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## Phalen - Keller Regional Park Master Plan

January 7, 2009 7:00 p.m.

### Design Task Force – Meeting One Minutes

In attendance:

#### Staff

Bryan Murphy  
Jody Martinez  
Kathy Korum  
Gary Korum  
Karin Misiewicz  
Nathan Johnson  
Mary Moore  
Mike Hahm  
Ken Wehrle – Ramsey County  
Greg Mack – Ramsey County

#### Task Force Members

George Johnson  
Mara Humphrey  
Rich Kramer  
Patti Sullivan  
Jonathan Carter  
Susan Bishop  
Deshaun Dunbar  
NaiVasha Hamilton  
Audra Robbins  
Rob Barbosa  
Beau Ku Vang

#### Task Force Members

(not present)  
Lucille Kleiter  
Candace Peterson  
Neil Franey  
District 5 - *Pending*  
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#### Others Present

Leslie McMurray  
Al Oertwig  
Joanna Dornfeld  
Rep. Tim Mahoney

Meeting began at 7:05.

Jody Martinez started with an introduction  
Around the table introductions of those present  
Master Plan purpose. Existing plan is nearly 35 years old  
Metropolitan Council 11-point Master Plan Requirements  
Roles of City and County

#### Task Force Responsibilities

##### Mission Statement:

*To provide recommendations and guidance to The City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County Departments of Parks and Recreation for the development of the Phalen – Keller Regional Park Master Plan, which fairly represents the needs and desires of each group the task force member represents, while also considering the needs of citizens of the greater Saint Paul region.*

Speak on behalf of respective group

Communicate meeting procedures to your constituents

Identify alternate representative in absence

Design Task Force Meetings are open to the public; conversations and voting will be limited to the task force members or their alternates

Please take a moment to fill out meeting evaluation form at the end of the night



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## Project

Design Process – will meet the 11-step Met council requirements

Inventory/Existing conditions

Analysis

Programming

Concepts

Reviews

Master Site Plan

Approvals

Park overview and orientation

## July community input meeting

What we like

What we don't like

Things we would like to see in the future

## Goals and Objectives

### Vision

*Phalen - Keller Regional Park continues to attract over a half-million visitors annually, making it one of the most visited Regional Parks in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Region. The Park and its facilities are Safe, Picturesque, Vibrant, and Healthy. People from local neighborhoods, as well as from across the region, participate in both active and passive activities throughout its nearly 750 acres. The Phalen - Keller Regional Park Master Plan was developed with strong public involvement and met the eleven-step requirement process for adoption by the Metropolitan Council.*

## Goals and Objectives

### **Improve traffic Circulation**

Improve crosswalks for pedestrians and bicyclists

Improve confusing dead-end road conditions

Provide sufficient parking in areas it is needed

Provide separation of bicycle and pedestrian trails

Minimize conflicts between vehicular circulation and pedestrians and bicyclists

Reduce barriers created by roads

*(We should emphasize pedestrians and bicyclists as the priority)*

### **Preserve valuable natural resources**

Control lake and stream shoreline erosion

Implement additional storm water control measures to minimize runoff

Encourage succession planting to retain valuable tree cover

Employ methods to retain a healthier turf system

Preserve and improve wildlife habitat

*(Expand greenspace)*

*(Systematic tree inventory)*  
*(Retain/improve water quality – Lake Phalen is the focus)*

### **Provide a sense of pride and stewardship**

Improve appearance of dated park facilities  
Replace damaged park amenities with durable products  
Promote use of under-utilized areas of the park  
*(Foster stewardship- through safety and volunteer activities)*  
*(Poetry garden is a good example of people taking ownership)*  
*(The appearance isn't the only thing about the facilities...The picnic pavilion could use improvement of amenities such as ovens)*  
*(Public Art could help)*  
*(Trail of art through Bruce Vento, East Side Heritage Park, Phalen, etc)*

### **Provide user comforts, safety, and security throughout the park**

Provide consistent lighting on roads and trails  
Retain sight lines within the park  
Consider installation of security call boxes and cameras  
Provide additional restrooms and drinking fountains  
*(More benches or sitting areas)*  
*(Vending machines with dog waste bags)*  
*(Are call boxes helpful? May be a misperception)*

### **Recapture a historical and cultural identity for the park**

Restore historic park features  
Provide new park facilities which meet the needs of a changing demographic of park users  
Establish park features which promote the diversity of the area  
*(Maybe need to rephrase/reword goal – Interpret?)*  
*(We could provide history boards in the buildings)*  
*(Interpretation through East Side Heritage Park, 3M site, Bruce Vento trail, and Phalen – trail of attractions)*

### **Promote an active lifestyle**

Modify shallow streams to promote water flow and allow passage of canoes and kayaks  
Provide durable athletic surfaces  
Separate walking and biking trails where possible to permit ease of user passage  
Strengthen the bike connection along Wheelock Parkway  
Provide additional trails/trail connections  
*(Emphasize use of canoes)*  
*(Promote rentals)*  
*(Provide canoe racks)*  
*(A running track)*  
*(Exercise stations)*

*(Ice fishing is popular)*  
*(Youth would like to try a sport/rental equipment)*  
*(Cross country skiing – Skate skiing is groomed but not classic skiing)*  
*(Web site needs to be better with publicizing activities)*

**Improve connections to adjacent parks, trails, and neighborhoods**

Provide directional and informational signage for connections to Bruce Vento Regional and Gateway State Trails  
Identify and improve gateways to surrounding neighborhoods  
Minimize barriers on water routes for canoes and kayaks  
*(Emphasize connections to State, Regional, and local trails)*  
*(Signage! – Look at Sara Clarks maps)*  
*(Skiing connection between Phalen and Keller)*

**Inventory**

**History**

Keller Lake inventory/Existing conditions

**Phalen/Round Trails Inventory**

*(There is no lighting on paths north of the 1-way drive)*

*(We should highlight the Karl Neid bridge)*

**Phalen/Round Roads Inventory**

*(The curb and gutter style on East Shore Drive in St. Paul is different than*

*Maplewood's. A consistent design would strengthen the park road appearance)*

*(Public Works has plans for 61 and Wheelock Parkway)*

*(No lighting by 61 and Phalen Drive)*

**Phalen/Round Environmental Features Inventory**

*(The beach isn't as popular as it once was)*

*(Parents are fearful of the safety of the little kids – an adjacent splash pad would be a great addition)*

**Next steps**

Site Analysis, Synthesis/Programming

PKMP DTF Meeting 2 – January 25, 2010 6:30, Phalen Golf Club House  
Will provide an email reminder

9:15 p.m. Adjourn