November 18, 2014
Victoria Park Design Advisory Committee

Department of Parks and Recreation Design Section
1) Welcome

2) Recap from Meeting #9 (December 3, 2013)

3) Project Updates

4) CIB Funding Request Ideas

5) Other Items
ACTIVE PARK
- Generally defined as area north of railroad tracks

PASSIVE PARK
- Generally defined as area south of railroad tracks
# Victoria Park

## Design Advisory Committee

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**November 18, 2014 - Meeting #10**

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Preliminary Park Phasing Plan

**Internal trail system**
Includes Shepard Road Overlook as well as trails down to Mississippi River
- Funding options: Remaining remediation funds and/or local trail connections from MnDNR.

**Construction of south side access road**
Includes construction of south side access road, parking lot and utility extensions.
- Funding options: Remaining remediation funds and/or CIB funds.
- Funding options: Tax increment financing.

**Picnic shelter/restrooms (north side)**
Includes design of water feature and overall grading plan. Design development must occur prior to construction of picnic shelter, restrooms, trails, multi-use athletic field, etc so final site elevations and any required utility infrastructure can be known.
- Funding options: Remaining remediation funds and/or CIB funds.

**Picnic shelter/restrooms (south side)**
- Funding options: Remaining remediation funds and/or CIB funds.

**Multi-use athletic field and related parking lot**
Includes pond re-construction as determined.
- Funding options: Remaining remediation funds and/or Clean Water Grant and/or Capitol Regions Watershed District, Cargill Foundation?

**Re-circulating water feature construction**
- Funding options: To be implemented by interest group.

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**Play area (north side)**
- Funding options: CIB funds.

**Play area (south side)**
- Funding options: CIB funds.

**Boardwalk/Amphitheater**
- Funding options: Outdoor recreation grant from MnDNR.

**Historic quarry/Interpretative opportunity**
- Funding options: CIB and/or public art!
- Funding options: MnDNR fishing pier grant. Legacy funds!

**Fishing pier/shoreline enhancements**
- Funding options: Federal Recreation Trail Program from MnDNR and/or National Park Service Alternative Transportation grant. Portion of Otse Avenue may be funded by tax increment financing. Legacy funds!

**External trail connections**
Includes trail connections along Montreal Avenue and Otto Avenue as well as connections to Crosby Farm.
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**Community gardens**
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**Bread oven**
- Funding options: Mississippi Market?

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**Ravine Bridge**
- Funding options: CIB funds.

**Bird habitat/Site Reforestation (ONGOING)**
- Funding options: Audubon Society and/or Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, others

**Mown turf open space**
- Funding options: Remaining remediation funds and/or CIB funds.

**Invasive plant management (ONGOING)**
- Funding options: Volunteer and/or neighborhood groups,

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Includes construction of south side access road, parking lot and utility extensions.
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**Funding options:**
Remaining remediation funds and/or explore funding options with Capitol Regions Watershed District.

**NOTE:** Construction of re-circulating water feature may have to move up in priority depending on detailed design development.
Phasing Plan Update

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**Phasing Plan Update**

- **Detail design development** includes design of water feature and overall grading plan. Design development must occur prior to construction of picnic shelter, restrooms, trails, multi-use athletic field, etc. so final site elevations and any required utility infrastructure can be known.

- **Soil Remediation** includes required topsoil, seeding for entire site. Funding options: Remaining remediation funds.

- **Free Fill** construction manager is looking for free fill to complete remediation on south side. Fill to be placed according to grading plan for south side of park.

- **Phasing Plan Update**

  - **Great River Greening (GRG)**
    - GRG approached Parks in June with Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) funding for seeding and tree planting on south side of park.
    - Parks has developed grading plan for south side of park.
    - Grading plan will be implemented as free fill identified.
    - Parks will develop a planting plan and GRG will plant trees.
    - GRG will develop seed mix and maintain site for 2 years.

  - **Mown turf open space**
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    - Legacy funds?

  - **Otto Avenue**
    - Contacted Public Works to discuss Otto Avenue improvements. Public Works reached out to FRF and waiting to hear back. Project anticipated to be funded by TIF.

  - **Stewart Street**
    - Construction anticipated to begin 2015. Funded by TIF.

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Option 1

- Historic Quarry/Interpretive Opportunity
- Combined Bike/Ped Asphalt Trail
- Soft-Surface Water Edge Trail
- Native Sedge Planting
- Recirculating Water Treatment Pond
- Native Prairie Planting
- Weir
- Existing Railroad Track
- Picnic Table with Barbeque Grill
- Bridge Location
- Exposed Limestone RR Embankment
- Combined Bike/Ped Asphalt Trail
- Existing Railroad Bridge
- Amphitheater/Outdoor Classroom
- Historic Quarry/Interpretive Opportunity
- Soft Surface Trail/Boardwalk
- Bird Blind
- Existing Wetland
- Moist Soil Cells
- Entry Plaza with Recirculating Water/Spray Features
- Community Garden Raised Beds
- Children's Play Area
- Restrooms
- Bread Oven
- Picnic Shelter (6-8 Tables)
- Multi-Use Athletic Field
  - Soccer
  - Lacrosse
  - Football
  - High School Baseball
- Open Water Wetland (Winter Ice Skating)
- Shrub Carr Wetland
- Boardwalk Seating Area
- North Picnic Area
- Existing Wetland
- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Football
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CIB Process

1) CIB proposals due January 16, 2015 - letters of support appreciated

2) Proposal presentations to CIB Committee in March-April 2015 - appreciate DAC and Fort Road Federation in attendance to present CIB request

3) CIB Committee makes recommendation - June 2015

4) Mayor approves CIB requests - August 2015
   - If approved, funding available in 2016

NEXT STEPS

Master Plan

1) Complete remediation

2) Re-group Design Advisory Committee once have balance on remediation funding - develop strategy for allocating remaining remediation money