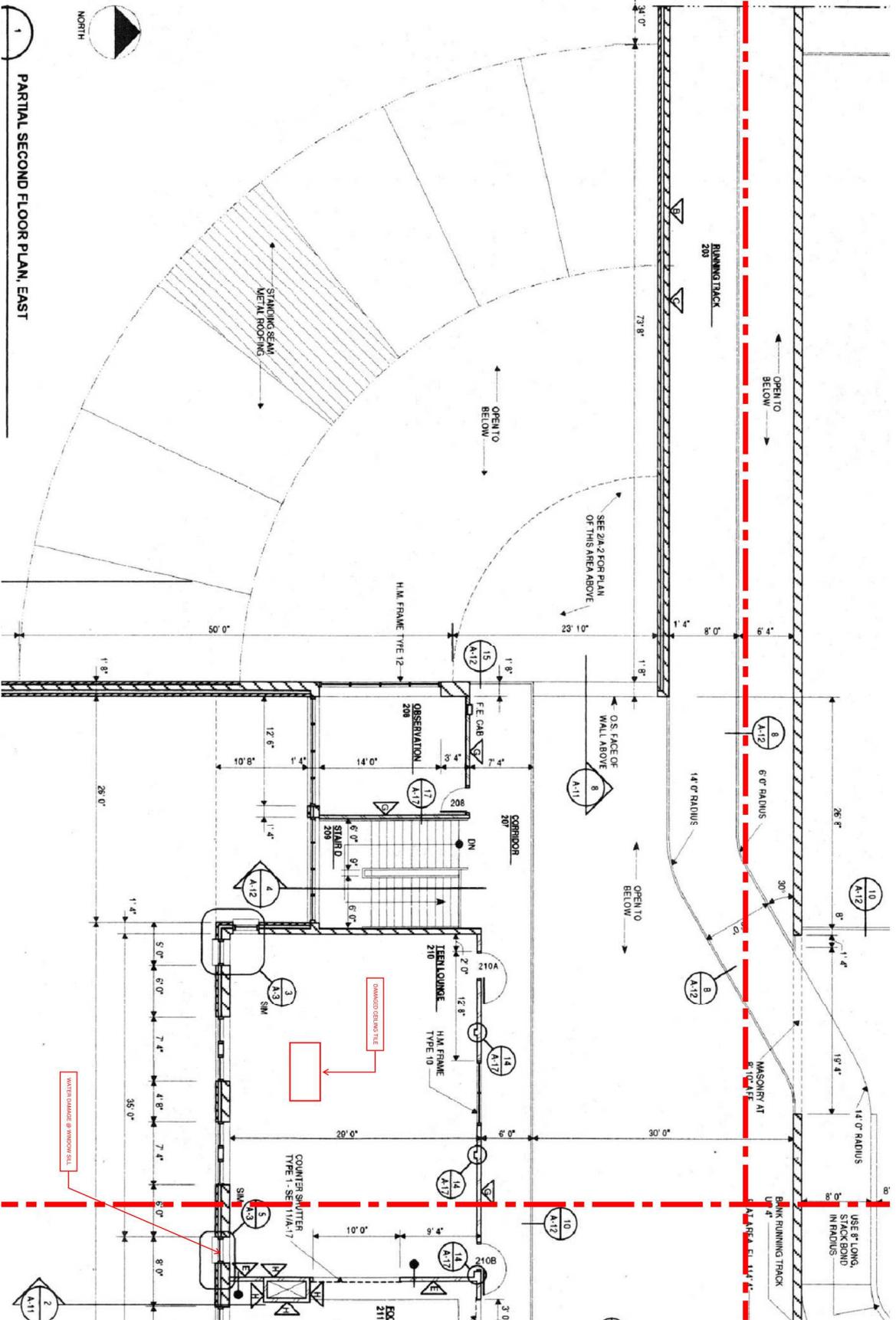
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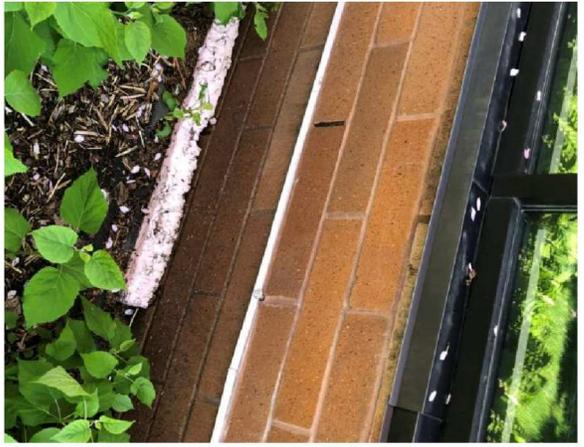
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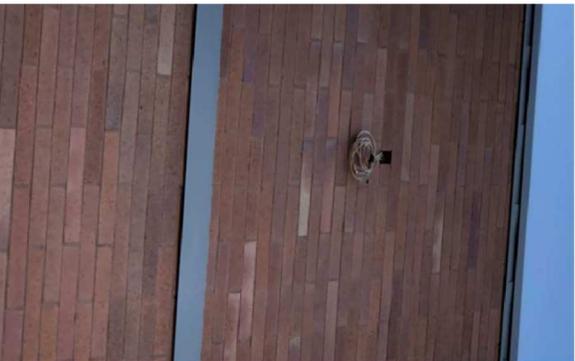


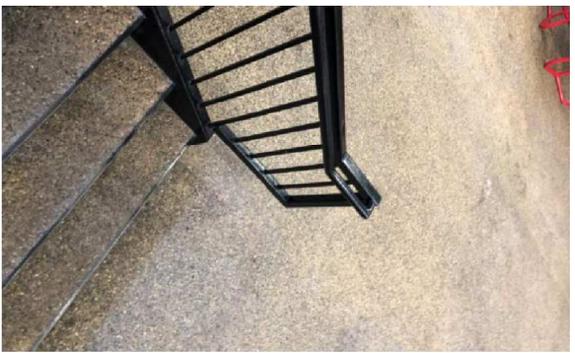
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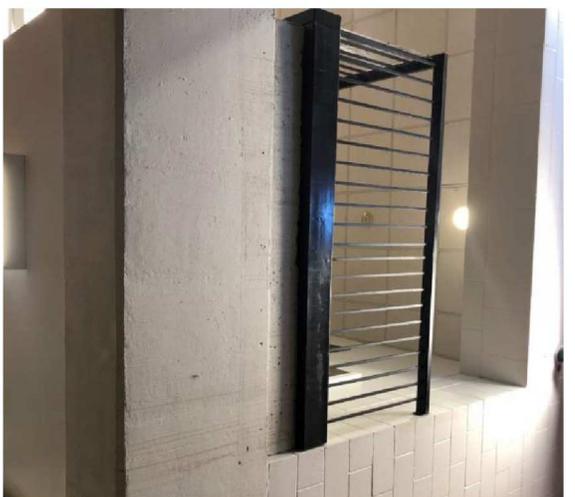
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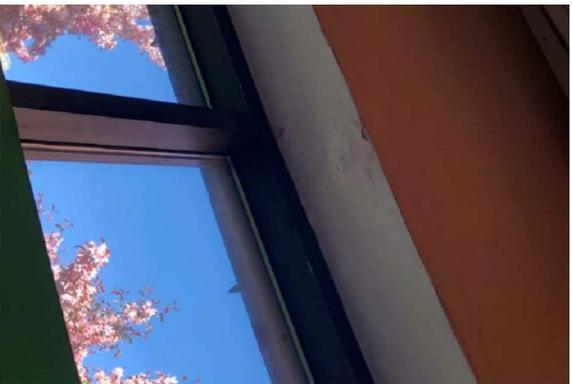
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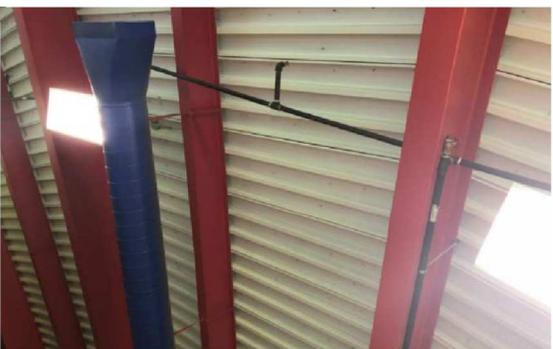
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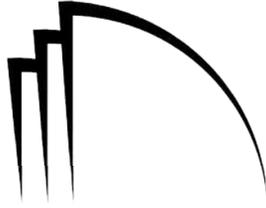
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2. Conditions of the Existing Facility

Site Conditions

Located at 2121 14th St. SW, Freedom Park shares a parking lot on its North side with the Pike Lake Education Center. The lot is properly striped and has the correct signage for accessible use. The pathway from the parking lot down to the Neighborhood Center is somewhat questionable when it comes to slope. Similarly, there are some accessibility issues at the perimeter of the building where heaving has created surface differentials above the limit for an accessible path of travel. This includes the clear floor space for the exterior drinking fountain which is currently impeded by the slab outside the mechanical access door. Lastly, while there are downspouts at this facility, two appear to be missing or not provided in the original design. This has led to degradation of the pavers below and presents a slipping hazard during the winter months.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Site are:

- Questionable accessible route
- Heaving at building perimeter (001/002/009)
- Non-Accessible exterior drinking fountain (001)
- Missing downspout (009)

Exterior Building Envelope

Multiple issues regarding the exterior envelope revolve around the condition of the exterior siding and soffits. To start, the siding was run very close to grade, and exposure to excess moisture at these locations, especially on the side closest to the parking lot, has led to significant rot in some areas. The siding also appears to have been run too close to the roof line in some locations resulting in rot where the roof meets vertical walls above. At other locations, the siding and soffits have been damaged by bugs and birds. There is also moss and lichen growing in some areas –a further sign of degradation. Some of the damaged areas have since been patched with caulk leaving an unsightly discoloration. There are also fasteners that have worked their way loose and can become a hazard at grade. Overall, the softness of the siding and soffit material has made it susceptible to damage from a variety of sources. There are also signs of staining at multiple locations, the cause of which is to be determined and needs further investigation.

Apart from the siding and soffits, there is one visible block failure that needs to be addressed and one instance of animal infestation within the wall cavity. The windows at this facility appear to be in working order with only minor damage to exterior trim. The majority of exterior doors function but are beginning to show rust and some damage at their bases.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Building Envelope are:

- Missing downspout (009)
- Bird/Bug damage to siding
- Exterior siding patches
- Soffit/Wall staining (005/013)
- Vandalism (002)
- Animal infestation at wall base (003)
- Loose siding fasteners (005)
- Rust at door openings (002)
- Lichen/moss on siding (008/010)
- Damaged siding/trim (003/004/005/006/009/010)
- Non-accessible thresholds (001/002/009)
- Base block failure (007)

Roof and Associated Components

As noted earlier, a full roof inspection was not within the scope of this report, but there are no major problems visible from the ground or leaking within the structure. The only items to note are that the siding comes down too close to the roof plane and that the lack of downspouts directing water away from the building has begun to wash away the pavers below in two locations. This presents a slip hazard in winter as well as contributing to further rot at the base of the building over time.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Roof are:

- Siding too close to roof line

- Lack of splash block (005/009)
- Missing Downspout (005/009)

Interior Environment – General Comments

The biggest issue facing the interior is the condition of the tongue and groove wall finish. Either due to settling or poor installation, a number of the joints have pulled apart or buckled. This has occurred in multiple areas throughout the interior. There are also a number of areas where the wood finish has been damaged, either from traditional wear and tear or from instances of vandalism. The wood finish at the interior window sills and trim have also begun to degrade. Signs of sun bleaching and water marks from glassware etc. are readily visible. There are a handful of accessibility concerns throughout the interior as well. These will be highlighted in more detail in the sections below. Lastly, there is no sanitary cove base in either of the restrooms.

Vestibule

As noted previously, there are visible issues with the wood finish. There are a couple instances of vandalism as well as some sizable scuffs. Apart from this, there are some minor stains and wear on the carpet. The storage furniture is in need of repairs and/or replacement. The low drinking fountain does not meet ADA side clearances and the door to the Women's Restroom does not meet ADA clear floor space requirements on either side.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Vestibule are:

- Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances
- Vandalism (023)
- Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side
- Storage furniture (024)

Activity Room / Warming

Similar to the vestibule, there are large issues with the wood finish in this area. Apart from nearly falling off in a few locations, it is also well worn, especially at the base where it has made contact

with furniture. There is a small patch of carpet near the fireplace that should be replaced or re-patched. The interior window sills are showing signs of sun bleaching and the glazing adhesive is also failing in a few locations.

This is the only Neighborhood Center within the scope of this assessment with the large swing doors still intact, and the reason for their removal is apparent. The casters for the heavy door have damaged the carpet in the main room. The locking mechanism has damaged the ceiling near the wall and the header above the door is showing strain at its joints. This is especially visible at the wood finish corner joints.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Activity Room / Warming are:

- Wood finish compromised (016/017/018)
- Carpet patch (015)
- Window glazing adhesive failure (014)
- Interior window sill damage (020)

Kitchenette

Though not large, the Kitchenette has several issues. To start, it needs to be an ADA compliant, roll-under surface. The countertop is beginning to delaminate and the sealant for the backsplash has failed. Lastly, the shelf within the upper cabinet is falling apart and needs to be replaced.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Kitchenette are:

- Non-accessible surface
- Countertop wear
- Damaged shelf (019)

Mechanical / Storage Room

The scope of this assessment did not involve a mechanical consultant, this assessment is focused solely on the room and its amenities. With that in mind, there are a couple issues regarding mechanical penetrations through the ceiling. First, there are a lot of them. Second, it appears that the vapor barrier above was not properly sealed around the openings. The result of

which has led to insulation falling through the openings and possible animal infestation above. Not to mention that the loss of warm air to the roof cavity above is extremely inefficient from an energy use standpoint. Lastly, the door frame for Door 104B appears to have been replaced and is in need of a fresh coat of paint.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Mechanical Room are:

- Ceiling penetrations (011)
- Door 104B frame (012)

Men's Restroom

As noted previously, one of the main issues with the restrooms is the lack of a sanitary cove at the base of the perimeter. This will not only make cleaning more difficult but will permit water intrusion into the wall cavity should there be a water event in the future. Another issue at the men's restroom is with the lavatory. It appears to be just above the maximum accessible height requirement and also does not have the plumbing insulated beneath the lavatory (also an ADA requirement). Similarly the soap, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers are not mounted within ADA reach ranges and need to be adjusted accordingly prior to any other work on the facility. Lastly, the toilet partition near the urinal has rusted.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Men's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- No base cove (021)
- Rusted toilet partition (021)

Women's Restroom

Like the Men's Restroom, the Women's Restroom also lacks a sanitary cove at the base and has several accessibility issues. The lavatory, soap dispenser, paper towel dispenser and toilet paper

dispensers do not comply with ADA reach ranges and need to be relocated. There is tile staining present beneath one of the lavatories. Lastly, there needs to be at least one ambulatory stall in the Women's Restroom per ADA. There doesn't appear to be enough clearance to fit one with the walls in their current location so this will need to be addressed before any type of work on this building can move forward.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Women's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues (022)
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (022)
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- No base cove (022)
- No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)
- Tile staining (022)

3. Recommendations

Site Conditions

Questionable accessible route

- Option 1: Survey area, and if it is deemed non-compliant per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 402), re-grade path

Heaving at building perimeter (001/002/009)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Non-Accessible exterior drinking fountain (001)

- Solutions are relative to heaving issues above

Missing downspout (009)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Exterior Building Envelope

Bird/Bug damage to siding

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-clad entire structure with more durable soffit product

Exterior siding patches

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding/trim with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Soffit/Wall staining (005/013)

- Option 1: Power wash surfaces

- Option 2: Chemically clean surfaces

Vandalism (002)

- Option 1: Paint to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged areas and finish to match

Animal infestation at wall base (003)

- Option 1: Contact animal control specialist, determine point of ingress and seal any openings

Loose siding fasteners (005)

- Option 1: Remove raised fasteners and replace

Rust at door openings (002)

- Option 1: Paint over rust to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged doors

Lichen/moss on siding (008/010)

- Option 1: Remove any growth and re-finish affected siding to match existing
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with like material or more durable finish

Damaged siding/trim (003/004/005/006/009/010)

- Option 1: Replace damaged trim with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Non-accessible thresholds (001/002/009)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Base block failure (007)

- Option 1: Determine extent of failure and either replace block to match or patch affected areas

Roof and Associated Components

Siding too close to roof line

- Option 1: Replace with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Replace damaged siding/trim and re-flash metal roof/siding connection

Lack of splash block (005/009)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
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Vestibule

Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances

- Option 1: Relocate existing drinking fountain to within ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)
- Option 2: Replace with more compact hi/low unit to meet ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)

Vandalism (023)

- Option 1: Paint to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged areas and finish to match

Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side

- Option 1: Rotate Door 105A 180 degrees and relocate opening as close to Mech./Stor. as possible. The remaining clear floor space should be greater than the minimum 1'-0" clear on the Women's Restroom side per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404)

Storage furniture (024)

- Option 1: Repair furniture
- Option 2: Replace furniture

Activity Room / Warming

Wood finish compromised (016/017/018)

- Option 1: Remove damaged pieces and replace
- Option 2: Replace all interior wood with alternate material that's more maintenance friendly and durable

Carpet patch (015)

- Option 1: Re apply adhesive
- Option 2: Remove and replace with like material

Window glazing adhesive failure (014)

- Option 1: Re-glaze affected windows
- Option 2: Replace affected windows

Interior window sill damage (020)

- Option 1: Replace with like material
- Option 2: Replace with more durable finish –solid surface or otherwise

Kitchenette

Non-accessible surface

- Option 1: Remove base cabinet, sink and countertop. Replace with accessible height surface, low profile bowl and either provide apron in front of plumbing or insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606)
- All other issues with the kitchenette are secondary to the accessibility issue

Damaged shelf (019)

- Option 1: Replace shelf

Mechanical Room

Ceiling penetrations (011)

- Option 1: Re-seal openings and cap open conduit

Door 104B frame (012)

- Option 1: Paint Frame

Men's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)
- Option 2: Replace lavatory with new unit within ADA ranges

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

No base cove (021)

- Option 1: Install coved base tile

Rusted toilet partition (021)

- Option 1: Mitigate rust and re-finish panel

- Option 2: Replace panel

Women's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues (022)

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (022)

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

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- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

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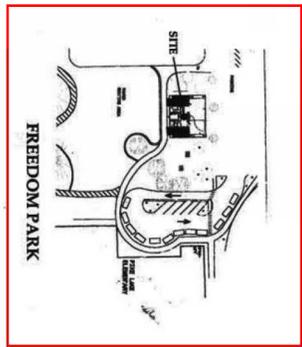
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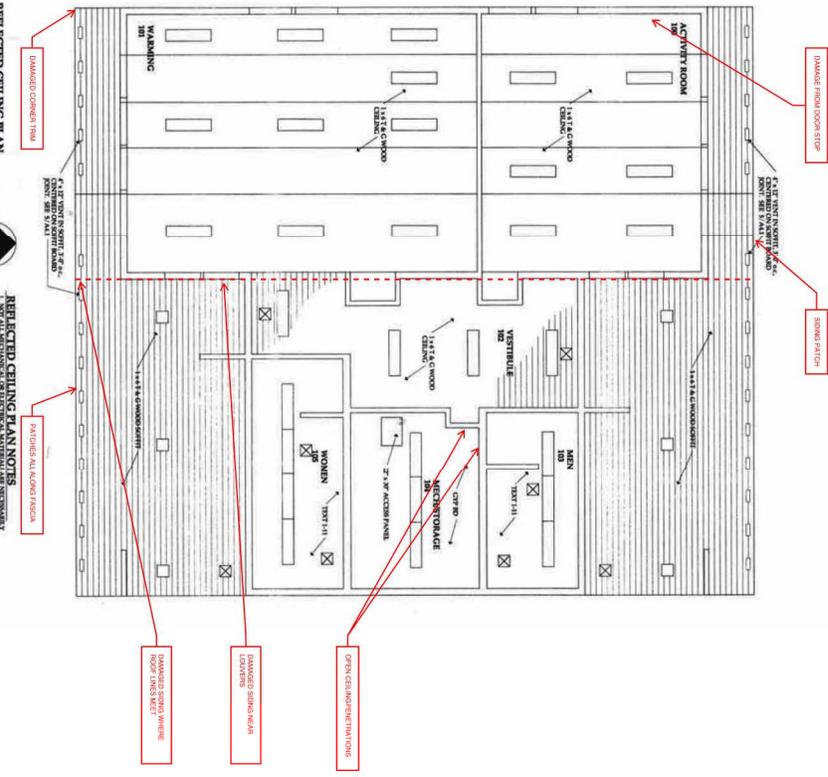
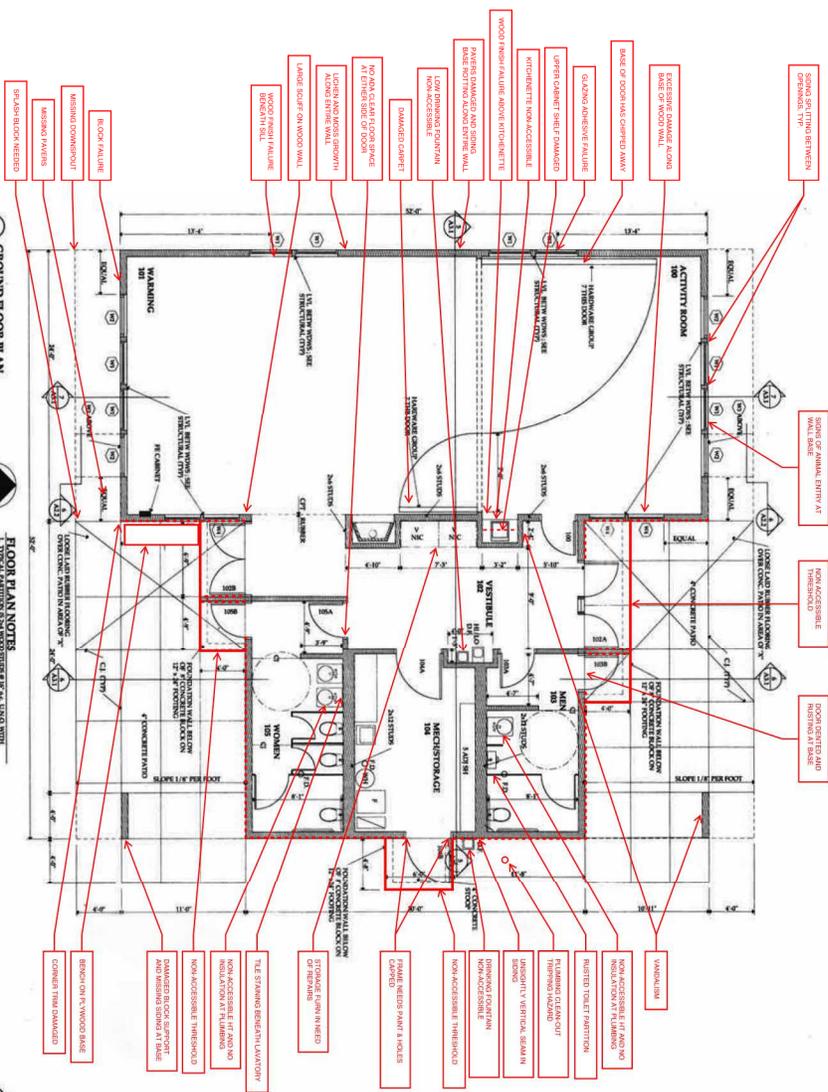
- Option 1: Ambulatory stall must be provided per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 604.10). Current wall location and floor plan make this installation technically infeasible. It is the recommendation of this report that the city consult an architect prior to commencing any work on this structure.

Tile staining (022)

- Option 1: Attempt to clean staining chemically
- Option 2: Replace affected tile



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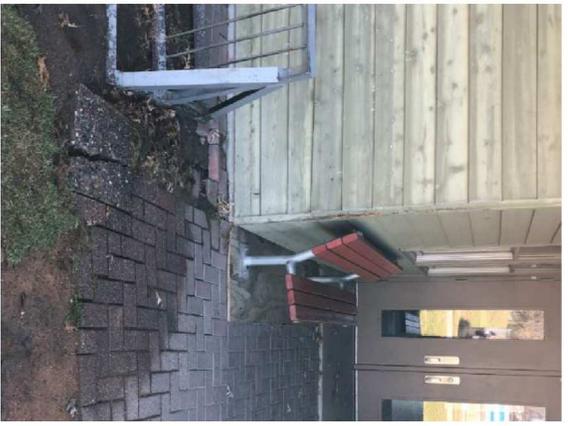
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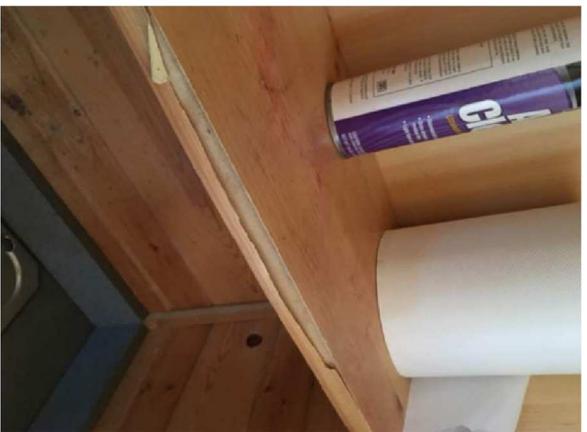
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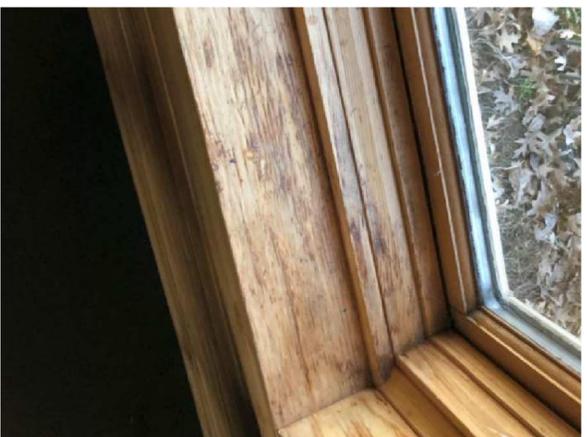
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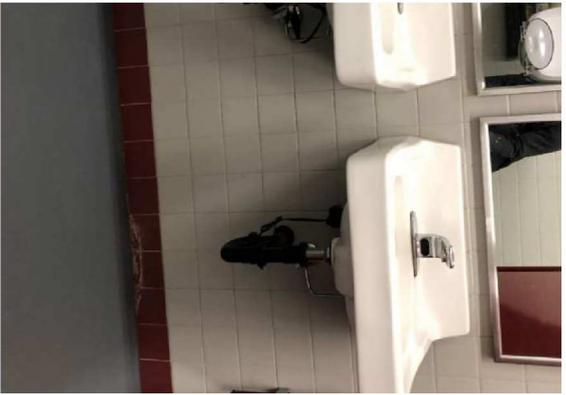
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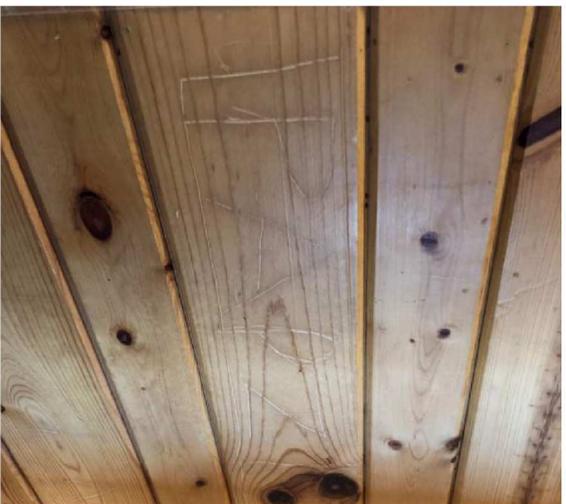
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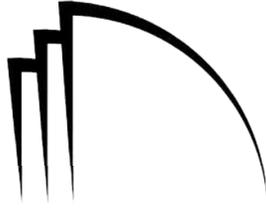
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2. Conditions of the Existing Facility

Site Conditions

Located near the intersection of 5th St. NW and 16th Ave. NW, Hansen Park is one of the larger parks in the New Brighton system. There is a sizable parking lot northwest of the Neighborhood Center with a meandering path leading to the building and beyond. The slope of the pathway between the Neighborhood Center and the parking lot is questionable as far as ADA compliance is concerned. Similarly, there are some accessibility issues at the perimeter of the building where heaving has created surface differentials above the limit for an accessible path of travel. This includes the clear floor space for the exterior drinking fountain. Lastly, the lack of downspouts at the perimeter have led to accelerated degradation of paving units below, and while this is not an issue currently, it will become a larger issue over time and also presents a slip hazard during the winter months.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Site are:

- Accessible pathway to structure may be non-compliant
- Heaving at building perimeter (005/007)
- Non-Accessible exterior drinking fountain (007)
- No downspouts to direct water away from structure (001/004)

Exterior Building Envelope

Multiple issues regarding the exterior envelope revolve around the condition of the exterior siding and soffits. To start, the siding was run very close to grade, and exposure to excess moisture at these locations has led to significant rot in some areas. The siding also appears to have been run too close to the roof line in some locations resulting in rot where the roof meets vertical walls above. At other locations, the siding and soffits have been damaged by bugs/birds. Some damaged areas have since been patched with caulk leaving an unsightly discoloration. Overall, the softness of the siding and soffit material has made it susceptible to damage. There are also signs of staining at multiple locations, the cause of which is to be determined and needs further investigation.

Relative to the siding and soffit issues, there is some concern regarding the functionality of the gutters. In at least three locations, there were visible instances of gutters leaking directly onto

siding. Seeing as how a full roofing inspection was not in the scope of this assessment, it is difficult to determine whether this moisture was only present at the surface or whether this was indicative of a larger problem with moisture getting into the wall assembly behind the siding. Like the staining issue, further investigation is encouraged to determine the exact extent of damage and to establish a proper course of action for the city moving forward.

Apart from the siding and potential moisture issues surrounding the gutters, the remainder of the exterior is in fair condition. The windows at this facility appear to be in working order with only minor damage to exterior trim. The exterior doors function but are beginning to show rust and some damage at their bases. There is an uncaulked penetration around the back side of the building that needs to be sealed, and the soffit lighting appears to be in working order.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Building Envelope are:

- Missing downspout (Image 001)
- Bird/Bug damage at soffits (004)
- Exterior siding patches
- Soffit/Wall staining (004/008)
- Vandalism
- Wall penetration not sealed (003)
- Trim/Siding Damage (002)
- Gutters not draining properly (006)
- Rust at door openings (005)
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Roof and Associated Components

As noted earlier, a full roof inspection was not within the scope of this report, but there are no major problems visible from the ground or leaking within the structure. The only items to note are that the siding comes down too close to the roof plane, the gutters do not appear to be functioning properly, and that the lack of downspouts directing water away from the building has begun to wash away the pavers below. This presents a slip hazard in winter as well as contributing to further rot at the base of the building over time.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Roof are:

- Siding too close to roof line
- Gutters not draining properly (001/006)
- Lack of splash block

Interior Environment – General Comments

A moderate level of wear is visible on most surfaces throughout the interior. Interior window sills and trim have begun to show signs of sun bleaching and water marks from glassware, etc. There are a handful of accessibility concerns throughout the interior. These will be highlighted in more detail below. There is no sanitary cove base in either of the restrooms and there are scuffs and scratches throughout the wood tongue and groove interior.

Vestibule

Overall, the vestibule area is in moderately good shape. As noted previously, there are typical wear and tear, scratches and scuffs on walls and a handful of stains on the carpet. There is a larger carpet stain near the double door on the Women's side of the vestibule that will need to be addressed. The double door at this location is also damaged and showing signs of wear. The door stop for Door 100 is damaged and needs to be replaced. The bracket for the coat rack is damaged and should likely be replaced. Lastly, the low drinking fountain does not meet ADA side clearances and the door to the Women's Restroom does not meet ADA clear floor space requirements.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Vestibule is:

- Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances
- Door 100 door stop damaged
- Coat rack bracket damaged
- Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side
- Door 102B damaged (010)
- Carpet stain (013)

- Scratches and scuffs on walls (Image 015)

Activity Room / Warming

Similar to the vestibule, the bulk of the finishes are in relatively good shape. There are scratches and scuffs throughout the perimeter, especially at the base. The interior window sills are showing signs of sun bleaching and damage. The glazing adhesive is also failing in multiple locations.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Activity Room / Warming are:

- Scratches and scuffs on walls (especially at base) (Image 015)
- Interior window sill damage (009)
- Glazing adhesive failure (016)

Kitchenette

Though not large, the Kitchenette has several issues. To start, it needs to be an ADA compliant, roll-under surface. The countertop is beginning to delaminate and the sealant for the backsplash has failed. Lastly, the base cabinet is fairly scratched at its base.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Kitchenette are:

- Non-accessible surface (014)
- Countertop wear (014)
- Scratches (014)

Mechanical / Storage Room

The scope of this review did not involve a mechanical consultant, this assessment is focused solely on the room and its amenities. With that in mind, there are several holes that should be sealed and the closer on Door 104A doesn't fully allow the door to latch. The door gets caught on the flooring transition.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Mechanical Room are:

- Holes in wall
- Door 104A closer

Men's Restroom

As noted previously, one of the main issues with the restrooms is the lack of a sanitary cove at the base of the perimeter. This will not only make cleaning more difficult but will permit water intrusion into the wall cavity should there be a water event in the future. Another issue at the men's restroom is with the lavatory. It appears to be just above the maximum accessible height requirement and also does not have the plumbing insulated beneath the lavatory (also an ADA requirement). Similarly the soap, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers are not mounted within ADA reach ranges. Lastly, the toilet bowl at this location is cracked and needs to be replaced.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Men's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues (011)
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (011)
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- No base cove (011)
- Cracked toilet (012)

Women's Restroom

Like the Men's Restroom, the Women's Restroom also lacks a sanitary cove at the base and has several accessibility issues. The lavatory, soap dispenser, paper towel dispenser and toilet paper dispensers do not comply with ADA reach ranges and need to be relocated. Lastly, there needs to be at least one ambulatory stall in the Women's Restroom per ADA. There doesn't appear to be enough clearance to fit one with the walls in their current location so this will need to be addressed before any type of work on this building can move forward.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Women's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues

- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- No base cove
- No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)

3. Recommendations

Site Conditions

Accessible pathway to structure may be non-compliant

- Option 1: Survey area, and if it is deemed non-compliant per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 402), re-grade path

Heaving at building perimeter (005/007)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Non-Accessible exterior drinking fountain (007)

- Solutions are relative to heaving issues above

No downspouts to direct water away from structure (001/004)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Exterior Building Envelope

Missing downspout (Image 001)

- Option 1: Replace downspout

Bird/Bug damage at soffits (004)

- Option 1: Replace damaged soffits with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-clad entire structure with more durable soffit product

Exterior siding patches

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Soffit/Wall staining (004/008)

- Option 1: Power wash surfaces
- Option 2: Chemically clean surfaces

Vandalism

- Option 1: Paint to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged areas and finish to match

Wall penetration not sealed (003)

- Option 1: Caulk penetration

Trim/Siding Damage (002)

- Option 1: Replace damaged trim with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Gutters not draining properly (006)

- Option 1: Clean out gutters and further assess extent of water intrusion into wall assembly

Rust at door openings (005)

- Option 1: Paint over rust to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged doors

Non-accessible thresholds (005/007)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Roof and Associated Components

Siding too close to roof line

- Option 1: Replace with like material and paint to match

- Option 2: Replace damaged siding/trim and re-flash metal roof/siding connection

Gutters not draining properly (001/006)

- Option 1: Clean out gutters and further assess extent of water intrusion into wall assembly

Lack of splash block

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Vestibules

Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances

- Option 1: Relocate existing drinking fountain to within ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)
- Option 2: Replace with more compact hi/low unit to meet ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)

Door 100 door stop damaged

- Option 1: Replace door stop

Coat rack bracket damaged

- Option 1: Replace coat rack bracket

Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side

- Option 1: Rotate Door 105A 180 degrees and relocate opening as close to Mech./Stor. as possible. The remaining clear floor space should be greater than the minimum 1'-0" clear on the Women's Restroom side per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404)

Door 102B damaged (010)

- Option 1: Replace damaged components
- Option 2: Replace door

Carpet stain (013)

- Option 1: Replace carpet at affected area

Scratches and scuffs on walls (Image 015)

- Option 1: Prime and Paint entire interior
- Option 2: Remove damaged pieces and replace
- Option 3: Remove wood between base and bottom of window sill and replace with more durable finish.

Activity Room / Warming

Scratches and scuffs on walls (especially at base) (Image 015)

- See notes above

Interior window sill damage (009)

- Option 1: Replace with like material
- Option 2: Replace with more durable finish –solid surface or otherwise

Glazing adhesive failure (016)

- Option 1: Re-glaze affected windows
- Option 2: Replace affected windows

Kitchenette

Non-accessible surface

- Option 1: Remove base cabinet, sink and countertop. Replace with accessible height surface, low profile bowl and either provide apron in front of plumbing or insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606)
- All other issues with the kitchenette are secondary to the accessibility issue

Mechanical Room

Holes in wall

- Option 1: Patch holes

Door 104A closer

- Option 1: Replace closer and/or re-shim door frame or correct flooring transition to avoid catching on door

Men's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues (011)

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)
- Option 2: Replace lavatory with new unit within ADA ranges

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (011)

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

No base cove (011)

- Option 1: Install coved base tile

Cracked toilet (012)

- Option 1: Replace fixture

Women's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

No base cove

- Option 1: Install coved base tile

No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)

- Option 1: Ambulatory stall must be provided per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 604.10). Current wall location and floor plan make this installation technically infeasible. It is the recommendation of this report that the city consult an architect prior to commencing any work on this structure.



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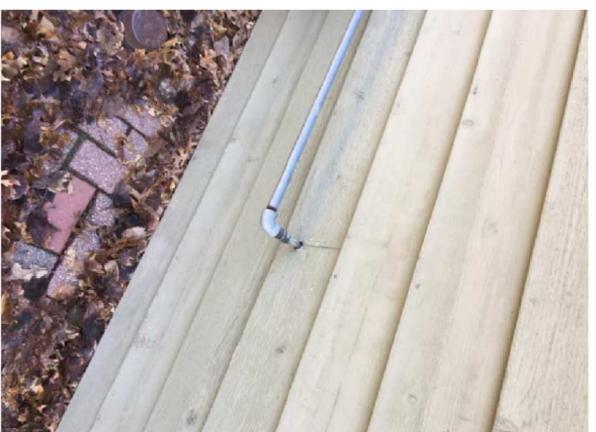
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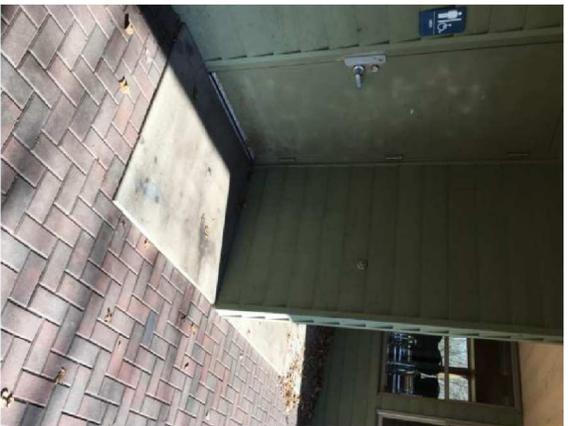
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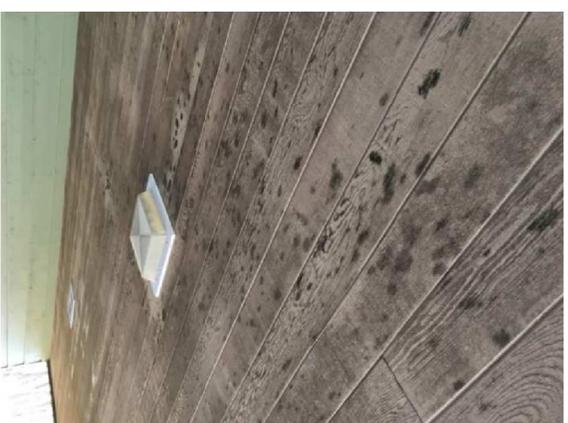
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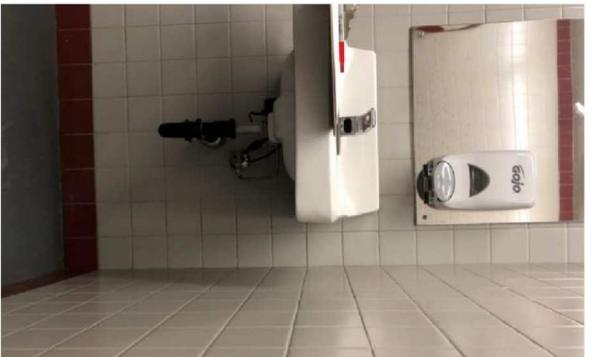
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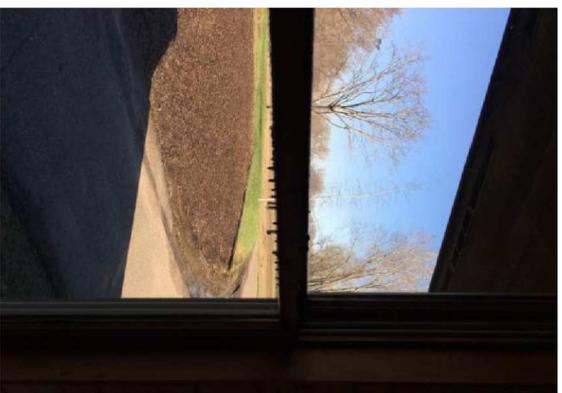
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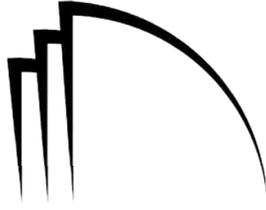
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1. Purpose and Conditions of this Study

The purpose of this study is to review and analyze the existing conditions of the City of New Brighton, Sunny Square Park Neighborhood Center building and provide base architectural assessment of the existing spaces. The review will look at the facilities and adjacent sidewalk entry(ies), architecturally and in terms of accessibility, building codes, condition of the envelope, and life safety. Representatives from HCM Architects visited the building, reviewed state and local building codes, and met with City of New Brighton staff representative to prepare this assessment.

It should be noted that all flagged accessibility items are deemed “existing non-conforming”, that is, they can remain unaltered in their current state, but should any work commence on this facility, said concerns must be addressed as part of any new work. Also note that an HVAC, electrical, plumbing and roofing consultant were not within the scope of this assessment. HVAC equipment, including the fireplace, were not tested as part of this assessment. Similarly, Plumbing and electrical were only tested for base level functionality, and it is the recommendation of this report that all equipment be tested/inspected by a specialized consultant prior to work commencing elsewhere within or around this facility.

2. Conditions of the Existing Facility

Site Conditions

Located at 2200 Sunnyside Terrace, Sunny Square Park has two methods of accessing the Neighborhood Center. The parking area to the West at the intersection Gregory Dr. & Longview Dr. was not assessed from an accessibility standpoint. The West lot off of Sunnyside Terrace, being closer in proximity to the Neighborhood Center, was the focus of this study. It should be noted, however, that neither lot appears to have accessible signage. The East lot has a striped area, but there is no official signage indicating accessible parking locations. Similarly, there are some accessibility issues at the perimeter of the building where heaving has created surface differentials above the limit for an accessible path of travel. This includes the clear floor space for the exterior drinking fountain which is currently impeded by the slab outside the mechanical access door. Lastly, while there are downspouts at this facility, two appear to be missing or not provided in the original design. This has led to degradation of the pavers below and presents a slipping hazard during the winter months.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Site are:

- No accessible signage in parking areas
- Heaving at building perimeter (001)
- Non-Accessible exterior drinking fountain (001)
- Missing downspout (007)

Exterior Building Envelope

Multiple issues regarding the exterior envelope revolve around the condition of the exterior siding and soffits. To start, the siding was run very close to grade, and exposure to excess moisture at these locations has led to significant rot in some areas. The siding also appears to have been run too close to the roof line in some locations resulting in rot where the roof meets vertical walls above. At other locations, the siding and soffits have been damaged by bugs/birds. Some damaged areas have since been patched with caulk leaving an unsightly discoloration. There are also fasteners that have worked their way loose and can become a hazard at grade. Overall, the softness of the siding and soffit material has made it susceptible to damage. There are also signs of staining at multiple locations, the cause of which is to be determined and needs further investigation.

Apart from the siding and soffits, the remainder of the exterior is in fair condition. The windows at this facility appear to be in working order with only minor damage to exterior trim and a couple of sashes. The majority of exterior doors function but are beginning to show rust and some damage at their bases. Door 104B has a non-functioning latch that will need to be replaced. Lastly, birds have nested in the mechanical louvers on the high roof. They will likely need to be relocated and the louvers screened.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Building Envelope are:

- Missing downspout (007)
- Bird/Bug damage to siding (004)
- Exterior siding patches (004/005)
- Soffit/Wall staining (002/004)
- Vandalism
- Door 104B latch (008)
- Loose siding fasteners (006)
- Rust at door openings
- Bird nests (005)
- Damaged siding/trim (003)
- Non-accessible thresholds (001/007)

Roof and Associated Components

As noted earlier, a full roof inspection was not within the scope of this report, but there are no major problems visible from the ground or leaking within the structure. The only items to note are that the siding comes down too close to the roof plane and that the lack of downspouts directing water away from the building has begun to wash away the pavers below in two locations. This presents a slip hazard in winter as well as contributing to further rot at the base of the building over time.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Roof are:

- Siding too close to roof line (005)
- Lack of splash block (007)

Interior Environment – General Comments

The biggest issue facing the interior is the condition of the tongue and groove wall finish. Either due to settling or poor installation, a number of the joints have pulled apart or buckled. This has occurred on nearly every surface throughout the interior and has progressed to the point where some planks are dangerously close to falling off all together. In addition to this, the interior window sills and trim have begun to show signs of sun bleaching and water marks from glassware, etc. There are a handful of accessibility concerns throughout the interior as well. These will be highlighted in more detail below. Lastly, there is no sanitary cove base in either of the restrooms.

Vestibule

As noted previously, there are visible issues with the wood finish. Apart from this there are some minor stains and wear on the carpet. Door 104A has a non-functioning closer and latchset. The low drinking fountain does not meet ADA side clearances and the door to the Women's Restroom does not meet ADA clear floor space requirements on either side.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Vestibule are:

- Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances (014)
- Door 104A latchset and closer
- Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side
- Wood finish compromised (009)

Activity Room / Warming

Similar to the vestibule, there are large issues with the wood finish in this area. Apart from nearly falling off in a few locations, it is also well worn, especially at the base where it has made contact with furniture. There is a small patch of carpet near the fireplace that should be replaced or re-

patched. The thermostat is duct taped to the wall and should either be re-attached or replaced. The interior window sills are showing signs of sun bleaching and the glazing adhesive is also failing in a few locations.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Activity Room / Warming are:

- Wood finish compromised (011)
- Carpet patch (012)
- Broken thermostat (010)
- Interior window sill damage

Kitchenette

Though not large, the Kitchenette has several issues. To start, it needs to be an ADA compliant, roll-under surface. The countertop is beginning to delaminate and the sealant for the backsplash has failed. Lastly, the base cabinet is fairly scratched and there is evidence of water intrusion at the kick plate.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Kitchenette are:

- Non-accessible surface (013)
- Countertop wear (013)
- Scratches (013)

Mechanical / Storage Room

The scope of this review did not involve a mechanical consultant, this assessment is focused solely on the room and its amenities. With that in mind, there are a couple issues regarding Door 104A. The closer does not function and the latch won't release.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Mechanical Room are:

- Door 104A closer
- Door 104A latch

Men's Restroom

As noted previously, one of the main issues with the restrooms is the lack of a sanitary cove at the base of the perimeter. This will not only make cleaning more difficult but will permit water intrusion into the wall cavity should there be a water event in the future. Another issue at the men's restroom is with the lavatory. It appears to be just above the maximum accessible height requirement and also does not have the plumbing insulated beneath the lavatory (also an ADA requirement). Similarly the soap, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers are not mounted within ADA reach ranges and need to be adjusted accordingly prior to any other work on the facility.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Men's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- No base cove

Women's Restroom

Like the Men's Restroom, the Women's Restroom also lacks a sanitary cove at the base and has several accessibility issues. The lavatory, soap dispenser, paper towel dispenser and toilet paper dispensers do not comply with ADA reach ranges and need to be relocated. Lastly, there needs to be at least one ambulatory stall in the Women's Restroom per ADA. There doesn't appear to be enough clearance to fit one with the walls in their current location so this will need to be addressed before any type of work on this building can move forward.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Women's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues (016)
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (016)
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- No base cove (015)
- No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)

3. Recommendations

Site Conditions

No accessible signage in parking areas

- Option 1: Provide accessible signage per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 502)

Heaving at building perimeter (001)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Non-Accessible exterior drinking fountain (001)

- Solutions are relative to heaving issues above

Missing downspout (007)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Exterior Building Envelope

Missing downspout (007)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Bird/Bug damage to siding (004)

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-clad entire structure with more durable soffit product

Exterior siding patches (004/005)

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding/trim with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Soffit/Wall staining (002/004)

- Option 1: Power wash surfaces
- Option 2: Chemically clean surfaces

Vandalism

- Option 1: Paint to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged areas and finish to match

Door 104B latch (008)

- Option1: Replace latch set
- Option 2: Replace door

Loose siding fasteners (006)

- Option 1: Remove raised fasteners and replace

Rust at door openings

- Option 1: Paint over rust to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged doors

Bird nests (005)

- Option 1: Remove nests and screen in louvers

Damaged siding/trim (003)

- Option 1: Replace damaged trim with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Non-accessible thresholds (001/007)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Roof and Associated Components

Siding too close to roof line (005)

- Option 1: Replace with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Replace damaged siding/trim and re-flash metal roof/siding connection

Lack of splash block (007)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Vestibules

Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances (014)

- Option 1: Relocate existing drinking fountain to within ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)
- Option 2: Replace with more compact hi/low unit to meet ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)

Door 104A latch set and closer

- Option 1: Replace latch set and closer
- Option 2: Replace entire door

Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side

- Option 1: Rotate Door 105A 180 degrees and relocate opening as close to Mech./Stor. as possible. The remaining clear floor space should be greater than the minimum 1'-0" clear on the Women's Restroom side per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404)

Wood finish compromised (009)

- Option 1: Remove damaged pieces and replace
- Option 2: Replace all interior wood with alternate material that's more maintenance friendly and durable

Activity Room / Warming

Wood finish compromised (011)

- Option 1: Remove damaged pieces and replace
- Option 2: Replace all interior wood with alternate material that's more maintenance friendly and durable

Carpet patch (012)

- Option 1: Re apply adhesive
- Option 2: Remove and replace with like material

Broken thermostat (010)

- Option 1: Replace mounting bracket
- Option 2: Replace entire thermostat

Interior window sill damage

- Option 1: Replace with like material
- Option 2: Replace with more durable finish –solid surface or otherwise

Kitchenette

Non-accessible surface

- Option 1: Remove base cabinet, sink and countertop. Replace with accessible height surface, low profile bowl and either provide apron in front of plumbing or insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606)
- All other issues with the kitchenette are secondary to the accessibility issue

Mechanical Room

Door 104A latch

- Option 1: Replace latch set

Door 104A closer

- Option 1: Replace closer

Men's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)
- Option 2: Replace lavatory with new unit within ADA ranges

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

No base cove

- Option 1: Install coved base tile

Women's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues (016)

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (016)

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

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- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

No base cove (015)

- Option 1: Install coved base tile

No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)

- Option 1: Ambulatory stall must be provided per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 604.10). Current wall location and floor plan make this installation technically infeasible. It is the recommendation of this report that the city consult an architect prior to commencing any work on this structure.



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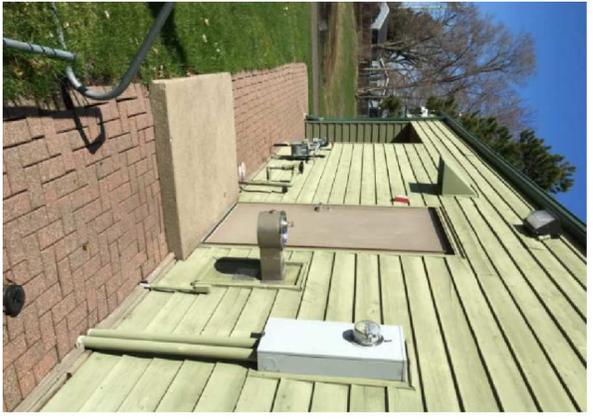
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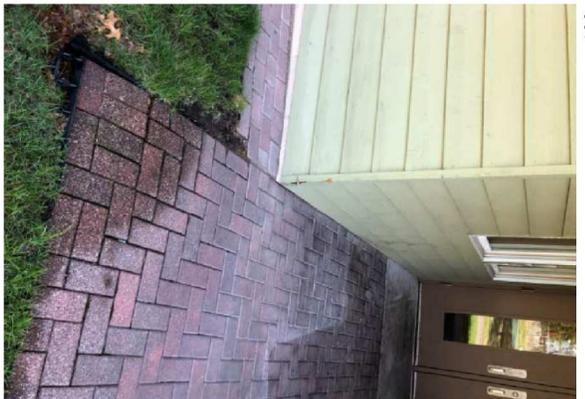
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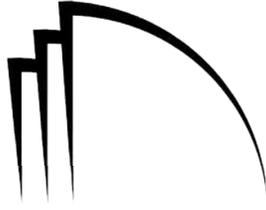
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-Mechanical/Storage (Rm 104)

-Men's Restroom (Rm 103)

-Women's Restroom (Rm 105)

3. Recommendations

4. Appendix

Appendix A – Site Image

Appendix B – Floor Plan

Architectural Assessment Photos

1. Purpose and Conditions of this Study

The purpose of this study is to review and analyze the existing conditions of the City of New Brighton, Totem Pole Park Neighborhood Center building and provide base architectural assessment of the existing spaces. The review will look at the facilities and adjacent sidewalk entry(ies), architecturally and in terms of accessibility, building codes, condition of the envelope, and life safety. Representatives from HCM Architects visited the building, reviewed state and local building codes, and met with City of New Brighton staff representative to prepare this assessment.

It should be noted that all flagged accessibility items are deemed “existing non-conforming”, that is, they can remain unaltered in their current state, but should any work commence on this facility, said concerns must be addressed as part of any new work. Also note that an HVAC, electrical, plumbing and roofing consultant were not within the scope of this assessment. HVAC equipment, including the fireplace, were not tested as part of this assessment. Similarly, Plumbing and electrical were only tested for base level functionality, and it is the recommendation of this report that all equipment be tested/inspected by a specialized consultant prior to work commencing elsewhere within or around this facility.

2. Conditions of the Existing Facility

Site Conditions

Located at the corner of Foss Rd. and 9th Ave. SW, Totem Pole Park is a small, neighborhood park featuring a basketball court, tennis court, baseball diamond and a Neighborhood Center. There is a small parking lot on the North side of the park and, while there do not appear to be any accessibility issues with the parking or pathway to the Neighborhood Center building, it should be noted that there is currently no accessibility signage at the two designated spaces. Similarly, there are some accessibility issues at the perimeter of the building where heaving has created surface differentials above the limit for an accessible path of travel. Lastly, the lack of downspouts at the perimeter have led to accelerated degradation of paving units below, and while this is not an issue currently, it will become a larger issue over time and also presents a slip hazard.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Site are:

- No accessible parking signage (posts or painted on the ground)
- Heaving at building perimeter (010)
- No downspouts to direct water away from structure (009)

Exterior Building Envelope

Multiple issues regarding the exterior envelope revolve around the condition of the exterior siding. To start, it was run very close to grade, and exposure to excess moisture at these locations has led to significant rot in some areas. It also appears to have been run too close to the roof line in some locations resulting in rot where the roof meets vertical walls above. At other locations, the siding has been damaged by bugs/birds and has since been patched with caulk leaving an unsightly color. Overall, the softness of the siding material has made it susceptible to damage, either chipping/denting from use or scratches from vandals. There are also signs of staining at multiple locations, the cause of which is to be determined and needs more investigation. Apart from the siding, the windows are in relatively fair condition. There are a handful of sashes that need to be replaced and three units have been vandalized and require new glazing. The doors are in somewhat worse condition. Rust has begun to form at their bases. The Men's room shows dents and the lever set for the Women's restroom has been damaged. Lastly, the threshold at the double door on the Women's side has come loose.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Building Envelope are:

- Rot at downspout (Image 001)
- Damaged soffit vents throughout (002)
- Patches (003)
- Soffit/Wall staining (004)
- Vandalism (005)
- Doors not latching (006)
- Window Trim and Sealant (007)
- Rust at door openings (006/008)
- Non-accessible thresholds (010)

Roof and Associated Components

A full roof inspection was not within the scope of this report, but there are no major problems visible from the ground or leaking within the structure. The only items to note are that the siding comes down too close to the roof plane and that the lack of downspouts directing water away from the building has begun to wash away the pavers below. This presents a slip hazard in winter as well as contributing to further rot at the base of the building over time.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Roof are:

- Siding too close to roof line (Image 001)
- Lack of splash block (009)

Interior Environment – General Comments

A moderate level of wear is visible on most surfaces throughout the interior. Interior window sills and trim have begun to show signs of sun bleaching and water marks from glassware, etc. There are a handful of accessibility concerns throughout the interior. These will be addressed in more detail in the sections below. There is no sanitary cove base in either of the restrooms and there are scuffs and scratches throughout the wood tongue and groove interior.

Vestibule

Overall, the vestibule area is in moderately good shape. As noted previously, there are typical wear and tear, scratches and scuffs on walls and a handful of stains on the carpet. The main entry door on the Men's side is loose. You can move its base with relative ease which suggests something has come loose inside the frame. The low drinking fountain does not meet ADA side clearances and the door to the Women's Restroom does not meet ADA clear floor space requirements.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Vestibule is:

- Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances
- Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side
- Scratches and scuffs on walls (Image 015)

Activity Room / Warming

Similar to the vestibule, the bulk of the finishes are in relatively good shape. There are scratches and scuffs throughout the perimeter, especially at the base. The carpet has been damaged where the large swing door used to mount to the wall and needs to be replaced. The window sills are quite worn, including two sizable burn marks that need to be fixed.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Activity Room / Warming are:

- Scratches and scuffs on walls (especially at base) (Image 015)
- Carpet needs to be patched or replaced (015)
- Interior window sill damage (016)

Kitchenette

Though not large, the Kitchenette has several issues. To start, it needs to be an ADA compliant, roll-under surface. The countertop is beginning to show its age and the faucet mount is loose and can be moved quite freely. Lastly, the base cabinet is fairly scratched at its base.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Kitchenette are:

- Non-accessible surface
- Countertop wear
- Loose faucet
- Scratches

Mechanical / Storage Room

The scope of this review did not involve a mechanical consultant, this assessment is focused solely on the room and its amenities. With that in mind, there is resilient base missing in two locations that will need to be replaced and the closer for door 101A is non-functioning.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Mechanical Room are:

- Missing resilient base
- Broken door closer at door 104A

Men's Restroom

As noted previously, one of the main issues with the restrooms is the lack of a sanitary cove at the base of the perimeter. This will not only make cleaning more difficult but will permit water intrusion into the wall cavity should there be a water event in the future. Another issue at the men's restroom is with the lavatory. It appears to be just above the maximum accessible height requirement and also does not have the plumbing insulated beneath the lavatory (also an ADA requirement). Similarly the soap, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers are not mounted within ADA reach ranges. Lastly, the accessible stall door has been damaged and the latch does not function.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Men's Restroom are:

- Lavatory ADA Compliance issues
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- Damaged stall door (Image 013)
- No base cove (012)

Women's Restroom

Like the Men's Restroom, the Women's Restroom also lacks a sanitary cove at the base and has several accessibility issues. The lavatory, soap dispenser, paper towel dispenser and toilet paper dispensers do not comply with ADA reach ranges and need to be relocated. One of the lavatories is cracked and needs to be replaced. There is also staining beneath the other lavatory. Lastly, there needs to be at least one ambulatory stall in the Women's Restroom per ADA. There doesn't appear to be enough clearance to fit one with the walls in their current location so this will need to be addressed before any type of work on this building can move forward.

Items noted regarding areas of concern for the Women's Restroom are:

- Lavatory Cracked and ADA Compliance issues (Image 014)
- Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (014)
- Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues
- Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues
- No base cove (012)
- Tile staining at base (011)
- No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)

3. Recommendations

Site Conditions

Heaving at building perimeter

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

No accessible parking signage (posts or painted on the ground)

- Option 1: Provide accessible signage per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 502)

No downspouts to direct water away from structure (009)

- Option 1: Provide downspouts to direct water down and away from the building
- Option 2: Provide Splash blocks that direct water away from building

Exterior Building Envelope

Rot at downspout (Image 001)

- Option 1: Replace damaged trim
- Option 2: Replace damaged trim and re-flash metal roof/siding connection

Damaged soffit vents throughout (002)

- Option 1: Replace damaged vents

Siding Patches (003)

- Option 1: Replace damaged siding with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Re-side entire structure with more durable siding product

Soffit/Wall staining (004)

- Option 1: Power wash surfaces
- Option 2: Chemically clean surfaces

Vandalism at glazing (005)

- Option 1: Replace glazing unit

Doors not latching (006)

- Option 1: Replace latch set
- Option 2: Replace Door

Window Trim and Sealant (007)

- Option 1: Replace necessary components
- Option 2: Replace entire unit

Rust at door openings (006/008)

- Option 1: Paint over rust to match existing
- Option 2: Replace damaged doors

Non-accessible thresholds (010)

- Option 1: Grind down non-compliant surfaces to meet ADA requirements (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 303)
- Option 2: Re-cast or re-pave areas immediately surrounding the structure

Roof and Associated Components

Siding too close to roof line (Image 001)

- Option 1: Replace with like material and paint to match
- Option 2: Replace damaged siding/trim and re-flash metal roof/siding connection

Vestibules

Low Drinking fountain not meeting accessibility clearances

- Option 1: Relocate existing drinking fountain to within ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)
- Option 2: Replace with more compact hi/low unit to meet ADA side clearances per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 602)

Door 105A does not have proper ADA clear floor space on either side

- Option 1: Rotate Door 105A 180 degrees and relocate opening as close to Mech./Stor. as possible. The remaining clear floor space should be greater than the minimum 1'-0" clear on the Women's Restroom side per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 404)

Scratches and scuffs on walls (Image 015)

- Option 1: Prime and Paint entire interior
- Option 2: Remove damaged pieces and replace
- Option 3: Remove wood between base and bottom of window sill and replace with more durable finish.

Activity Room / Warming

Carpet needs to be patched or replaced (015)

- Option 1: Replace with like material
- Option 2: Replace with more durable finish; possibly track off carpet tile throughout, with care given to selecting color and pattern that will help hide spills and stains during events.

Scratches and scuffs on walls (especially at base) (Image 015)

- See notes above

Interior window sill damage (016)

- Option 1: Replace with like material
- Option 2: Replace with more durable finish –solid surface or otherwise

Kitchenette

Non-accessible surface

- Option 1: Remove base cabinet, sink and countertop. Replace with accessible height surface, low profile bowl and either provide apron in front of plumbing or insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606)
- All other issues with the kitchenette are secondary to the accessibility issue

Mechanical Room

Missing resilient base

- Option 1: Replace base to match existing

Broken door closer at door 104A

- Option 1: Replace closer

Men's Restroom

Lavatory ADA Compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)
- Option 2: Replace lavatory with new unit within ADA ranges

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Damaged stall door (Image 013)

- Option 1: Replace damaged door and latch
- Option 2: Replace latch only

No base cove (012)

- Option 1: Install coved base tile

Women's Restroom

Lavatory Cracked and ADA Compliance issues (Image 014)

- Option 1: Replace and relocate lavatory to within accessible range per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606) and insulate plumbing per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 606.6)

Soap dispenser ADA compliance issues (014)

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

Toilet Paper ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Relocate dispenser per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Figure 604.7)

Paper towel dispenser ADA compliance issues

- Option 1: Lower dispenser to within accessible reach ranges per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 308)

No base cove (012)

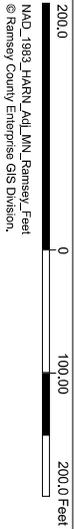
- Option 1: Install coved base tile

Tile staining at base (011)

- Option 1: Attempt to clean staining chemically
- Option 2: Replace affected tile

No ambulatory stall (1 minimum required per ADA)

- Option 1: Ambulatory stall must be provided per (2015 MN Accessibility Code Section 604.10). Current wall location and floor plan make this installation technically infeasible. It is the recommendation of this report that the city consult an architect prior to commencing any work on this structure.



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