

Comprehensive Park, Trail, & Open Space Plan Update – Focus Group Meeting

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Meeting Date: March 8, 2007

Present:

Marty Walsh	Carver County
Todd Hoffman	City of Chanhassen
Bob Lambert	City of Eden Prairie
Jane Kansier	City of Prior Lake
John Powell	City of Savage
Terry Schwalbe	LMRWD
Bob Piotrowski	Minnesota DNR
Mike Kinney	Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
Patricia Freeman	Scott County
Stan Ellison	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Jon McBroom	Shakopee School District
Paula Benusa	Shakopee Area Catholic Ed Center
Jonathan Vlaming	Three Rivers Park District
Beth Ullenberg	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Yvonne Anderson	YMCA of Metro Minneapolis
Mark Themig	City of Shakopee
Andrea Weber	City of Shakopee
Stuart Krahn	Bonestroo
Holly Reid	Bonestroo

Review from Meeting:

1. An overview of the comprehensive park, trail, and open space planning process was shared with the group. The group proceeded with introductions.
2. Individuals were given a questionnaire to fill out regarding their organizations current and future facility plans that lie within or contiguous to Shakopee or that may serve Shakopee residents. They also identified collaborative opportunities with the City regarding their plans and the biggest challenge their organization faces. The summary of their response are below:

Stan Ellison: Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community -

Current facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- o Powwow grounds used on a seasonal basis, draws approximately 17,000 people
- o Meadows at Mystic Golf Course
- o Natural Areas (not called parks) one next to YMCA property
- o Dakota Sports and Fitness includes 1 indoor Hockey Rink
- o Minor roadside trails on the reservation

- Manage burial sites at The Landing & Memorial Park
- Mystic Lake Casino/Hotel – serve Shakopee residents

Future facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- Trail Connection on Valley View Road extension
- Trail Connection – Prior lake Trail to Park & to South
- Extension of Dakota Parkway Trail to CSAH 42
- Working with DNR on state trail & burial site conflict
- Working with DNR & USFWS to identify cultural sites along river
- Possible ice sheet addition at Dakota Sports and Fitness
- Additional open space/natural areas along Valley View Road corridor

Biggest challenges:

- Managing development in an environmentally sensitive manner
- Limiting impacts from existing development (ie. Water quality)
- Establishing residential space for members

Patricia Freeman: Scott County-

Future facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- Scott Regional Trail- partially constructed today – will extend from Shakopee through Prior Lake to Cleary Lake Regional Park & planned to connect to Murphy Hanrehan
- Spring Lake Regional Trail search corridor – from Spring Lake to River
- Spring Lake Regional Park – small, passive archery range, dog park, day camp, lakeside, 300-person pavilion, not yet open to public
- County-wide (in the townships) natural resource areas/corridor planning initiative

Future Facilities outside of the mapped/aerial areas that may serve Shakopee residents:

- Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park
- Cedar Lake Regional Park – 300 acres
- Blakeley Bluffs Regional Park Reserve 2,000 acres
- Southern Scott Regional Trail
- State Trail Connection

Most important planned connection or facility/ collaborate with City:

- Scott Regional Trail connection through downtown Shakopee – biggest gap is along 78th + 17, trail will be constructed with road construction

Biggest challenge:

- Funding

Todd Hoffman: City of Chanhassen-

Current facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Southwest LRT Trail
- Raguet Wildlife Management Area
- Bluff Creek Golf Course (is likely to be developed in future)

Future facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Hwy 101 South upgrade
- Possible Seminary Preservation Project
- Study on 212, Trail will go with road construction

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- Hwy 101 South Trail Connection

Biggest challenge:

- Resistance to Change

Jon McBroom: Shakopee Schools

General

- 50-60 kids born per month in Shakopee
- Students growing 6%/year
- 0.4 children per new single family homes
- Space needs planning: 10 acres per school plus 1 acre for every 100 students

Future facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- CR78/CR79-District owns a 75 acre school site, construct in 2014?
- 2 schools opening fall 2007 – Sr. High will accommodate 1600 students
- 2009 –new elementary school along CR17 or NW of other CR78/CR79 site, need 20 acres with water and sewer

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- Recreation sites at each school
- Safe walking: sidewalks or trails to schools

Biggest challenge:

- Providing facility & programs to a growing student population

Paula Benusa: Shakopee Area Catholic Ed Center

Current facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- 1 baseball field
- 1 softball field

- Meeting rooms/School

Future facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- 2700 17th Ave
- 1 softball field
- 1 baseball field
- 10 acres next to school –possible future church

Biggest challenge:

- Need another gym
- Funding

Mike Kinnrey: PLSLWD

Current facilities:

- PLSLWD outlet channel and its associated easements may serve as a recreational/wildlife corridor between the City of Shakopee and Prior Lake as well as other possible trail corridors to the south

Future facilities:

- Continued plan refurbishment of the PLSLWD outlet channel – looking to expand channel easement from 75’ to 150’

Jonathan Vlaming: Three Rivers Park District

Current facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, 600,000 visits/year, supersized play structure, ski area, beach
- Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail – on rail bed, dead ends at Chaska at Hwy 212
- The Landing (formerly known as Murphy’s Landing) – 85 acre look to rent out for weddings and corporate events, relocating parking lot
- Cleary Lake Regional Park – 9 hole golf
- Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve 2,400 acres – semi-private backpack

Current facilities that may serve Shakopee outside of the map/aerial area:

- Carver Park Reserve – Victoria
- Lake Minnetonka Regional Park

Future facilities:

- Improvements to the Landing
- Dan Patch Regional Trail – towards river trail corridor, southern 1/3 of Hennepin County, railroad is currently active

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- The Landing – potential integration of the The Landing and the City Park adjacent on the west side

Biggest challenge:

- Integration with Local communities, especially development adjacent to parks

Marty Walsh: Carver County Parks

Future facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- TH 101 – Planned Regional Trail
- TH 41 – Planned Regional Trail

Future facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Southwest Regional Trail Connection
- Trail connection from Chaska to Victoria – linking the two SW LRT lines
- Southern LRT Line – Chanhassen to Hopkins
- Seminary Fen – Expansion to Southern LRT line

Most important planned connection or facility:

- Trail connections TH 101 & TH 41

Jane Kansier: City of Prior Lake

Current facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- The Ponds (athletic complex- adult)
- Prior Lake – 1200 acres managed by DNR
- Ryan Park (youth athletic complex)
- Lakefront Park (Community park/beach)
- Sand Point Park (Community park/beach/ boat access)
- Jeffers Pond Park (Trails) – start of watershed channel
- YMCA camp (private)
- The Wilds Golf Course (private)
- The Meadows at Mystic Golf Course (SMSC)

Future facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Pike Lake – within or contiguous to Shakopee
- Campbell Lake
- Spring Lake Park (athletic complex)
- Spring Lake Regional Park
- Regional Trail Connections (through Spring Lake Regional Park)

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- Trail connections along major roads and along Watershed District Channel
- Pike Lake, possible trail connections

Biggest challenge:

- Funding for parkland & facilities

Bob Pistrowski: MnDNR – Fort Snelling State Park

Current facilities within Shakopee:

- Minnesota Valley State Trail

Current facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- MN Valley State Trail- legislatively authorized from Ft. Snelling State Park to LeSeur, MN – 80 miles
- Minnesota Valley Recreation Area
- Campground at Lawrence Unit
- Near county fairground- Jordan

Future facilities within or contiguous to Shakopee:

- Continue development of Minnesota Valley State Trail from Shakopee to Memorial Park to old Bloomington Ferry Bridge new pedestrian crossing

Future facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Minnesota Valley Trail through past/around County Rd 101 corridor/ROW
- Quarry Campground upgrades

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- How to get around/by/through Murphy's Landing site with the Minnesota Valley Trail
- Minnesota Valley Trail operations as issues develop

Biggest challenge:

- Ongoing budget issues/development & maintenance costs

Yvonne Anderson: YMCA

Current facilities that may serve Shakopee

- YMCA Camp Kici yapi on Pike Lake Trail- This is program based which means participants must register to participate -3,500 campers/summer ages 4-12

Future Facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- YMCA recreational facility on the Shepherd's Path Location (County Road & McKenna Rd)- sits in Prior Lake City Limits
Facility will potentially have aquatic (warmer water) with fun features, fitness area including strength, cardio + studio, area for kids play potentially including 2 story climbing
- Shepherd's Path – 80 acre – including church, 150+ units of senior housing, YMCA, + other potential to still expand or include soccer dome

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- YMCA facility, program, & camps
- On the Shepherd's Path site there will be an open space (was DNR land) with potential walking trails in/near that open space

Biggest challenge:

- Need to fundraise

Beth Ullenberg: US Fish & Wildlife Service

Current Facilities

- Louisville swamp
- Bush trails along river near Valley Fair

Future Facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Rapids Lake Visitors Center – opens August

Terry Schwalbe: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

General

Support boat launches

Water quality has improved to the point where the river is fishable

Biggest challenge:

- Cleaning & maintaining river

John Powell: City of Savage

Current Facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Eagle Creek Trail
- McCall Trail
- Schroeder's Park – Large 20+ acre park
- Community Park & Environmental Learning Center
- Savage Fen

Future Facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- 13 and 101 Future trail connection

Biggest challenge:

- Murphy Hanrehan to downtown, need a stronger connection to the river, currently there are many industrial sites not willing to cooperate with recreational uses along river

Bob Lambert: City of Eden Prairie

Future Facilities that may serve Shakopee:

- Purgatory Creek will include soft surface trails
- Riley Creek
- Old Indian Road to 101 – working for public access to river – planned down to river, then west to 101 bridge on north side of river
- Old Riverview Road Trail planned but road fell into river
- Possible future ice rink at Community Center

Most important planned connection or facility/collaborate with City:

- Trail to Ferry Bridge – create a loop around River Valley from 169 to 101

3. Each representative presented their information and drew facilities and trail connections on one large map.

The above represents the author's understanding of items discussed and conclusions made. Please report any corrections/additions to Holly Reid at Bonestroo (651) 604-4807 before April 2, 2007.

End of Minutes