



To: Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item #: VI.A.

From: Ann Kattreh

Action

Discussion

Date: May 7, 2013

Information

Subject: PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed New Biking and Walking Path at Lake Edina Park,
4400 Parklawn Avenue

Action Requested:

Approve the plan to add a walking and biking path at Lake Edina Park from Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue.

Information / Background:

In 2012 the Family Resource Center and do.town hosted events and collected 60 signatures in support of a trail and playground at Lake Edina Park. The CIP budget includes \$85,000 in funding in 2013 for this trail. The trail will connect Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue and will provide a safe route to Cornelia School for kids living in the Parklawn neighborhood and a transportation route to connect neighborhood residents to the Centennial Lakes and Southdale areas. In 2011 the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) studied the Parklawn neighborhood; an Executive Summary is attached.

Parks and Recreation Department staff is currently working with the City of Edina Engineering and Public Works departments to apply for watershed district approval and to determine exact project specifications. If approved by the Council, staff will seek watershed district approval at the May 15 meeting.

Last fall soil borings were completed and a consultant was hired to determine the location of the pathway and complete a preliminary path layout and cost estimates. Staff determined that the remainder of the engineering and path construction could be done in-house by City staff. Preliminary estimates determined that the cost of the project will be approximately \$55,000. The proposed path is 10' wide and would accommodate both walkers and bikers. If approved, this project would be completed in late May or June, depending upon the weather.

The Park Board was asked to provide a “review and comment” on this project at the April 9 Park Board meeting. Park Board members were generally not in favor of this path at this time. Some concerns expressed were that there is a shorter route to school utilizing Oaklawn with easements required;

a playground may be needed in this park and planning should be done simultaneously; review requested by the Transportation Commission; long term planning needed regarding Fred Richards Golf Course; Nine Mile Creek Trail route in the neighborhood undecided; concern for golf balls getting hit in the area; and this park could be studied as part of our strategic plan this year. The draft minutes of this meeting are attached.

The Transportation Commission discussed this plan at the April 25 Transportation Commission meeting. Commissioners supported the path and have prepared a communication advisory for the City Council.

Attachments:

- A. do.town Petition
- B. do.town Updates – 10/10/12
- C. Parklawn Neighborhood Executive Summary
- D. Lake Edina Path Map
- E. Lake Edina Park Map
- F. Lake Edina Neighborhood Map
- G. Proposed Nine Mile Creek Trail Maps (2)
- H. April 9, 2013 Park Board Minutes
- I. Letter to Lake Edina Park Neighborhood
- J. Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment A



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A path through Lake Edina Park would provide a safe route to school for kids walking and biking to Cornelia Elementary. A playground would give kids a safe place to play and connect families in the Parklawn neighborhood. The Parklawn Neighborhood is one of the most dense, low-income and culturally diverse parts of Edina and there is no close place to play without crossing a major intersection. Adding a path and playground at Lake Edina will increase access to and equitable distribution of resources throughout the city.

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Sincerely,

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<u>Neil Skelly</u>	<u>Neil Skelly</u>	<u>4480 Parklawn Ave #305</u>
<u>Anna Berg</u>	<u>Anna Berg</u>	<u>4480 Parklawn Ave. #107</u>

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	Yasmin Hussain	4480 Parklawn Ave #211
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	NAE BAZINET	4456 W 76ST #202
	Rod Petersen	4480 Parklawn Ave
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Parklawn Path and Playground Letter

Greetings,

I am an Edina resident living in a single family residence on Lake Edina (Poppy Lane). I have a six-year old son who currently attends Cornelia Elementary school, and a three-year old son who will attend in a couple years. I would like to voice my family's strong support of a playground/path at Lake Edina Park.

This area of Edina is in severe need of a park for children to play. If we don't want to play at Cornelia (since the kids play there every day during school), then the closest parks we can find are at Roselawn Park and McGuire Park, which certainly are not within walking distance for us. It would be nice to have a park within walking/biking distance to allow my kids to release some energy and move their muscles. Additionally, we don't have sidewalks in our neighborhood, so the path might allow for some bicycle riding practice and exercise.

I work hard to teach my children good eating and exercise habits and a nearby park would help enforce those healthy habits through opportunities to run, play and move muscles. In addition, a nearby park would allow my children to broaden their horizons and friendships with children of other ethnicities, backgrounds and economic status in or near our neighborhood. Even the walk to and from the park would be good exercise and beneficial to helping build stronger, more integrated neighborhoods, where neighbors know each other because they see one another out walking.

Thank you for your time and continuous efforts to build a strong, safe and healthy environment for me and others like me to raise our children. I have nothing but great things to say about Edina and I think this would be yet another way for the city of Edina to show that it understands what is important in a community. Please let me know what I can do to help to keep this initiative moving forward.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Anna Berg and I'm writing in support of the Lake Edina Park Path and Playground. I would like this idea soundly placed in the city's 2013-2017 capital improvement budget. I am currently the Community Manager at Edina Park Apartments, a community of 79 apartments and a home for many children.

Lake Edina Park is located across the road from one of my buildings off of Parklawn Court and in close proximity to the other three buildings making up Edina Park Apartments.

I personally have no children of my own, but being the Community Manager here I am involved in the safety and well-being of the children in this community. Currently there is no space for the kids to safely play, walk, or bike. I find myself constantly reminding them to stay out of the parking lots and roads for safety reasons, and to be careful in the small grassy areas available due to the close proximity to the apartments, windows, patio doors etc. when they are playing soccer, baseball, or football.

Though Centennial Lakes is nearby, it is unrealistic and unsafe for the children to walk up there and cross France Avenue. Additionally, there are very few kid activities there, especially if the children's parents aren't able to attend with them.

As an apartment manager I am also having trouble keeping the kids out of the hallways. Because there is no safe place for them to gather, they are constantly kicking balls in the hallways, knocking on doors, and trying to find things to entertain themselves. Growing up, I was blessed with a large backyard and a place to run and play. Not only would these sidewalks and a park provide a place for children it would provide an outlet for them to exercise and socialize. The benefits of a park in this area would highly outweigh any negatives that may surface throughout this process.

This would be the perfect area to put in a Playground and Sidewalk simply for the fact that there is such a concentrated population in this area. Majority, if not all, of Parklawn Avenue is apartment buildings housing many children and families. I have heard many voices in support of this initiative and hope that it is considered very seriously, and eventually approved. I would like to see the many kids growing up in apartments be able to have a place to walk safely to school with their friends, as well as a place to run around and socialize.

Thank you for your consideration, time, and attention to this matter. I am excited to be involved and become a strong voice in support for Edina Park Apartments.

Thank you,

Anna Berg

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Edina Park Apartments

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Letter from Katie to give the council some context

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council,

Earlier this summer Carrie Cabe with the Edina Resource Center organized a "Meet on the Sidewalk" event in the Parklawn neighborhood at Lake Edina Park. Community members from the nearby area came with their children to meet their neighbors and get information about Parks and Recreation, **do.town**, a summer reading program, community organizations, Edina Public Schools, Edina Community Education, Edina City Staff Members and city officials. This meeting stemmed a conversation between all attendees about the possibility of a playground being added to the Lake Edina Park.

As a part of the effort to gain momentum for the playground **do.town** met with three different property managers in the Parklawn Neighborhood including Highland Properties, Premier Properties and the Goodman Group. In each instance we worked with the property managers to connect up with their residents from around 407 units to sign a petition and encourage interested parties to write a letter. I spent three different days tabling and talking to Parklawn residents about their thoughts on adding a playground to the nearby Lake Edina Park.

What was so powerful of from the conversations with the property managers and 62 residents that signed the petition was the common themes that surfaced. The first theme was that there is currently no safe place for the neighborhood children to play. Often times children play in the street or the land abutting the street. One mom said she sometimes doesn't let her son play outside with his friends because she feels it is unsafe. While tabling outside the Edina Villas Apartment last week, I saw many children including small children walking or playing in the street on Parklawn Ct, a high traffic cul-de-sac adjacent from Lake Edina Park. The second theme was there is no other park close by to get to without crossing a busy intersection or driving. Right now children must cross France Avenue to get to Centennial Lakes, even then there aren't many amenities targeted at children. A handful of moms said they usually drove to another park in Edina to play with their children. Other parents on several occasions noted they didn't feel comfortable driving or didn't have access to a vehicle. The third theme was a playground would create a central meeting place for children, parents and neighbors. Right now children from the multiple units play in the streets, yards and hallways, but a neighborhood playground would provide a sense of social connectedness and cohesion for the Parklawn neighborhood. One neighbor suggested it would be nice to meet other parents or maybe even have a picnic area. During my tabling often times neighbors would be meeting each other for the first time and it was pretty powerful to see them connecting over a shared vision of a playground at Lake Edina Park.

The Bloomington, Edina and Richfield Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) conducted an assessment of the Parklawn neighborhood in December of 2011. The following data has been taken from that report to provide a broader understand of the value of a playground at Lake Edina Park. The Parklawn neighborhood is located within the 240.03 Census Tract. The population of this tract is 4,401 persons. This tract is the most racially and ethnically diverse in Edina with populations of color making up 36.7% of the total population. Among all schools in Edina, Cornelia has the highest percentage (21%) of students enrolled in free or reduced price lunch and has the highest percentage of students that are from populations of color (36%). From the focus groups they conducted during the assessment, two bullet points stood out as critical to the importance of a playground in Lake Edina park:

- Barriers to physical activity identified by participants included: affordability, lack of time, lack of childcare, lack of transportation, inclement weather, and safety concerns.
- Lake Edina Park, near the Fred Richards Golf Course, is an open space that many of the children, parents, school staff, program directors, and apartment complex managers mentioned as a desirable location for a park with amenities.

I just want to leave you with one final observation about the lack of playground at Lake Edina Park. Of the 35 neighborhood parks listed on the City of Edina website only 10 don't have playground equipment and only 5 don't have any park amenities including playground equipment, basketball court, baseball fields, tennis courts, hockey arena or gazebo. Those five neighborhood parks include Frank Tupa Park, Williams Park, Melody Lake Park,

Browndale Park and Lake Edina Park. Additionally of those 5 parks without amenities the Frank Tupa Park houses the Old Cahill School house, Williams Park is very near Wooddale Park with multiple amenities, Melody Lake Park surrounds a lake and Browndale park located on Nine Mile Creek. This means one of the most dense, most diverse neighborhoods in Edina with many young families and small children is the only park in the city to not have any amenities or recreation purpose.

Given the information provided above **do.town** believes the City of Edina should include a Playground at Lake Edina Park into the 2013-2007 CIP tomorrow as a broader vision to provide opportunities for families from all neighborhoods to be active and healthier.

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PROJECT UPDATES – BLOOMINGTON

BUILDING THE BASE

- Outreach to groups and residents, building and expanding our network, uncover potential PSE change ideas and future needs, and find support for City Council approved SHIP priorities
 - Bike Friendly Assessment Group
 - Alternative Transportation Plan – Group members
 - City Staff and Departments
 - Bloomington Residents
 - Local Businesses (REI, QBP, Erik's, Major Hubs)
 - Citizen Groups
 - Service Organizations (VEAP)
 - Figure Skating Club
- Attending events
 - Bloomington Farmers Market (active Living Day)
 - Heritage Day
 - Kennedy High School Business Class
 - Community Garden Workshop
 - Bloomington Plotters Council

SCHOOLS

- **Safe Routes to School**
 - Walk to School day, do.town drove walking audits with parents and students as a critical component of this day
 - One walking audit to date at Poplar Bridge was completed
- **Food in School**
 - Working with SHIP and a Bloomington Kennedy High School Business class to promote a healthy a la carte menu option during lunch.

COMMUNITY – HEALTHY EATING

- **Concessions**
 - Working with BIG management and Bloomington Amateur Hockey Association Concession manager Matt Leuma to create a healthy concession survey for frequent users of the concession stand.
 - Attending a Figure Skating Club around Halloween to interact with parents.

- **Community Gardens**
 - Continue work with community gardeners at both Smith and Harrison Parks to help create an oversight committee to build community between both the gardeners and the surrounding neighborhood. We hosted our first Plotters Council meeting and are working with Jim Urie to build some of those changes into next year.
 - Looking to partner more closely with VEAP as well.

COMMUNITY – ACTIVE LIVING

- **Complete Streets** – Leveraging walking audits to get citizens engaged in creating complete streets
- **Bicycle Rack Cost Sharing Program**
 - Posted a dotownideas.org question about where bike racks are needed
 - Working with commuter services to distribute free bike racks to businesses and organizations in Bloomington
- **Local Parks and Trails**
 - Captured ideas about how to improve the local parks on a chalkboard at REI
 - Met with employees of REI at a staff meeting

PROJECT UPDATES - EDINA

Living Streets

- **do.town** is generating letters in support of the Franchise Fee that will build a fund for future pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvement projects, creating a more walkable and bikeable community.
- The franchise fee was approved at the Oct. 16 City Council meeting
- **do.town** will be working on ways to build awareness of what a Living Street vision is and getting residents on board with the future direction of the city

School Food Environment

- Food in school parents, along with **do.town** staff, are setting up meetings with school board members to educate them on their position relating to the school lunch program
- New school district staff, Randy Smasal, is running the district wellness committee and is supportive of having more involvement from parents in making decisions about food in schools. Step one is to have an evening meeting that will open access for more parents attend.

- Edina Community Health Committee will follow up with the Edina School Board in support of a healthier school food environment

Safe Routes to School

- Creek Valley, Concord, Highlands and Cornelia Elementary all participated in Oct. 3 walk to school day. The Mayor and City Council members who were available went to a school to greet and encourage the students.

Bicycle Rack Cost Sharing

- *do.town* recently discovered that Commuter Services has 19 free bicycle racks to give away to businesses in Edina, Bloomington and Richfield. These are starter racks with 6 parking spots and need to be bolted to the concrete.
- *do.town* will use this as an entrée to businesses to open the discussion of about a bicycle rack cost sharing program in the three cities.

Community Gardens

- *do.town* is meeting with the Southdale YMCA to talk about their involvement with a pilot community garden at Yorktown Park. In a recent email conversation, Executive Director Greg Hanks said his Membership Service Director recently brought up this possibility to him and there are a number of Ys picking up on the concept and it may be great for a shared project.
- Edina Community Health Committee voted to recommend a pilot community garden at Yorktown Park, North of the Southdale YMCA.

Parklawn - Lake Edina Park

- *do.town* collected 60 signatures from residents in support of a Playground and a Path at Lake Edina Park and generated two letters in support
- The City included funding for the Lake Edina Park path in the Community Investment Plan (CIP) but not for the
- At the CIP work session, the City Council decided to amend that decision and fund \$30,000 in 2013 to create a plan for a Lake Edina Park playground and budget construction costs for future years. With a draft plan in hand by 2013, the city will be able to pursue both grant and private funding to help supplement the cost of construction

Healthy Concessions

- *do.town* is working with the Braemar Arena to survey their users about the kinds of healthier options they would like to see at their concession stands

PROJECT UPDATES - RICHFIELD

SCHOOLS

- **Safe Routes to School:**
 - City and School District developing a Safe Routes to School Plan, supported by SHIP funds. **do.town** staff will help with public engagement.
 - **do.town** attended back to school nights at (RDLS, STEM, Richfield Middle School)
 - Bike/Walk to school day – **do.town** drove walking audits with parents and students.
 - One walking audit to date at STEM was completed and a letter returned to school and city officials

COMMUNITY – HEALTHY EATING

- **Community Gardens**
 - **do.town** staff is working with the city and community members to identify potential location(s) for community gardens within the Richfield city limits
 - **do.town** provided outreach strategies at SHIP's community garden workshop. Will have follow-up meetings with interested Richfield Community Gardens on reaching out to their community.
- **Farmers Markets**
 - Lyndale Gardens is planning a December market and **do.town** staff will reach out to participate in driving people to this event
- **Concessions**
 - Continued outreach to concession managers at local facilities to help survey frequent users about what healthy option they would buy and eat.
 - We have developed a survey with Manager Brandon Klement and have begun outreach to the Richfield Hockey Association.

COMMUNITY – ACTIVE LIVING

- **Walking Audits** – Currently in the planning phase with the Richfield Optimists, Rotarians and Village Shores Senior Center

- **Bicycle Master Plan**
 - do.town hosted a supper club for residents interested in participating in a bicycle task force that would be sanctioned by the city and hold a nonvoting seat on the Transportation Commission
 - The Transportation Commission was scheduled to affirm this group at the October meeting – with the cancellation of that meeting, this item will move to the November agenda

- **Complete Streets** –do.town staff identifying community support for a complete streets policy
 - As in Edina, all Walking Audits will be followed by letters of support to Transportation Commission and City Council for the passage of Complete Streets in Richfield.

Attachment C

Parklawn Neighborhood Assessment Executive Summary December 2011

Background

The Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Community Leadership Team, identified the Parklawn neighborhood located in the city of Edina, MN as an area in which to conduct an assessment. The Parklawn neighborhood was identified based on anecdotal information that this area of Edina is racially and ethnically diverse and lower income compared to other parts of the city. In addition, the area is in close proximity to the new Centennial Lakes Farmers Market. Researchers from the Minnesota Institute of Public Health (MIPH), an independent agency working with the Bloomington Public Health, conducted the neighborhood assessment to determine the accessibility and potential barriers to physical activity and access to nutritious foods.

Methods

This area of interest was defined using the following parameters:

- 70th Street on the north;
- France Avenue on the east;
- 76th Street on the south; and
- Fred Richards Golf Course and Westshore Drive on the west (*see map on page 4*).

The Parklawn neighborhood Assessment was completed using a variety of methodologies including an environmental scan, local data review, key informant interviews and focus groups. The environmental scan of the neighborhood identified nearby locations of fitness facilities, grocery stores, farmers markets, apartment complexes, parks and schools and accessibility to these facilities. Census 2010 demographic information and school enrollment numbers comprised the local data review. Initial interviews with Parklawn area property managers, residents and key members of the community led MIPH staff to plan key informant interviews and focus groups with the following populations:

- Somali and Southeast Indian residents
- Senior citizen residents
- Parents of school age children that attend Cornelia Elementary School
- Students at Cornelia Elementary School

Key informants and focus group participants were asked questions regarding 1) the availability and accessibility to healthy, affordable food in the Parklawn neighborhood and 2) opportunities to be physically active and the ease at which this is accomplished in the Parklawn neighborhood. Key informant interviews were conducted with 15 persons from or familiar with the Parklawn neighborhood. Four focus groups were conducted with senior citizens, Southeastern Indian families and students at Cornelia Elementary Schools. Three phone interviews were conducted with Somali parents in the neighborhood using an interpreter to gain the same information as obtained in the focus groups.

Learnings from Parklawn Neighborhood Assessment

Learnings from the Environmental Scan

An environmental scan and inventory was used to identify and analyze food access and available opportunities for physical activity. Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping, review of demographic census and school enrollment data comprised the scan. Results of the scan showed the following:

- The 2010 Edina population was 47,941. Racially, Edina's population is primarily White (88%) and ethnically, 2.3% of the population reported their ethnicity as Latino (United States Census Bureau, 2010).
- The Parklawn neighborhood is located within the 240.03 Census Tract. The population of this tract is 4,401 persons. This tract is the most racially and ethnically diverse in Edina with populations of color making up 36.7% of the total population. Eighteen percent of the population lives under 200% of the Federal Poverty level, the second highest percentage of all census tracts in Edina.
- One school, Cornelia Elementary School, serves a high number of children who reside in the Parklawn neighborhood. Among all schools in Edina, Cornelia has the highest percentage (21%) of students enrolled in free or reduced price lunch and has the highest percentage of students that are from populations of color (36%).
- The Parklawn neighborhood map (*see map on page 4*) was developed using GIS software. The map illustrates locations of parks, fitness centers, bicycle trails, the farmers market, grocery stores, schools, and healthcare clinics, along with public safety features such as streets with sidewalks, crosswalks, stoplights, and transit stops. The map shows two grocery stores, the Edina farmers market, the YMCA and Centennial Lakes Park near the Parklawn neighborhood, though it is required to cross France Avenue to access these amenities. Additionally, it is required to cross 76th street to access a nearby LA Fitness.

Learnings regarding the availability and accessibility to healthy, affordable food

Questions were asked about the availability and accessibility of healthy, affordable food for Parklawn residents. They were asked where they typically shop for healthy foods and about barriers to purchasing healthy foods. Results yielded the following information:

- There are an adequate amount of food stores from which an individual could purchase fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods, located in the Parklawn neighborhood. There are two large grocery stores and a summer farmers market within ½ mile of the Parklawn neighborhood from which residents could purchase fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods.
- Regarding access to grocery stores and farmers markets, most felt that there were safe, adequate routes to and from stores and markets. Many of those of Somali descent shop at the Halal stores in Minneapolis, MN. Halal grocery stores carry foods specific to the Islamic diet, such as goat and lamb meat.

- Some traditional diets of New Americans may not include a variety of foods, particularly fruits and vegetables. For example, two key informants remarked that the Somali traditional diet is heavy in foods such as meat, rice and pasta.
- Key informant interviewees revealed that the challenges related to healthy eating were strongly dependent upon income levels, employment options, family size, and the location of residence in the Parklawn neighborhood.

Learnings about opportunities to be physically active

Focus group participants and key informants were asked about the opportunities to be physically active and the ease at which this is accomplished in the Parklawn neighborhood. Questions were also asked about current and missing infrastructure to support physical activity and safe routes in the neighborhood. Results yielded the following information:

- There is a wide selection of physical activity and recreational opportunities available near the Parklawn neighborhood. This is confirmed in the environmental scan results showing nearby locations of LA fitness, Centennial Lakes Park and Lake Edina Park. Opportunities mentioned by focus group participants and interviewees include exercise equipment, exercise classes and/or onsite swimming pools, fitness centers and recreational areas.
- Limited public transportation in Edina, usually requiring a transfer, along with busy streets lacking safe walk/bikeways were mentioned as barriers to accessing some sites for physical activity by some focus group participants and key informants. Most students are driven to and from school by their parents.
- It is common for senior citizens from this neighborhood to use the walking path around Centennial Lakes or the nearby YMCA.
- Numerous students from the Cornelia School focus groups reported safety as a concern for walking to school due to a limited number of adequate safe sidewalks to school.
- Barriers to physical activity identified by participants included: affordability, lack of time, lack of childcare, lack of transportation, inclement weather, and safety concerns.
- Lake Edina Park, near the Fred Richards Golf Course, is an open space that many of the children, parents, school staff, program directors, and apartment complex managers mentioned as a desirable location for a park with amenities.
- One key informant noted many Somali families in the Parklawn neighborhood were struggling and that physical activity is difficult due to economic barriers, cultural differences such as not being able to exercise in front of a man if you are a woman, limited transportation and language barriers and necessity of a translator in some cases.

Summary

The Parklawn neighborhood assessment was completed to determine the accessibility and potential barriers to physical activity and access to nutritious foods. It is anticipated that the Community Leadership Team members of the Statewide Health Improvement Program will utilize these findings to better understand the neighborhood and develop recommendations as needed. Leadership Team members are encouraged to share this information with other groups in Edina to assist in future planning in the City.

Ann Kattreh

From: Sprague, Josh <joshsprague@edinarealty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 11:03 AM
To: Ann Kattreh
Subject: FW: Playground at Lake Edina Park - do.town observations
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From: Edina Mail [mailto:mail@EdinaMN.gov]
Received: Tuesday, 02 Oct 2012, 10:26am
Subject: FW: Playground at Lake Edina Park - do.town observations

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and all members of the City Council.

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From: Katie Meyer [mailto:katie@do-town.org]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 7:32 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Playground at Lake Edina Park - do.town observations

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council,

Earlier this summer Carrie Cabe with the Edina Resource Center organized a "Meet on the Sidewalk" event in the Parklawn neighborhood at Lake Edina Park. Community members from the nearby area came with their children to meet their neighbors and get information about Parks and Recreation, do.town, a summer reading program, community organizations, Edina Public Schools, Edina Community Education, Edina City Staff Members and city officials. This meeting stemmed a conversation between all attendees about the possibility of a playground being added to the Lake Edina Park.

As a part of the effort to gain momentum for the playground do.town met with three different property managers in the Parklawn Neighborhood including Highland Properties, Premier Properties and the Goodman Group. In each instance we worked with the property managers to connect up with their residents from around 407 units to sign a petition and encourage interested parties to write a letter. I spent three different days tabling and talking to Parklawn residents about their thoughts on adding a playground to the nearby Lake Edina Park.

What was so powerful of from the conversations with the property managers and 62 residents that signed the petition was the common themes that surfaced. The first theme was that there is currently no safe place for the neighborhood children to play. Often times children play in the street or the land abutting the street. One mom said she sometimes doesn't let her son play outside with his friends because she feels it is unsafe. While tabling outside the Edina Villas Apartment last week, I saw many children including small children walking or playing in the street on Parklawn Ct, a high traffic cul-de-sac adjacent from Lake Edina Park. The second theme was there is no other park close by to get to without crossing a busy intersection or driving. Right now children must cross France Avenue to get to Centennial Lakes, even then there aren't many amenities targeted at children. A handful of moms said they usually drove to another park in Edina to play with their children. Other parents on several occasions noted they didn't feel comfortable driving or didn't have access to a vehicle. The third theme was a playground would create a central meeting place for children, parents and neighbors. Right now children from the multiple units play in the streets, yards and hallways, but a neighborhood playground would provide a sense of social connectedness and cohesion for the Parklawn neighborhood. One neighbor suggested it would be nice to meet other parents or maybe even have a picnic area. During my tabling often times neighbors would be meeting each other for the first time and it was pretty powerful to see them connecting over a shared vision of a playground at Lake Edina Park.

The Bloomington, Edina and Richfield Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) conducted an assessment of the Parklawn neighborhood in December of 2011. The following data has been taken from that report to provide a broader understand of the value of a playground at Lake Edina Park. The Parklawn neighborhood is located within the 240.03 Census Tract. The population of this tract is 4,401 persons. This tract is the most racially and ethnically diverse in Edina with populations of color making up 36.7% of the total population. Among all schools in Edina, Cornelia has the highest percentage (21%) of students enrolled in free or reduced price lunch and has the highest percentage of students that are from populations of color (36%). From the focus groups they conducted during the assessment, two bullet points stood out as critical to the importance of a playground in Lake Edina park:

* Barriers to physical activity identified by participants included: affordability, lack of time, lack of childcare, lack of transportation, inclement weather, and safety concerns.

* Lake Edina Park, near the Fred Richards Golf Course, is an open space that many of the children, parents, school staff, program directors, and apartment complex managers mentioned as a desirable location for a park with amenities.

I just want to leave you with one final observation about the lack of playground at Lake Edina Park. Of the 35 neighborhood parks listed on the City of Edina website only 10 don't have playground equipment and only 5 don't have any park amenities including

playground equipment, basketball court, baseball fields, tennis courts, hockey arena or gazebo. Those five neighborhood parks include Frank Tupa Park, Williams Park, Melody Lake Park, Browndale Park and Lake Edina Park. Additionally of those 5 parks without amenities the Frank Tupa Park houses the Old Cahill School house, Williams Park is very near Wooddale Park with multiple amenities, Melody Lake Park surrounds a lake and Browndale park located on Nine Mile Creek. This means one of the most dense, most diverse neighborhoods in Edina with many young families and small children is the only park in the city to not have any amenities or recreation purpose.

Given the information provided above do.town believes the City of Edina should include a Playground at Lake Edina Park into the 2013-2007 CIP tomorrow as a broader vision to provide opportunities for families from all neighborhoods to be active and healthier.

KATIE MEYER

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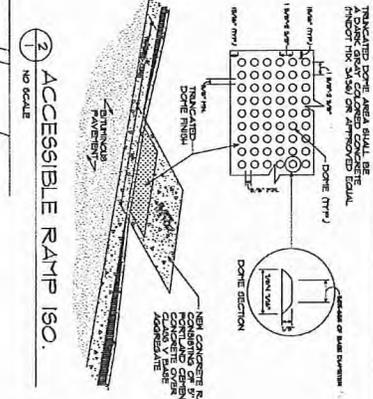
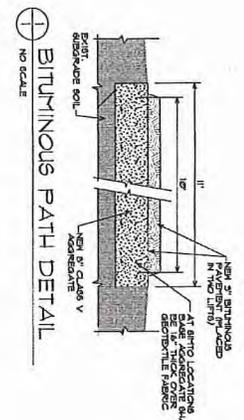
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GENERAL NOTES:

1. LOCATIONS AND USES OF ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. VERIFY ALL UTILITIES CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF ANY DAMAGED UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. ALL UTILITIES TO BE RELOCATED FOR LOCATION AND PROTECTING ALL THE UTILITIES. INCLUDING:
2. PRIVATE UTILITIES
3. ALL CONSTRUCTION MUST COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ORDINANCES.
4. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND PAY FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION STAKES.
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6. ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS AND RESTORE ALL DAMAGED AREAS, INCLUDING PAVEMENT, LANDSCAPING, AND LAWN AREAS TO ORIGINAL CONDITION.
7. RESTORATION OF PERIMETER LAWN AREAS TO INCLUDE BLACK DIRT AND 100 UNITS.

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FOR REVIEWAL ONLY**



GENERAL PROJECT NOTES:

1. Verify measurements and conditions on the project.
2. Review specifications for materials to be shown on drawings.
3. Review project specifications for additional details not shown on drawings.
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6. Review project specifications for additional details not shown on drawings.
7. Conditions on sheet for employees or other persons at the work site.

GENERAL DETAIL NOTES:

1. Standard portion of key and site plan represent existing buildings.

DETAIL SYMBOLS:

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**NEW PAVED PATH
LAKE EDINA PARK
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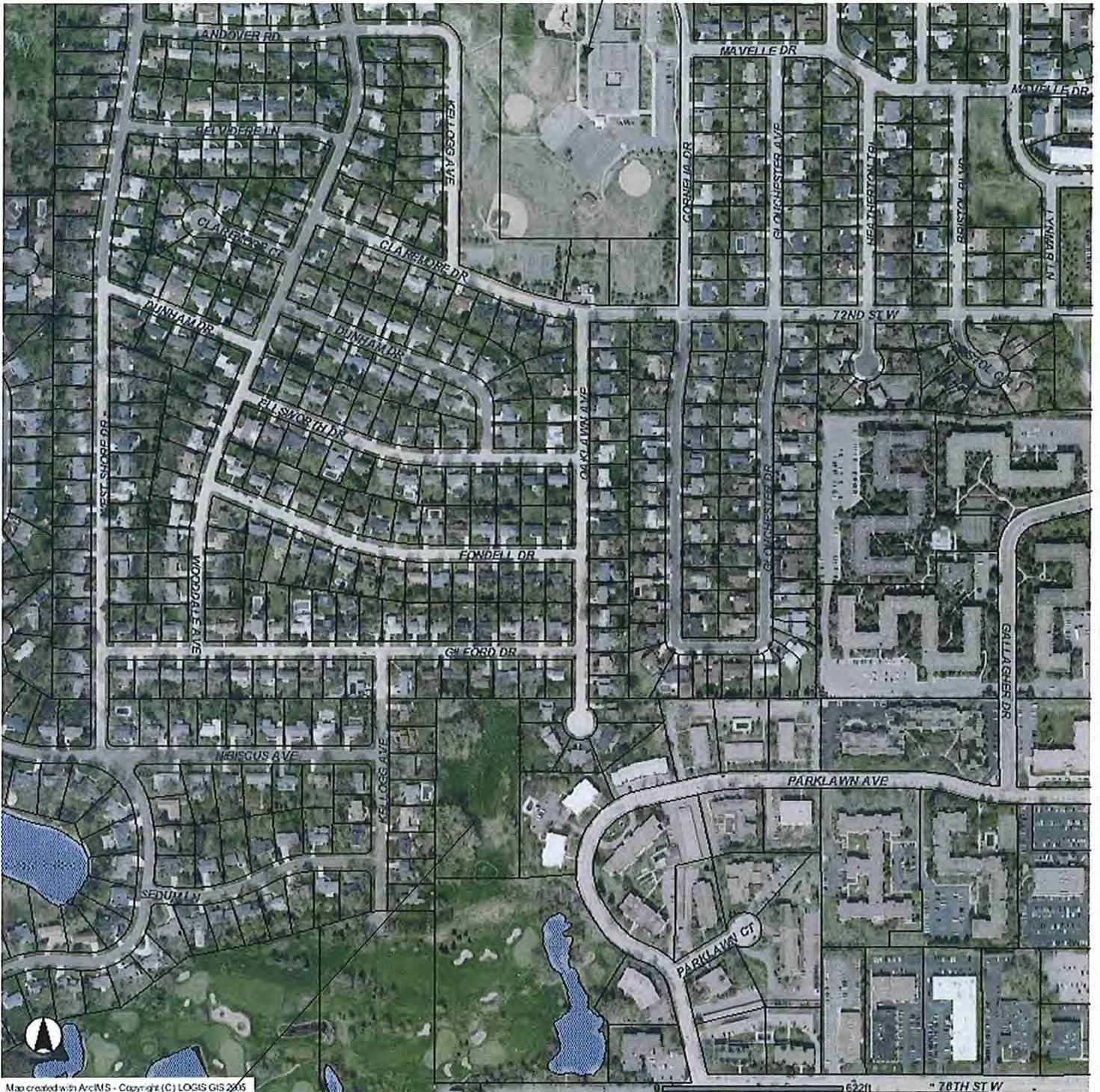
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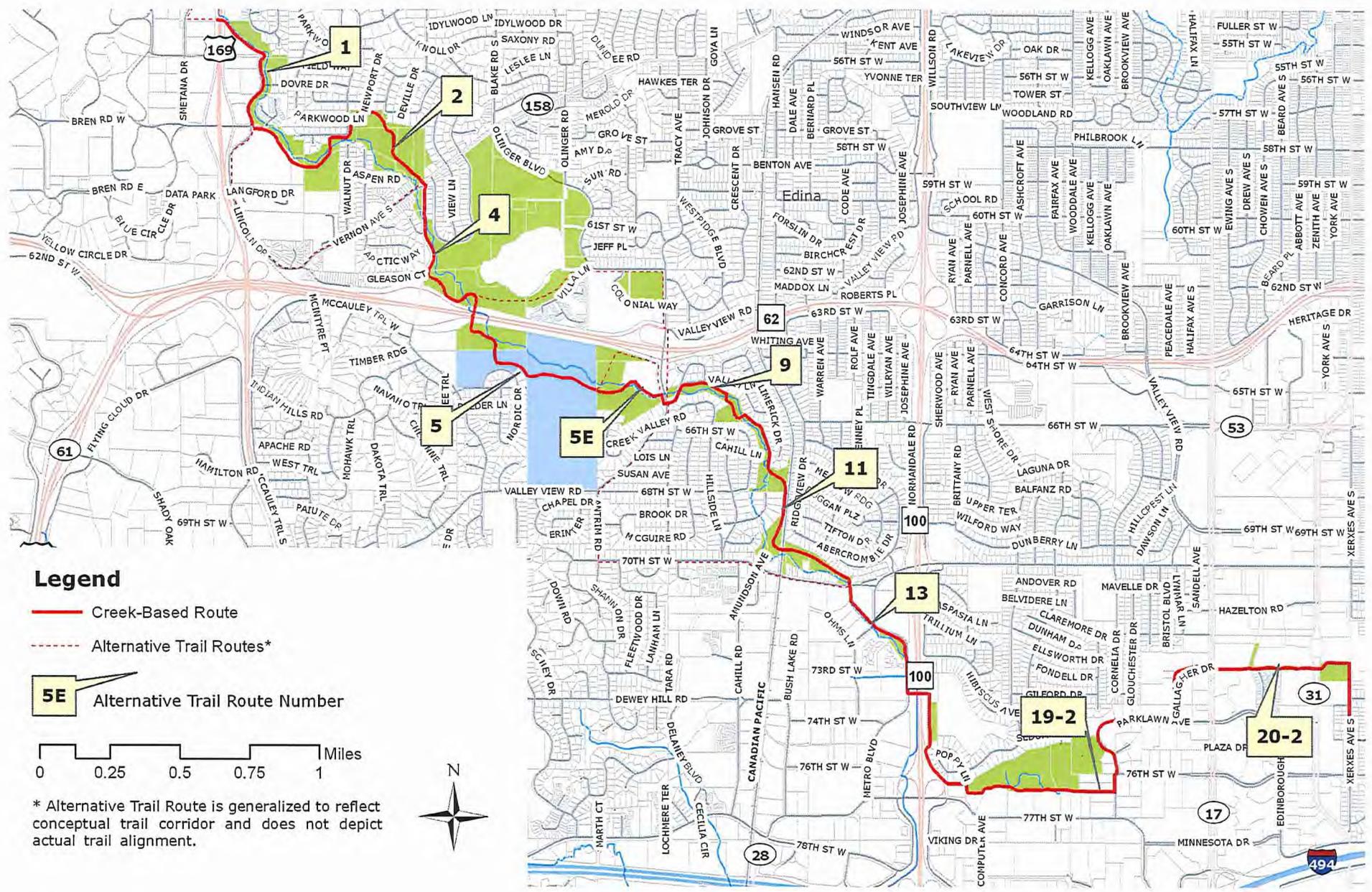


Lake Edina Park

Cornelia School



Lake Edina Park



Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: City of Edina

Creek-based Route

This GIS Data is provided "as is" without warranty of any representation of accuracy, timeliness, or completeness. The user acknowledges and accepts the limitations of the Data, including the fact that the Data is dynamic and is in a constant state of maintenance, correction, and update.

Map prepared by Three Rivers Park District
 Planning Section - KKG
 06-2010

Attachment H

**MINUTES - DRAFT
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA PARK BOARD
HELD AT CITY HALL
April 9, 2013
7:00 PM**

I. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

VI.A. Lake Edina Path Review and Comment

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that do.town was very instrumental in getting the Lake Edina Pathway on the work plan for this year and a primary main goal of the pathway is to provide a safe route for the kids who live in the Parklawn neighborhood to get them to Cornelia School. Ms. Kattreh showed a map of where the proposed pathway would be located. She also showed a map of the configuration of the Nine Mile Creek Trail that will be going through that neighborhood within the next few years so the Park Board could also see how that could potentially impact or tie into that project.

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board the City Council is very interested in hearing their thoughts about the proposed path and added that the City Council will host a public hearing at their May 7 meeting and added that she will send out the public hearing notice for the City Council meeting. She indicated they had originally planned to have the public hearing at the Park Board meeting; however, Chair Steel had a great recommendation to hold the public hearing at the City Council meeting since it was the City Council's decision to approve or disapprove of the project.

Member Gieseke asked what is the land like that is listed as #24 and is that city land? Ms. Kattreh replied that it is part of Lake Edina Park and it is not great land. It is actually fairly low and during periods of a lot of rain it is a very peat type soil and it does get pretty spongy.

Member Gieseke commented that overall he likes the plan; however, it is a roundabout way to get there and asked if there has been any consideration to cut through to Oaklawn Avenue because the cul-de-sac that is there looks like it would be a straight shot and would be quite a bit closer. Ms. Kattreh replied that is an interesting option that they could consider; however, they would need to get an easement from a couple of property owners but it is certainly something they could consider. Member Jones noted that was exactly her thought when she looked at the map because kids are going to try to walk the shortest way possible. The path is much longer than this shortcut could be and asked if they could request that the city look into this first. Ms. Kattreh replied absolutely and indicated she would be more than happy to make that comment to the City Council. Member Deeds commented there may already be a path there knowing elementary students because they are probably already walking that way if it's the shortest distance.

Member Cella asked if there is any plan in the future to have any sort of playground equipment in Lake Edina Park. Ms. Kattreh replied they really wanted them to include that in this plan this year but she recommended against it because of the discussions with the use of the Fred Richards Golf Course right now and with the strategic plan they are going through and felt it was not a good time to put a playground in that area.

Member Jones asked if the Transportation Advisory Board has reviewed this as a safe route to school to which Ms. Kattreh replied that they have not, but this plan was actually completed through the City's Engineering Department. She added they did hire a consultant because it was given to them at

such a late date last year that the Engineering Department did not have an opportunity to do the plan internally; however, they did supervise the project as far as the design so they are familiar with it. Member Jones asked if it has gone through the Bike Edina master plan and is curious if this has been integrated in the "Living Streets Master Plan" to which Ms. Kattreh replied she was unsure. Member Jones asked if this could be sent to those other committees to weigh in on because it looks like a path to kind of nowhere right now and if it is decided there is not going to be a playground after they are done with the strategic plan then it seems silly to build a path right there to which Ms. Kattreh replied that is good advice.

Member Segreto indicated in looking at the different ways to get to the school she is not convinced this is really safer than what the children are doing right now and not being a route expert she questions that. She stated from a long-term planning perspective it remains to be seen what might be done with the Fred Richards Golf Course and in effect by putting this bike path in they are bisecting two contiguous parcels and so from a long-term real estate perspective it sort of is like you are breaking apart two parcels; it's not a whole lot of money going into improvements but it is still separating the two parcels. She indicated she did not know this was a park until she received this and went to look at the route and was struck by the house at 7505 Kellogg Avenue because this would in effect go right by their side lot. If they were to do this she would like to at least give some consideration to shielding that house visually from the traffic going by. She indicated that she knows this came out of a do.town initiative but feels unless this is really solving a safety issue for the children she doesn't understand why they should be considering it at this time.

Member Jones commented in looking at the map of Nine Mile Creek they really should try to figure out how that is going to meander through this neighborhood and whether the best place might be inside the park property and if that is the case then Three Rivers might pay for a path inside this park. She asked Ms. Kattreh when they will find out more about Nine Mile Creek to which Ms. Kattreh replied she is planning to have a meeting with the Nine Mile Creek folks sometime within the next month or two where she will get the very latest in terms of updates from them and will then report back to the Park Board.

Member Segreto asked where to the children play, do they go up to Cornelia School to which Ms. Kattreh replied yes.

Member Jones noted that she totally agrees there should be a playground in this area for these kids because Cornelia School is a long way to go and this is a dense population; however, she is not sure if this is the appropriate place especially if there is still a golf course where kids might get hit by golf balls. She thinks they need to figure that out before they put in a path. Ms. Kattreh pointed out that she did contact their insurance company because she was also concerned about that. There is one house that has been very vocal in the past about the concern of golf balls coming into their yard or other people's yards and those types of things. She stated that most of those problems have been alleviated by reconfiguring the hole on the golf course that was causing so many of those problems. The insurance company did say they were fine with them adding a trail but did recommend that for precaution reasons they may want to put up a sign at the beginning so people are aware they are adjacent to a golf course and there could be golf balls.

Member Jacobson noted in looking at Attachment E if you look to the right of the house at 7408 Oaklawn Avenue it almost looks like there is some sort of existing trail or easement there and asked if

there are any existing city easements around there. Ms. Kattreh replied there is a utility easement that goes through that area. Member Jacobson commented that might be a good place for a path.

Member Deeds commented he is trying to understand the role of do.town because this is the second or third kind of project that they've had suddenly kind of dropped in their lap and asked do they just pick a problem and do.town organizes the neighborhood to solve whatever they happen to think? Is there some kind of strategy or method behind whatever do.town is doing? Ms. Kattreh replied that do.town is now done and that their funding was officially finished the end of March. She noted they did a lot of listening to the neighbors and residents in a variety of different ways and then they picked projects to focus on based on the feedback they received. Member Segreto commented that they know the system of how to bring a project forward to the City. Chair Steel indicated she was a little put-off that they went to the property managers to acquire the signatures because coming from a grass roots background that is not the best way to get resident input. She stated the needs are kind of two different things and wishes this were a little more resident driven versus an outside organization of property managers.

Member Jones indicated this is one of those issues where there is a park and it's obvious there is room for improvement. It's an underutilized park but what is the public process for making changes to it because it looks like only the neighbors on the east end have been petitioned and maybe the neighbors on the west side don't even know this is happening. She stated she didn't know it was happening and she is on the Park Board so it does bring up some questions on process.

Chair Steel noted that in Katie Meyer's letter to the City Council it says "As a part of the effort to gain momentum for the playground do.town met with three different property managers in the Parklawn neighborhood including Highland Properties, Premier Properties and the Goodman Group. In each instance we worked with the property managers to connect up with their residents from around 407 units to sign a petition and encourage interested parties to write a letter". She stated that to her that is a little backwards as far as a grass roots process.

Member Cella wondered if this is a solution in search of a problem because if the original idea was they wanted a playground putting in a path doesn't provide a playground and if the path was a means to get to the playground and there is no playground then you don't do it for that reason. She noted if the other stated reason is that it needs to be a safe route to school have they talked to the principal of Cornelia School and the families that actually walk from Parklawn Avenue to the school and see how they are doing it now and what would be the best route. She indicated this may not be solving a safe route to school issue without further study and therefore questions why they would go ahead and build a path if they are not really sure why they are building it and who is going to use it. She stated that her feeling at this point would be to table it until they have a better understanding of whether this path is really needed as a safe path to school.

Member Hulbert indicated it feels like at some point there would be a greater use for this whole area that would maybe benefit from the study of potential future plans if you want to create something great. It seems like they are kind of putting in a pathway and it doesn't seem like a logical way for these kids to go to school.

Member Deeds commented he thinks one of the things that the City Council needs to take into consideration is that this position is for a path and a playground in Lake Edina Park and whether these residents care whether there is a path or not is questionable or at least an open question. He indicated

that both of the petitions that are signed say path and in the letter it specifically says that Lake Edina Park is a perfect place for amenities not a pathway to school. He stated without a little more looking into it, it does not make sense and he would not recommend that they spend \$50,000 on it.

Attachment I

April 16, 2013

Dear Resident:

On May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., the Edina City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to consider the addition of a paved path at Lake Edina Park. The City Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers in Edina City Hall, 4801 West 50th Street.

The proposed path will run from Parklawn to Kellogg Avenue and will provide a safe route to school and to the playground at Cornelia School for neighborhood children. A site map of the proposed trail is included.

In 2012, Do.Town, following up on interest from neighborhood residents, hosted events and collected 60 signatures in support of a trail and Playground at Lake Edina Park. \$85,000 was allocated in City of Edina capital improvement plan funding for 2013 for this trail. The trail will connect Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue and will provide a safe route to Cornelia School for kids living in the Parklawn neighborhood.

Parks and Recreation Department staff is currently working with the City of Edina Engineering and Public Works Departments to determine watershed district requirements and project specifications. Soil borings and a preliminary location and path layout have been completed. Meetings with the Engineering, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Department staff determined that the remainder of the engineering and path construction could be done in-house by City staff, potentially saving money on the project. The proposed path is 10' wide and would accommodate both walkers and bikers. If approved by the City Council, this project would be completed in May or June, depending upon the weather and watershed approval.

The public is invited to attend and give testimony or submit written comments to Edina City Council via e-mail at edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us or letters to Edina City Council, Edina City Hall, 4801 West 50th St., Edina, MN 55424

For more information, contact me in the Edina Park & Recreation Department, 952-826-0430.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ann Kattreh, Director
Edina Parks and Recreation Department

Attachment J

(Official Publication)

CITY OF EDINA
4801 W. 50TH STREET
EDINA, MINNESOTA 55424
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL will meet at the Edina City Hall, Council Chambers, 4801 W. 50th Street, on May 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. and will at said time and place consider the following:

Proposed New Biking and Walking Path at Lake Edina Park

Lake Edina Park is located at 4400 Parklawn Avenue, PID No. 31-028-24-42-0022. The trail will connect Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue and will provide a safe route to Cornelia Elementary School for kids living in the Parklawn neighborhood. The proposed path is 10' wide and would accommodate both walkers and bikers. If approved, this project would be completed in May or June, depending upon the weather.

All recommendations and objections will be heard at said meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE EDINA PARK BOARD

Debra Mangen
City Clerk

PLEASE PUBLISH IN THE EDINA SUN CURRENT ON MAY 2, 2013