

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Agenda Item #:** VIII.B.

**From:** Ann Kattreh  
Parks & Recreation Director

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Date:** October 21, 2014

**Information**

**Subject:** Fred Richards Vision Plan

## Action Requested:

Approve the Fred Richards Vision Plan and direct staff to begin the Request for Proposal process for selecting a Fred Richards Master Plan consultant in early spring 2015.

## Information / Background:

On April 22, 2014 the Edina City Council retained Schoenbauer Consulting, LLC to undertake a repurposing vision study for Fred Richards. The attached report summarizes the findings of the first step in the planning process and establishes a broad vision and baseline development program for the site. The main goal of this step is to establish the parameters for "highest and best public use" of the property, which will be used to guide development of a detailed master plan. If the Park Board generally recommends and the City Council approves the vision plan, the next step would be to engage a firm to complete a detailed master plan for the park.

## Public Involvement

The general public, neighborhood residents, various stakeholders, and special interest groups were invited to participate in an open public process to ensure that pertinent planning issues were discovered and addressed by the study. The public process included:

- Public meetings – where all interested parties could provide input and perspectives
- Site walks – to give residents a chance to discuss site-specific issues and concerns
- Interviews, phone calls, and email exchanges – with defined stakeholder groups and special interest groups (including representatives of the Pentagon Park Development Group)
- Social media – using the city's web-based public access portal to gather additional information on the community opinions

Public input into the planning process was insightful and central to establishing a core vision for the property as the city moves forward in making important decisions about repurposing the site.

The following details the public engagement and proposed approval process:

First week in June - Letter mailed to almost 1500 homes – South of Hwy 62, East of Hwy. 100, West of France and North of 77<sup>th</sup> Street. This letter informed them of the June 12 open house and provided Fred Richards website information.

Week of June 9 - A website, online survey and Speak Up Edina public engagement session started.

June 2 – Kick-off sessions with city staff, Park Board representatives and City Council representatives.

June 12 – Open House – Public Works Facility – 100–125 attendees. Surveys given to all attendees to fill out and web address provided to fill out survey online.

June 21 – Site Walk – 10 a.m. at Fred Richards – 20–25 attendees

July 8 – Park Board Work Session – 5:30 p.m. – Community Room at City Hall

July 9 – Site Walk – 7 p.m. – 20–25 attendees

July 30 – Open House – 7 p.m. at Public Works – 18 attendees

Aug. 4 – City Council Work Session

Aug. 11 – Park Board Work Session – 6 p.m.

Oct. 6 – Park Board – Review, Comment & Recommendation

Oct. 21 – City Council

### **Project Goals:**

Schoenbauer Consulting had the following Project Goals:

The purpose of the study was to engage the public to gather information and ideas about repurposing the Fred Richards site to position the City Council to make an informed decision about its future use. Key principles established for the study include:

- Maintaining an open and transparent public process
- Seeking creative ideas and options
- Providing context and background information to aid the City Council in analyzing and considering repurposing opportunities

The consultant spent considerable time gathering background information and listening to various stakeholders and members of the community. Specifically, the team's charge was to:

- Understand the community issues and perspectives associated with repurposing the site
- Provide a public conduit for generating ideas
- Define viable options for City Council consideration
- Undertake baseline development cost evaluation
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### **Recommendation:**

On Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, the Park Board was asked to provide review and comment and also provide feedback in terms of a recommendation to the City Council. Staff asked the Park Board to select one of three options:

1. Recommend (generally support)
2. Do not recommend (do not support)
3. Recommend with specific changes

The Park Board recommended the vision plan, but asked that we provide an additional emphasis on adequate parking and picnic facilities in the final report.

Staff requests approval of the vision plan and authorization to begin the Request for Proposal process for selecting a firm to complete the master plan and eventually the construction documents for Fred Richards Park. Staff recommends conducting the Request for Proposal process in March/April 2015. This will coordinate with the completion of the park system strategic plan in late spring 2015. The park system strategic plan will help guide the Fred Richards master planning process.

**Attachments:**

Vision Master Plan – Fred Richards Repurpose Study

Notes from public process

Oct. 6, 2014 Park Board Unapproved Minutes

Oct. 21, 2014 City Council Presentation

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# VISION MASTER PLAN

## FRED RICHARDS REPURPOSE STUDY



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# Introduction and Acknowledgments

## INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC PROCESS

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The consultant team appreciated the opportunity to work with the City of Edina in undertaking an open public process for this challenging project. The team especially acknowledges input from the many residents and stakeholder groups that were involved. Their individual and collective insights and perspectives were instrumental in drawing reasoned conclusions.

The consultant team also thanks the Park Board and city staff. Their commitment to an open public process ensured that all opinions were duly considered. Their understanding of the larger planning context and how the site fits into the larger city picture was also of high value.

Sincerely,

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*The 42 acres of open space land provides a unique park opportunity for the City.*



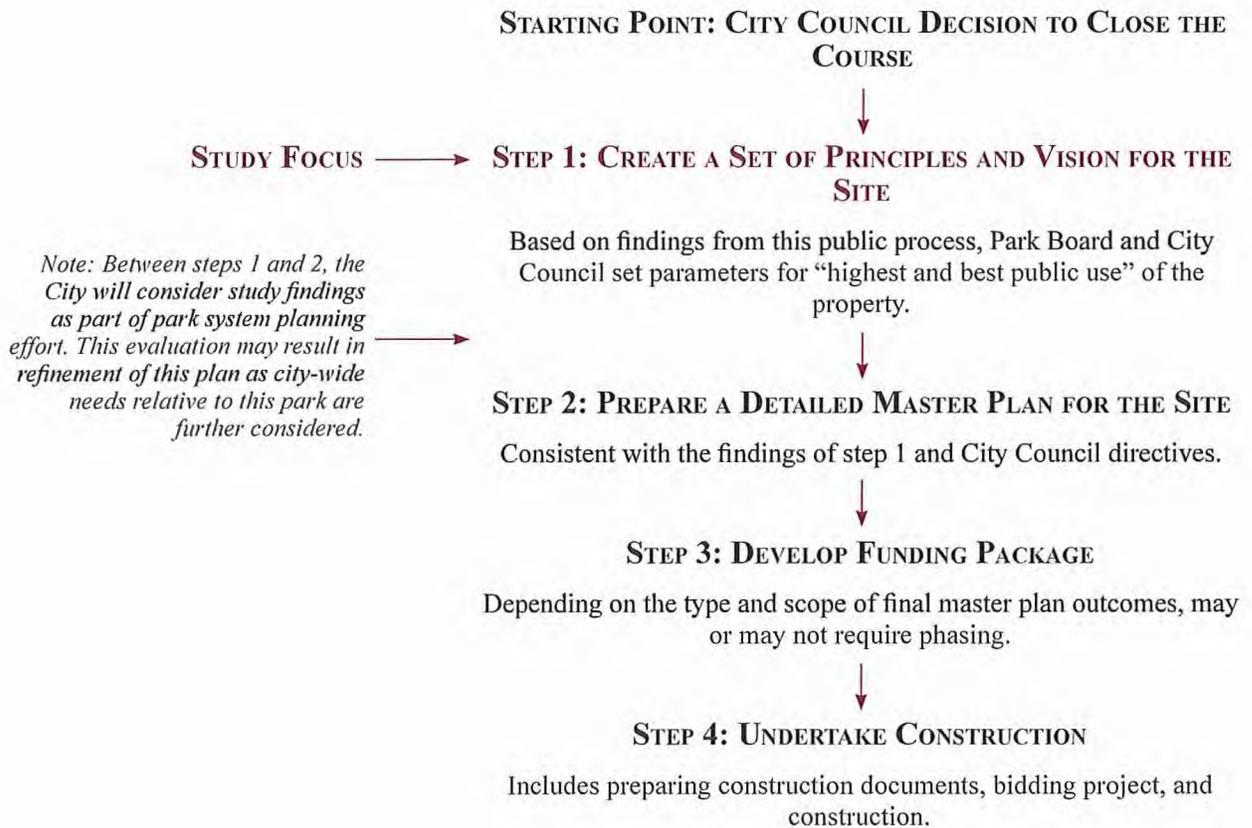
# Background and Project Framework

## OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND

On March 18, 2014, the Edina City Council accepted staff and Park Board recommendations to cease the golf operation. On April 22, 2014, the City Council authorized undertaking this repurposing study, which was to be forward looking and would not focus on revisiting the decision to close the golf course.

## STEPS IN THE REPURPOSING PROCESS

This study is the first step in the process of repurposing the Fred Richards site for public use, as the following illustrates.



As illustrated, the public process is purposefully robust and allows the community numerous opportunities to refine outcomes through each of the outlined steps.



## PROJECT GOALS

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# Setting, Trends, and Public Outreach

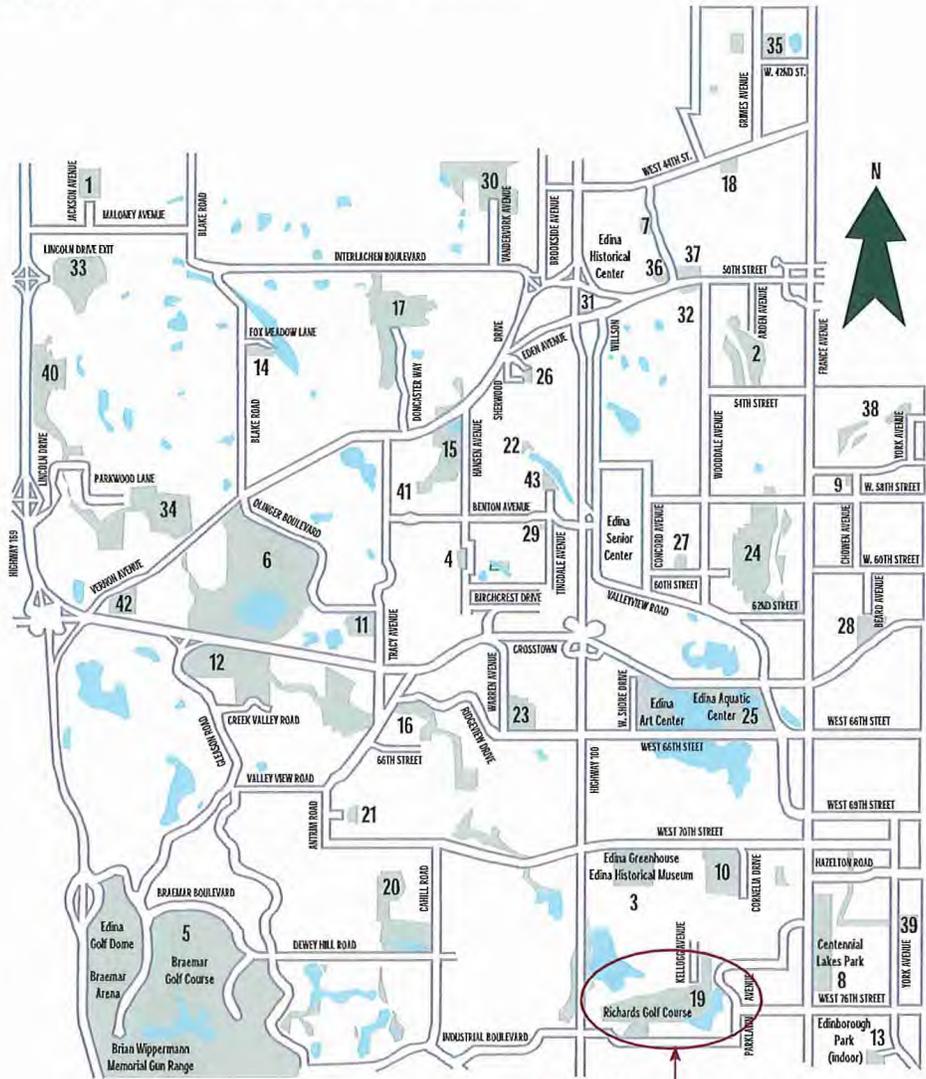
## OVERVIEW

The following considers the setting for the park, local recreational trends and demands for facilities to meet community needs, and public input into the process. Collectively, these findings shaped planning outcomes and the vision for the park.

## PLANNING CONTEXT AND PARK SETTING

The Fred Richards site is located in the southeastern part of the city, as the following park map illustrates.

1. Alden Park
  2. Arden Park
  3. Arneson Acres Park
  4. Birchcrest Park
  5. Braemar Park (Courtney Fields)
  6. Bredeesen Park
  7. Browndale Park
  8. Centennial Lakes Park
  9. Chowen Park
  10. Cornelia School Park
  11. Countryside Park
  12. Creek Valley School Park
  13. Edinborough Park
  14. Fox Meadow Park
  15. Garden Park
  16. Highlands Park
  17. Kojetin Park
  19. Lake Edina Park
  20. Lewis Park
  21. McGuire Park
  22. Melody Lake Park
  23. Normandale Park
  24. Pamela Park
  25. Rosland Park (includes disc golf course)
  26. Sherwood Park
  27. St. John's Park
  28. Strachauer Park
  29. Tingdale Park
  30. T. Lea Todd Park
  31. Frank Tupa Park
  32. Utley Park
  33. Van Valkenburg Park
  34. Walnut Ridge Park
  35. Weber Field Park
  36. Williams Park
  37. Wooddale Park
  38. York Park
  39. Yorktown Park (includes skate park)
- OPEN SPACE AREAS
40. Lincoln Drive Floodplain
  41. Garden Park Addition
  42. Krahl Hill
  43. Moore Property



FRED RICHARDS SITE



As a starting point for the public process, baseline considerations included:

- Repurposing of the site is a very unique opportunity for a developed city
- General consensus that the site will become a park
- Size, location, and opportunity suggest the park falls under a “community park” classification, with this process being used to define how the site is best developed to meet community needs and fit into the local park system
- Outcome needs to be of high public value and serve a cross-section of residents (neighborhood and larger community)

Other key considerations include:

- Any park development needs to be compatible with, and complementary to, the adjoining land uses
- Connected, but not intrusive, to adjoining properties
- Accommodate the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail
- Be sensitive to environmental issues (e.g., Nine Mile Creek watershed and stormwater management concerns)

If done well, the general consensus is that the park will instantly become an important and perhaps cornerstone component of the local park system.

## PARK USE TRENDS AND FACILITY DEMANDS

The Park Board provided insights into city-wide and site-specific park trends and facility demands. Overall, the common theme was to create a unique park experience focusing on getting children and families outdoors more, along with providing a pleasant place for nearby business employees to use during work days. Serving the park needs of the entire community versus a select group or neighborhood was also important to the Park Board.

Key considerations and observations include:

- **Sports fields** – addressing the need for field space, especially related to field games like soccer and lacrosse; focus should be on youth age groups; lighting is probably not needed
- **New forms of recreation** – be open to emerging forms of recreation, like Futsal, that would appeal to different age groups
- **Urban agriculture** – expanding on the community garden theme
- **Outdoor adventure and creative play** – providing unique and adventuresome play areas that go beyond typical play equipment; perhaps with a focus on natural play and/or outdoor adventure
- **Attract hard to reach groups** – emphasize a welcoming environment and facilities that appeal to the 15 to 18 year age group, a notoriously challenging group to engage
- **Develop the park for all seasons** – including winter activities, such as cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowshoeing; includes access to a warming house
- **Accommodate groups** – by providing areas for group gatherings and staging events; repurpose clubhouse to accommodate flexible group use; consider additional modest-sized shelters or structures for group use



- **Integrate the regional trail** – establishing trailhead amenities; establishing a “bike library” which makes bikes, trikes, and other peddle-power vehicles available for public use; perhaps include bike shop and/or offer repair classes
- **Buffering** – it is as important to buffer views from both inside and outside park
- **Provide adequate but not excessive parking** – includes meeting day-to-day parking needs; also includes collaborating with Pentagon Park developer to meet peak parking needs (i.e., evenings, weekends, and events) with off-site shared parking facilities in select locations
- **Be cautious about overbuilding** – larger scale features such as community center, indoor athletic facilities, competitive pool, youth center, etc. are not well-suited for this park

Over the years, the City has undertaken a variety of park and recreation focused surveys to help inform planning decisions *on a system-wide basis*. Since these surveys have a community-wide and not site-specific focus, caution is needed in applying these findings to individual parks. To that end, integrating the findings of these surveys and this study into the larger system-wide planning effort the City is undertaking (mid-2014/early 2015) is an important recommendation by the Park Board. This will allow the City to fully understand how Fred Richards fits into the larger system and help fine-tune the development program for the park within that context. (The steps in the repurposing process defined on page 1 purposefully accommodates this approach.) Of considerable importance in fine-tuning the master plan is accommodating pertinent demographic changes across the city and how that may affect final development decisions.

Within the system-wide context, the development program as currently envisioned for the site does in fact address many of the top priorities defined in the various surveys. For example, the 2006 *Community Attitude and Interest Survey* focusing on parks and recreation identified walking and biking trails as being very popular, as is creating and/or protecting natural areas and wildlife habitat. The amenities envisioned for the park that focus on families and youth sports are also consistent with survey results. For example, development of outdoor athletic fields was supported by a majority of households.

The 2013 *City of Edina Survey* related to use and rating of park and recreation facilities found 79 percent of household members reported using the trail system during the past year, with 84 percent reported using neighborhood parks. Nearly half (48 percent) of household members reported using the larger community playfields during the past year.

The 2014 *Grandview Resident Survey* finds that residents are very supportive of projects that foster a stronger sense of community. Residents also think the City should create more recreational opportunities, as well as cultural and arts opportunities for people of all ages and incomes.



## PUBLIC OUTREACH FINDINGS

The public process was open to all individuals and groups to ensure that everyone with an interest in the park had a chance to voice their perspectives. The public outreach process included:

- Open public meetings (including comment cards)
- Resident-focused site walks
- Online comment forms for repurposing Fred Richards
- Speak Up, Edina!
- Direct emails (to staff)
- Interviews with the Pentagon Park developer
- Interviews with a cross-section of nearby apartment and local businesses

The following captures the overall themes and sub-themes that came out of the collective process and helped shape the development program for the site.

### COMMON THEMES FROM THE PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS

Participants uniformly agree that the site is an important community asset, with the vast majority feeling turning it into a park is the best way forward. There is absolutely no interest in selling the property for development or using the site for stormwater management associated with the commercial redevelopment south of the park.

Although individual perspectives vary, creating a well-designed community park that serves all residents best describes how the majority of residents envision the site being repurposed. A number of sub-themes also emerged through the public process, including:

- **Provide a diversity of uses** – offering a friendly and accommodating social environment that is inviting to all residents, with a particular focus on families and children’s activities (“kid” friendly)
- **Create a park that is unique and innovative** – go beyond typical features to make the park more interesting and different than a typical park; design for year-round use
- **Enhance natural qualities of the park** – including the appearance of ponds and using more natural buffers
- **Manage vehicular and pedestrian access** – to ensure ease of access and limit disruption to established neighborhoods

### SPECIFIC ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS

Residents in the surrounding neighborhoods have varying opinions on how the property should be repurposed, although there is fairly uniform agreement that a park is the most appropriate end use. As would be expected, residents also have specific and quite reasonable concerns that need to be duly considered as the planning moves forward. Most notable of these include:

- **Adequately buffer adjacent properties** – to minimize sense of encroachment and invasion of privacy; using a naturalized buffer is generally preferred



*Site walks were used as a means to better understand specific concerns of adjacent residents.*





*Understandably, residents on the north side of the site are concerned about buffering between the park and private properties.*

- **Prevent parking and vehicle access from disrupting the neighborhood** – which essentially means providing park access and parking on the south side
- **Locate active use area (game fields, play structures, etc.) away from residential areas** – such as on the south and east sides of the property; use trees and vegetation to help screen these areas
- **Keep the regional trail on the south side to extent possible** – focus on lower-volume and slower paced park-like trails within the park
- **Limit pedestrian access from the north to select locations** – most likely from the cul-de-sac at the end of Kellogg Ave.
- **Bury power line along the north property line** – to improve the aesthetic for the park users and homeowners
- **Limit lighting to critical areas** – do not provide field lighting, and make sure that lighting associated with roads, parking lots, and buildings on the south side of the park are not disruptive or excessive

#### **PERSPECTIVES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND PENTAGON PARK DEVELOPER**

Interviews with local businesses and Pentagon Park developer reinforce or build upon the themes already described. For example, a nearby daycare provider would definitely use a community park, with having access to play equipment, splash pad, trails, community garden, nature-based activities, and even a simple grassy area for active play being very desirable. Adding more natural areas would be great for field trips.

Businesses also see much value from the park. Simple, well-designed features like trails, sitting areas, and picnic areas are important for lunchtime and breaks. The park aesthetic itself would lend itself to a pleasant place to go to think and work informally with coworkers in an out-of-office setting. Having easy access to small meeting spaces within the park would be beneficial.

Having access to active recreational facilities is also important to a growing number of employers as part of their wellness focus. Seagate, for example, has employee programs for walking, running, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, yoga, and boot camp, to name a few. The Pentagon Park development team also expects future employers and employees will use the park for personal and corporate wellness efforts. Easy access to the regional trail and trailhead facilities enhances bike and walk-to-work commuter programs.

Under the right circumstances, local businesses expressed an openness to collaborate on developing outdoor fitness facilities for mutual benefit. One example of this is putting a fitness course along a trail within the park.

(Note: Additional discussion related to the Pentagon Park development is provided on page 23.)



## AREAS OF CONCERN AND CRITIQUE

Overall, the public process proved invaluable to identifying issues and defining opportunities, and ultimately shaping the vision master plan. For the most part, participants were respectful of each other, City staff, and elected officials, and participated in good faith in providing input.

In the context of good faith, residents found it important to document areas of dissatisfaction – most of which related to the closing the golf course. Key points of feedback include:

- Dissatisfaction with the process and timeframe associated with closing the golf course, with many feeling it was rushed and did not allow for real public debate
- Mistrust about the City's intent to allow the Pentagon Park developer to use the property for stormwater management
- Concern that the City really intends to sell the property for commercial development
- Lack of concern for those most affected by changing land uses, especially homeowners that have a lot invested in their properties and are concerned about impacts that reuses, parking, and access will have on them and the neighborhood
- Lack of clarity on how the City plans to fund any new park development

It also needs to be stated that some nearby residents simply do not accept the fact that the golf course should be closed and feel the City's approach here and in general is ill advised. Hopefully, this process (and the steps going forward) will help alleviate these concerns and build a higher level of trust between all participants.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

According to Edina Police, there is very little crime going on in local parks – with no robberies, assaults, or weapons violations being recorded. Edina Police feel parks are safe for residents and visitors.

Other related research draws similar conclusions. For example, research on trail-related crime conducted by Schoenbauer Consulting, LLC in 2010 yielded the following results:

- Respondents (law enforcement officers) consider trails to be safe, with the vast majority (87%) reporting that trails account for less than 5% of all unlawful activity in their jurisdiction, and nearly 50% saying that it is less than 1%
- Trespassing on adjacent property is considered low incidence, with issues of more serious crimes against persons or property being very infrequent

Police often cite parking lots as their biggest concern, where occasionally theft from cars can be an issue wherever the opportunity for a quick getaway exists.

While people's concerns about the security deserves due consideration, parks and trails are actually considered quite safe by police agencies and account for a relatively small percentage of unlawful activity and safety problems.



# Vision Master Plan

## OVERVIEW

The *vision* master plan is the first step in translating public input into an actual development program for the park. The following describes desired end uses and related physical features envisioned for the park as an outcome of step 1 of the repurposing process. The goal is to set forth a cohesive storyline for the park so that residents, Park Board and City Council have a point of focus for continued refinement as part of the next steps in this process.

## CREATIVITY AND UNIQUENESS A CORE VALUE

Discussions during the public process often centered on the desire for a creative and unique design outcome for the park. Irrespective of individual opinion on many site issues, this perspective is clearly a shared and core value of participants.

This step in the process focused on defining the core vision for the site (i.e., community park) and describing the basic design intent associated with the individual functional uses. The detailed master plan phase (step 2) is where much more specific and detailed attention is given to finding creative ways to achieve the vision and creating a compelling high quality park experience. With this in mind, the goal with the forthcoming descriptions is to establish a baseline for discussions to come as the design process moves forward.

To further inform the next step in the process, a variety of photos and character sketches are provided to highlight design approaches and themes. While the final design for Fred Richards will be refined under the next step, these are provided to reinforce the importance of quality design in translating the individual elements described in this report into a truly inspired public amenity that will serve the community well for many decades to come.

## BALANCING ACTIVE USES WITH PRESERVING NATURAL AREAS AND A SENSE-OF-PLACE

The vision master plan strives to balance active recreational uses to meet community needs with preserving open space and the site's sense of place and aesthetic qualities. While providing a variety of recreational and educational opportunities is a fundamental goal, showing restraint in the size and location of the built footprint is also an important public value. Under this plan, approximately 35 to 40 percent of the park is envisioned for active recreational uses, such as field games, play areas, and community gathering spaces. The remaining 60 to 65 percent is set aside for more passive, or "quiet," forms of recreation, open space, ponding areas, and buffers. Examples of passive uses include park trails, sitting areas, informal-use lawn areas, and wildflower gardens.



**STRIVING TO BALANCE ACTIVE USES WITH PRESERVING NATURAL AREAS AND A SENSE-OF-PLACE**



*The vision master plan strives to find the right balance between meeting community needs for active recreational facilities ...*

*... while still preserving natural open space and the park's sense of place.*

**VISION MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW**

The vision master plan describes a cross-section of features and amenities envisioned for the park to meet current and anticipated park and recreational demands. The following graphic illustrates the conceptual location of the major use areas and development features envisioned under the vision master plan.



Under the plan, each area of the park addresses specific types of active and passive recreational uses to meet the needs of families and individuals. Active recreation refers to team sports or other activities that involves the use of playing fields and play areas. Passive recreation refers to the more personal and often “quiet” activities such as walking, observation, kite flying, yoga, and so forth. Taken together, the recreational features will provide a well-rounded palette of activities for families and individuals to enjoy.

The more active recreational uses are envisioned on the southern and eastern sides of the park, largely adjacent to the proposed Pentagon Park redevelopment area. This orientation offers several key benefits:

- Concentrates the more active uses where parking and vehicular access can be best accommodated, including the shared use of parking associated with future commercial development on the south and east side of the park
- Takes advantage of an existing larger open space, which is not available on the western side where the property is narrower and broken up by existing wetlands
- Leverages the repurposing of the clubhouse and maintenance facility to support active use facilities (i.e., group gathering space, restrooms, storm shelter, etc.)
- Limits concerns about disrupting existing residential properties along the north property line

The more passive recreational uses are envisioned on the northern and western sides of the park, largely adjacent to the established residential neighborhoods. With the existing (and perhaps expanded) ponds, rolling topography, natural and manicured green spaces, this area of the park is well suited for walking paths, overlooks and observation points, and other forms of casual recreation (e.g., kite flying, picnicking). A more passive approach to development also helps provide a distance buffer between the existing residential area and the more active park uses.

The design layout for the park includes numerous opportunities to integrate community art, sculptures and other forms of community expression for public display. These types of features are important to creating a unique sense of place in the park that goes beyond the individual recreational features.

The following provides an overview of the various development use areas within the park identified on the vision master plan. Each of these are subsequently defined in terms of the type and character of the various uses that would be envisioned within a given zone. *Importantly, these descriptions represent a starting point for detailed design.* Continued refinement of the ideas, amenity locations, and design approach is both expected and encouraged during step 2 in the process.



## PARKWAY CORRIDOR

This corridor includes the parkway and associated parking areas to service the day to day needs of the park. The parkway is an important feature in ensuring ease of vehicular access to the park from the south (and east and west), where much of the use traffic will likely come from. Ease of access from the south is also vital to limiting the extent to which park users access the park from the north – where there is no real option to provide parking and local streets are not intended for heavier day to day traffic. The parkway also allows for shared use of parking lots with adjacent commercial properties during peak use times – most notably evenings and weekends.

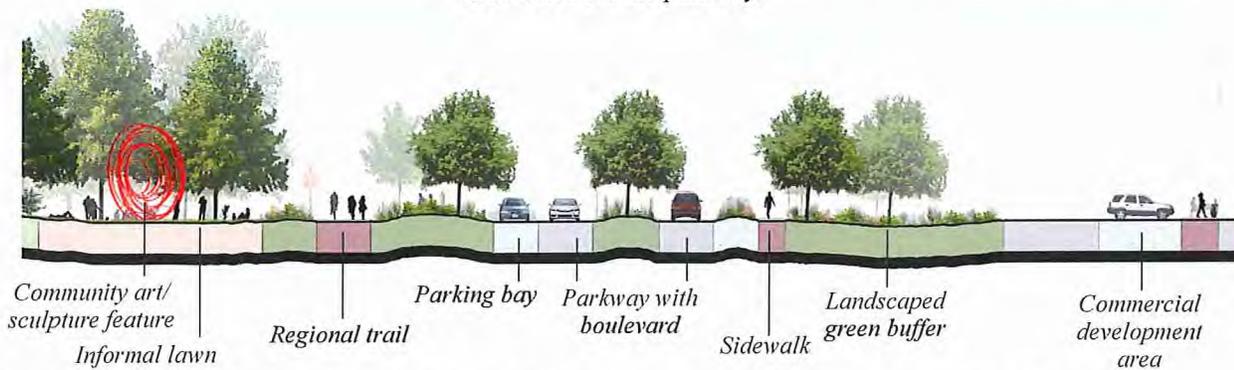


*Example of a parkway design that creates a aesthetically appealing edge to a park.*

The parkway is envisioned as a shared benefit amenity with the Pentagon Park development area, with encroachment into the park property being limited in order to preserve park space. Heavier traffic volumes (and truck traffic in particular) should be directed toward 77th Street to preserve the character of the parkway and keep traffic volumes lower.

The actual design of the parkway will evolve as part of a coordinated effort with the new developments south of the park. This includes determining the points of connection with 77th Street. (Note: through previous action, the City Council determined that a connection to 76th Street on the east side was not desirable.) The parkway will be built as phases of Pentagon Park are approved and developed.

Another important aspect of the parkway is its importance in establishing a “park-like” aesthetic edge along the south property line. The parkway also plays a key role in creating a much more appealing buffer between the site and commercial development than is currently the case. The following graphic illustrates the streetscape character envisioned for the parkway.



*The parkway serves a functional purpose of providing park access and parking. The design character of the parkway is of equal importance in establishing a park-like aesthetic edge to the park, and creating an appealing buffer between the park and the commercial development to the south. Note that the boulevards and landscaped green buffers are envisioned as important landscape features along with being part of the overall stormwater management plan (i.e., bioswales and raingardens to filter runoff).*

Onsite parking will be provided to meet day-to-day needs. Peak use (evenings and weekends) parking needs will be met by taking advantage of well-placed designated public parking areas associated with the commercial developments on the south side. (These will be defined as part of future development agreements with the Pentagon Park developer.)



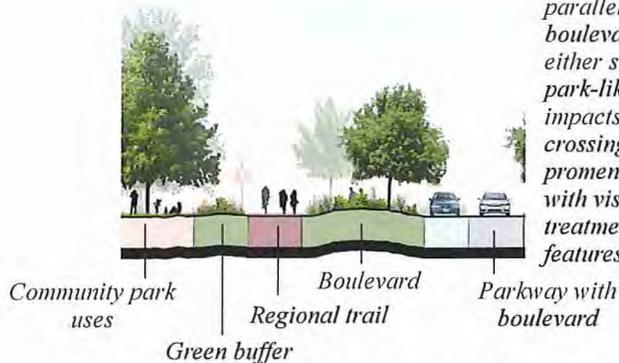
The vast majority of park-dedicated parking will be accessed from the parkway. The largest parking lot within the park will be located near the active use zones. Additional more limited parking will be provided along the parkway in smaller bays that are integrated into the overall parkway and park design to be as unobtrusive as possible. A small to modest size public parking lot may also be needed off of Parklawn Avenue to service that area of the park.

## REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

As a regional facility, the regional trail serves a broad range of local and non-local users. The trail will be designed to meet regional standards, which is 10 feet wide and hard-surfaced (typically asphalt pavement). The corridor plan for the regional trail shows it entering the park area from behind the Burgundy Place development on the west side, and exiting along Parklawn on the east side. Between these two points, Three Rivers Park District is flexible as to where the trail is best located relative to the future development of the park and commercial area to the south. The main goal of the District is to ensure the trail through this area is as pleasant and safe a user experience as possible.

If well-located and designed, the regional trail will be a positive and important recreational amenity for park visitors and those living or working in the surrounding area. To minimize the potential for use conflicts with other park uses and activities, much of the regional trail will be located on the south side of the park along the parkway corridor. As the character sketch below illustrates, the goal is to create a pleasant trail experience while limiting the amount of park space it consumes. Keeping the regional use traffic on the south side of the park in this area also helps alleviate concerns about encroachment of the regional trail on residential properties on the north side.

*On the south side of the park, the regional trail will primarily parallel the parkway. As shown, boulevards and green buffers on either side of the trail help create a park-like experience with minimal impacts on other park uses. All crossings with other trails and promenades will be designed with visual cues (e.g., pavement treatments, signage, landscape features) to minimize conflicts.*



On the east side, the goal is for the regional trail to connect with (but stay on the periphery of) the community gathering, active use, and field games areas. Staying on the periphery of this active use zone is important to minimizing user conflicts. *(Note: The alignment through this area is conceptual and will be refined during step 2 – detailed master planning phase.)* Trailhead facilities would be integrated into an overall design for this area of the park. Design features that serve the park and regional trail include parking, access to restrooms, sitting areas, refreshments, and bike rental.

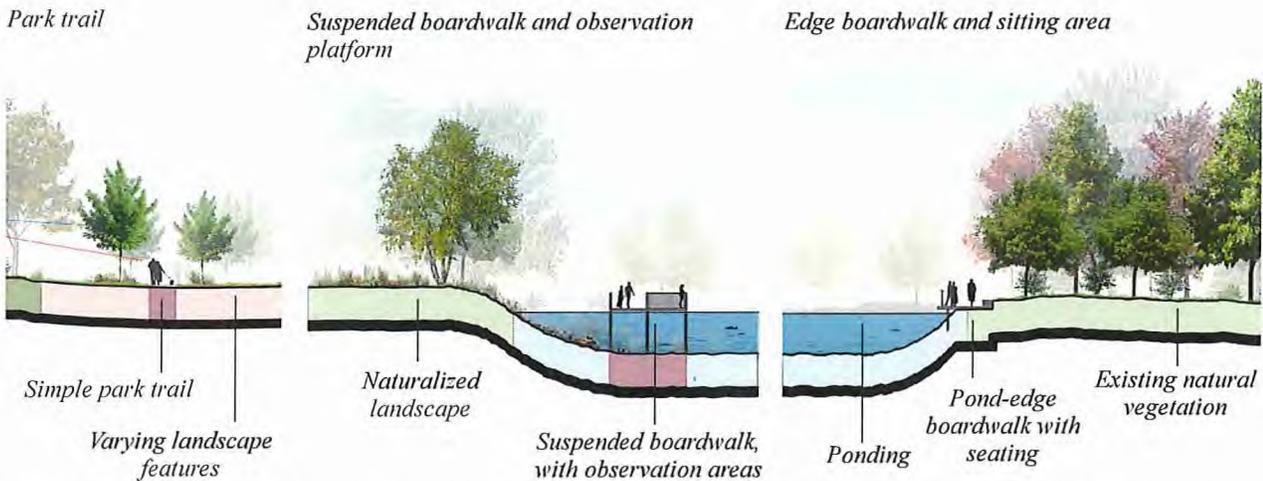


## INTERNAL PARK TRAILS, PROMENADES AND BOARDWALKS

Internal park trails provide a stand-alone park amenity along with providing access to the various park uses. In contrast to the regional trail, these trails have a more intimate and curvilinear character. Although bike use is not prohibited, park trails are designed more for pedestrian-level and slower-paced use than is the case with the regional trail. Generally, an 8-foot trail width is envisioned, although wider segments may be needed in busy areas, such as near the active use areas. Narrower trail segments may also be suitable to access overlooks, sitting areas and natural areas.

In general, park trails will be hard-surfaced for accessibility and durability, but the surface treatment could be different to distinguish them from the regional trail. In select locations, such as the north arm and in natural areas, narrower aggregate surfaced trails may be also be appropriate.

The vision master plan complements the park trails with promenades and boardwalks that add architectural elements and invite casual strolling in the park. These features also provide various opportunities to sit, observe, reflect, and gain access to a variety of activity nodes and park features. The following character sketches illustrate the general character of the park trails and boardwalks that would meander through the park.



As these character sketches illustrate, a combination of park trails and boardwalks are envisioned to provide a variety of casual trail experiences throughout the park.



Access to the internal park trails will be primarily from the parkway corridor, south parking lots, and regional trail. More limited trail access from Parklawn (east side) and Kellogg Avenue (north side) is also envisioned.

Eliminating the cul-de-sac at the end of Kellogg is a possibility to help manage pedestrian access and reduce concerns about excessive parking along the street. Final determination as to the desire and practicality of this approach will be considered as part of the detail design phase. (Additional input from affected property owners along Kellogg will be needed.)



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AREA



*The existing clubhouse is of good quality and can be reasonably repurposed for described park uses.*

The main design goal of the community activities area is to repurpose the clubhouse and create compelling surrounding outdoor spaces to complement it. These indoor-outdoor spaces are envisioned to accommodate a wide-range of activities and user groups. Examples include:

- Special events
- Organized group gatherings
- Social gatherings, such as weddings and family reunions
- Theater or music in the park (small scale)

The community activities area is envisioned to be an appealing place to spontaneously gather, socialize, and simply hang out. In this context, the aesthetics of the area, sense of place, and viewsheds across the park are all important to creating a space people want to use all days of the week. The design theme established for this area will also influence the design character and quality expectation for the rest of the park.

The clubhouse is envisioned to be repurposed to a flexible-use and programmable community space for events and group gatherings. Day-to-day, the restrooms and possibly vending will be available to park users. In winter, the facility can be used as warming house or a place to organize for outdoor activities, such as informal skating, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The facility will also serve as a de facto trailhead for the regional trail.

The clubhouse building is of good quality and well maintained. Architecturally, the aesthetics of the building warrant updating for park purposes. The color, exterior facade treatments, etc. will all evolve to be consistent with design themes that emerge for this area of the park, and the park in general.



The outdoor spaces in this area are of equal importance. Flexible outdoor spaces for gatherings, casual socializing, and just hanging out are imagined. Design features include arbors, ornamental planting, benches, etc. Art pieces, sculptures, and other forms of community expression are also appropriate design features as part of an overall high quality design theme. The graphic illustrates the general location of the design components and character of the community use area.



## ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

The major objective of this use area is to robustly engage youth and teens in appealing non-programmed outdoor activities. This includes providing a variety of innovative play and outdoor adventure components that appeal to age groups from the very young through the 15 to 18 year old age group – the latter of which being a recognized challenging group to engage.



For the younger age groups, envisioned play components include theme-based adventure-type play structures at a community park-scale. The creativity of the design is key to making this a park feature that children will be eager to return to time and again. The vision master plan identifies the general location for the play area. Actual features, shape and size will be determined during detail design phase, with additional input being needed from targeted groups. The accompanying photos are just examples of how wide-ranging the possibilities are for imaginative approaches to play areas that goes beyond traditional play structures.

Character sketch illustrates the general location of adventure play area.



Imaginative play can be as simple as a small raft in a shallow pond (upper right) to site-specific designs that fit the overall design theme for the park (above). Incorporating "active participation" features (right) is also an increasingly popular approach to play areas.

All of these examples highlight the increasing sophistication of creating play areas that are fun, stimulating and educational.



Adding a splash pad for younger children would be another interesting play feature that expands the recreational value of the play area.

For older age groups, providing a challenging outdoor adventure-based recreational area space is envisioned. Although not an exhaustive list, examples of the types of features envisioned include:

- Slacklines
- Bouldering rock and/or climbing wall
- Ropes ladder and/or course, along with cargo nets
- Balance logs or beams



*Slacklining is one those unique recreational activities that appeal to multiple generations, and can serve to bring people of various backgrounds and age groups together to have fun and socialize.*

The proximity of the adventure play areas to one another and other park uses is an important design consideration. Providing adequate separation between age groups to avoid conflicts is obviously important. Conversely, the design should still allow for different age groups to observe the activities of other groups as part of the socialization aspect of the park experience. Designing these areas for ease of monitoring is also important, especially when a parent has children of varying ages and interests using different play features. Adequately buffering the noise from the play areas is also an important design consideration.

## FIELD GAMES AREA



*Youth-oriented fields for sports like soccer, are in demand across the city.*

The field games area covers an area of 5 to 6 acres, with the final acreage being determined as specific community facility needs are refined through the design process. The final footprint of the field games area will also be influenced by the shape and size of adjoining elements, especially the play and outdoor adventure use and the north arm areas.

The field game area is envisioned as a well-maintained green space surrounded by trees and ponds. Field access, parking, and restrooms will all be on the south side of the field games area. Trees and natural vegetation will be used along the northern edge of this area to buffer adjacent properties and dissuade people from entering the field games area from the north side of the park.





*Youth-oriented field games are one of the best ways to bring families together in a park setting.*

As a baseline, the field games area is intended to address youth-oriented sports such as soccer, lacrosse, and perhaps football. Although not a full solution, providing field space on this site helps address the unmet demand for more sports fields throughout the community. For reference, space requirements for standard soccer field sizes include:

- Regulation full size – 1.75 to 2.0 acres
- Intermediate – 1.0 to 1.25 acres
- Junior size – 0.5 to 0.75 acre

Taking it a step further, accommodating other forms of established or emerging field activities is worthy of consideration. Examples of this include:

- Wiffleball (0.25 to 0.50 acre) – alternative to baseball and softball for smaller field spaces and oriented toward young children and family or group fun



*Puckelball is one example of one-off twist to a common game that would be unique to Edina, and likely Minnesota.*

- Futsal (0.25 to 0.50 acre) – game played on a hard surfaced, basketball sized court with a smaller, heavier low bounce ball
- Sand volleyball and footvolley (0.10 acre) – latter is sand volleyball without using hands
- Puckelball (from Sweden) – basically entails adding moguls or rolling grade to a soccer field to create a very unique dimension to playing a soccer ball

Other important design considerations related to the field games area include irrigation, field grades, and soil type (i.e. sand/peat or basic topsoil). Although considered, providing lighting was not widely accepted as appropriate for this community park setting.

## OPEN PARKLAND AREA



*The open parkland area is all about creating pleasant places for people to be outside doing casual recreational activities or just sitting in the park enjoying the day.*

Providing quiet spaces for casual recreation and simply enjoying being outdoors in a beautiful setting is the theme for this area. Passive uses – such as walking along a well-designed trail or promenade, or sitting on a bench overlooking a pond – is a prime focus for this area, as is “quiet” active recreational and exercise uses. Examples of the latter include places for yoga classes, to toss a frisbee, or fly a kite.

Key elements envisioned for this area include:

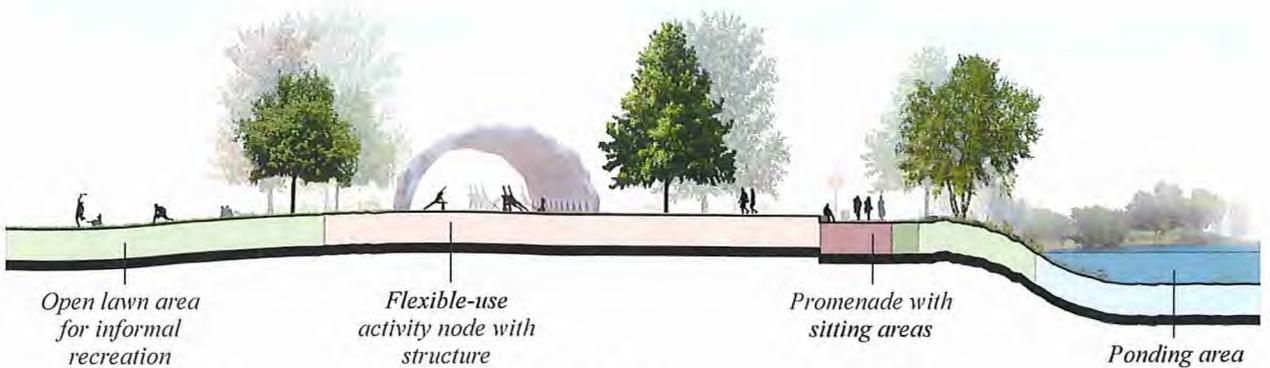
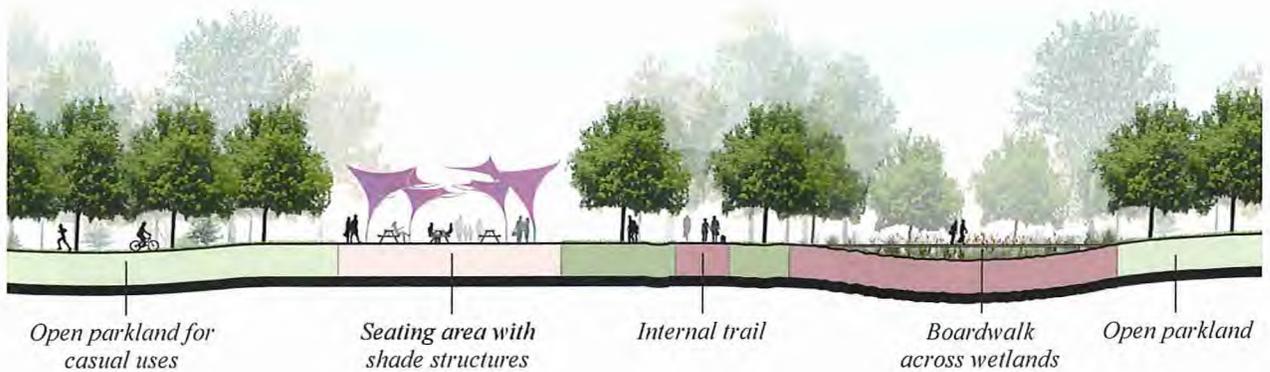
- Curvilinear walking trails (that are separate and distinguishable from the regional trail)
- Promenades with community art, sculptures, and other forms of community expression
- Sitting areas, with shade structures, arbors, and/or vegetation
- Lawn areas for casual recreation and informal play
- Flexible-use activity nodes and structures for outdoor recreation (e.g., yoga classes) and casual gatherings (i.e., senior groups, group picnicking)

The master plan view and character sketches on the next page conceptually illustrate how design creativity and the use of various design elements (i.e., promenades, community art, sculptures, etc.) are important to creating a unique park identity and high quality community park experience.





The vision master plan illustrates a diversity of park use areas, activity nodes, and features that can be incorporated into a final design to create a compelling and unique park setting.



As these cross-section character sketches illustrate, the park offers numerous opportunities to create a variety of compelling outdoor spaces to meet defined community needs and provide a diversity of park experiences.





*In select locations, such as the far west end or north arm, using narrower, aggregate surfaced trails may be an appropriate alternative to paved park trails.*

As the overall vision master plan illustrates, the western part of the open parkland area is envisioned as a naturalized passive use area with a limited palette of developed features. Key features in this area include ponds, expanded natural areas, and simple walking paths with sitting areas and observation areas – the latter of which being placed to take advantage of expansive views across the park.

Expanding the existing ponding areas is envisioned to enhance the park aesthetic and habitat for wildlife, along with improving stormwater management and better managing flooding concerns associated with the Nine Mile Creek watershed. (Note: this relates to addressing City of Edina water management concerns, and does not address any stormwater management issues associated with the Pentagon Park redevelopment. The latter is the responsibility of the developer.)



The north arm area of the park is currently an undefined and undeveloped space. Uses envisioned for this area are consistent with the larger open parkland area to the west, albeit focused on neighborhood play space and quiet walking trails. Features such as a butterfly or wildflower gardens or colorful prairie exhibits would add interest and provide a pleasant place to walk or sit and observe nature. Smaller open lawn areas would provide space for informal neighborhood use. Specific improvements envisioned for this area include:

- Continuation of the internal park trails – perhaps a bit narrower and soft-surfaced for those seeking a more casual, natural trail experience
- Adding to and improving buffering between the park and residential properties
- Addressing poor drainage and grade issues to make the central part of this area more usable and less prone to maintenance issues; perhaps use rain gardens to help manage stormwater in a more appealing manner
- Providing open lawn areas for casual outdoor play, with a neighborhood use focus
- Providing a smaller, neighborhood-focused play structure (would complement, not duplicate, the larger adventure play area)

(During the planning process, developing the north arm for urban agriculture was considered as a potential alternative use. This is considered in more detail on page 22.)

## NATURALIZED BUFFERS

Naturalized buffers are envisioned along the entire northern property line to create an appealing edge to the park and demarcate the park from adjacent residential properties. The buffers will be designed to mutually benefit park users and adjacent homeowners. From a park user’s perspective, the goal is to preserve the park’s sense of place while walking along a trail, and to avoid feeling like one is intruding into someone’s backyard.

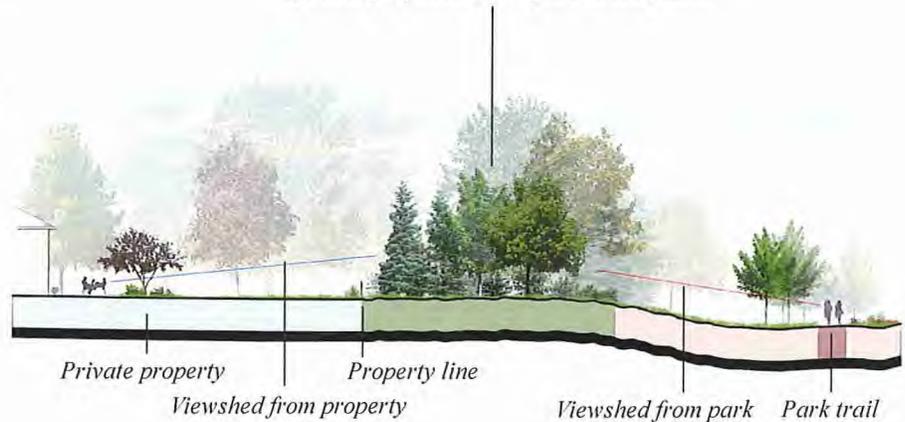


From a homeowner’s perspective, the goal is to maintain a sense of privacy while still providing select views of the park. Although a costly initiative, burying the power line running along the north property was supported by residents. Using vegetation to reduce the extent to which lights from the Pentagon Park area can be seen should be part of the buffer design.

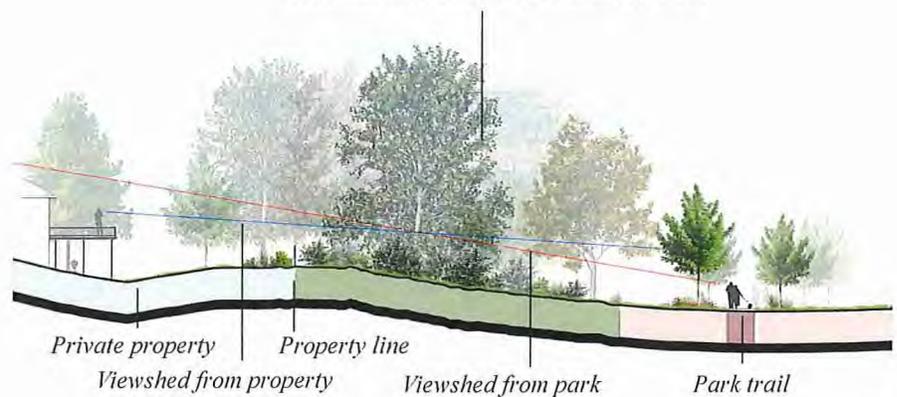
The following character sketches illustrate several options in terms of buffer treatments, which would be used based on actual circumstances and homeowner input.

*As these cross-section character sketches illustrate, the goal is to adequately buffer adjacent properties from park activities for mutual benefit. The exact design treatment along the property line will vary depending on site-specific circumstances and preferences.*

*Dense natural buffer to more fully screen private properties from park development*



*Managed natural buffer to allow for select views into the park from private properties*



As the cross-sections illustrate, maintaining separation between residential property lines and built features, like trails, is important for park users and homeowners. In general, 50 or more feet is a common baseline for minimum separation, but the exact distance is situational. Grades along the property line, density of vegetation, elevations of adjoining houses and decks, etc. all factor into final design decisions and separation requirements.



## REPURPOSING THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING



A variety of options are available for repurposing the existing maintenance building. Using the building for storage, maintenance, and restrooms is a clear option. Providing space for other uses – such as bike rental, storage, and maintenance classes – also needs to be considered as the detail design for this area takes shape.

Using part of the building for an indoor-outdoor adventure play area offers some potential to expand play options. (Note: This approach needs more consideration as part of the City’s system-wide parks planning effort to determine need and viability.)

As with the clubhouse, the maintenance building is of good quality and in good repair. Here too the architectural aesthetics of the building warrant updating for park purposes. The color, exterior facade treatments, etc. will all evolve to be consistent with design themes that emerge for the clubhouse.

## URBAN AGRICULTURE AREA (ALTERNATIVE NORTH ARM USE)



*The urban agriculture idea builds upon the well-established community garden theme.*

As previously noted, developing the north arm for urban agriculture was considered as an alternative use in lieu of open parkland. The following outlines that discussion.

The urban agriculture idea builds upon the community garden program that has taken root in many communities around the country. A community garden is essentially where a city provides small plots for residents to grow produce for personal consumption. The urban agriculture program takes this to the next level in which growing produce can be for personal consumption, resale at farmers markets (which could be held in the park), sold locally, or used for cooking classes. Adding an educational component, such as how to grow produce, is also commonly integrated into the urban agriculture theme.

Providing a space and/or structure for healthy eating cooking classes builds upon this theme. Accommodating organized farm-to-table events within the park is also an opportunity.

Specific elements and facilities related to this use area include:

- Fenced agricultural field area – 2 to 4 acres
- Shed and shelter structure for storing equipment and organizing activities
- Utility service – water, electricity, etc.

Taking this one step further, the shed and shelter structure could be upgraded to three-season shelter that could provide indoor/outdoor space for classes, farm-to-table events, and general group use.



*Additional examples and ideas can be found at:*

- [foodtank.com/news/2014/02/capital-city-farming-10-urban-agriculture-projects-in-washington-dc](http://foodtank.com/news/2014/02/capital-city-farming-10-urban-agriculture-projects-in-washington-dc)
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- [designtrend.com/articles/11703/20140314/argitopias-are-popping-up-all-over-the-place.htm](http://designtrend.com/articles/11703/20140314/argitopias-are-popping-up-all-over-the-place.htm)
- [jonesvalleyteachingfarm.org/our-story/our-impact/](http://jonesvalleyteachingfarm.org/our-story/our-impact/)



# Implementation Considerations

## OVERVIEW

There are a variety of implementation considerations that will impact the repurposing of the Fred Richards site from a golf course to a community park. The following outlines the most predominant of these at a vision master plan level. Each of these, plus other considerations, will have to be more fully vetted and addressed during the detail master planning step in the process.

## INTERRELATIONSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH PENTAGON PARK REDEVELOPMENT

The City and Pentagon Park development team have been working together for some time on a redevelopment plan for the commercial area south of the park. The development team has also been engaged in this planning process to ensure mutual understanding of issues and desired outcomes associated with repurposing the Fred Richards site.

Discussions with the development team suggest a common vision of repurposing the Fred as a high-value community park is both achievable and mutually beneficial. This common vision is even reflected in the developer's overarching theme of "wellness" for the Pentagon Park redevelopment. The City's own tag line of Edina being a place for "living, learning, raising families and doing business" reinforces the importance of the private development area and public park be designed as complementary aspects of the larger community form.

The following outlines the key provisions of the City's resolution granting rezoning of the Pentagon Park redevelopment area, along with some key points of focus that came out of this process.

### RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY REZONING TO PUD FOR THE PENTAGON PARK REDEVELOPMENT AREA

A resolution granting preliminary rezoning to PUD and an overall development plan was approved by the City Council in March of 2014. The rezoning resolution extensively covers the findings and conditions of approval that will guide the development. Key provisions of the resolution include that the land use proposal will:

- Be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
- Meet the intent of the PUD, with the site guided as "Office Residential" (which is a transitional area between higher intensity districts and residential districts); primary uses include offices, housing, limited service uses, limited industrial, parks and open space
- Create a more efficient and creative use of the property; this includes better vehicle and pedestrian connections, enhanced green space and ponding, a mixture of land uses, improved architecture and sustainability, and shared parking with the park



Under the resolution, the proposed project must also meet the pertinent goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, including:

- Design public open and green linkages that bring both amenity and positive image to neighborhoods, corridors, and business precincts
- Design public streets to serve not only vehicles but also pedestrians, people with mobility aids, and bicycles
- Create walkable streets that foster an active public life; streets that are energized by their proximity to a vibrant mix of activity-generating uses
- Preserve and make accessible natural areas and features as part of a comprehensive open space network
- Within larger redevelopment sites, promote a fine-grained and interconnected network of local streets and paths, encouraging pedestrian circulation and providing a choice of access points
- Encourage infill/redevelopment opportunities that optimize use of city infrastructure and that complement area, neighborhood, and/or corridor context and character
- Stay committed to the “podium” height concept, with podium being defined as the part of a building that abuts the street, or provides the transition to residential neighborhoods, parks, and other sensitive land uses; the intent with the concept is to create a consistent street wall envelope and a comfortable pedestrian environment

#### KEY POINTS OF FOCUS FOR CONTINUED COLLABORATION

With respect to the Fred Richards site, continued collaboration between the City and developer on infrastructure development and design of buildings and streetscapes is imperative. Key points of focus going forward include:

- Designing the parkway to provide ease of access to the park and development area, with the roadway being located on the southern edge of the park with minimal encroachment into park acreage; the aesthetic qualities of the parkway’s streetscape should complement the design themes and character established for the park
- Building facades in the new development should provide a aesthetically pleasant backdrop as viewed from within the park and along the parkway; this includes an appealing architectural style, ample trees and vegetation, and limiting lighting impacts on and across the park
- The park site and Pentagon Park development will *independently* manage their own stormwater – although this does not preclude seeking mutually beneficial stormwater management outcomes (as determined by the City to be in its best interest)

The provisions of the City’s rezoning resolution along with the key points of focus listed above provide a clear direction and set of expectations on the interrelationship between the park and the Pentagon Park development area to the south. The importance of the design for these two areas being of high quality and complementary cannot be overstated. Doing so is imperative for the park to retain a compelling sense of place.



## TECHNICAL CONDITIONS AND CHALLENGES

(INCLUDES NINE MILE  
CREEK WATERSHED RELATED  
CONSIDERATIONS)



*Although well-maintained and visually appealing, the poor soils across the park will have to be addressed as part of any park development.*



*Through insightful design, the aesthetic value, water quality and overall function of the site's wetlands and ponds can be much improved.*

Aesthetically, the Fred Richards site offers a very appealing setting for a community park. Unfortunately, development of the site brings with it some significant technical challenges that will have to be addressed. Most pressing of these is dealing with poor site soils, protecting wetlands, and addressing stormwater management issues that go well beyond the site itself.

With respect to site soils, peat and clay predominant across the site. These soils are prone to saturation and general instability, making it more difficult and costly to build structures and otherwise keep the park in top form. Even keeping the golf course in good playable shape required extensive use of soil-stabilizing fabric underlayment across much of the site. Going forward, accommodating site soils will undoubtedly be a factor in design decisions pertaining to the type and location of site features. Practical limitations on site grading will likely be one of the most pressing issues as development plans take shape.

With respect to wetlands, all of the current ponds and waterways found across the site are protected under wetland conservation laws. Depending on type and quality, any relocation requires mitigation, even if done onsite. Depending on independent value assessments, mandated replacement ratios can range from 2 1/4 up to 9 acres for every 1 displaced wetland acre. From a practical and philosophical standpoint, every attempt needs to be made to avoid displacing the existing ponds and wetlands.

Water management issues associated with the larger Nine Mile Creek watershed further complicates onsite stormwater and wetland protection issues. Succinctly stated, there is a need for additional stormwater management capacity throughout the watershed – including the Fred Richards site. This relates to both water quality and water volume. The increasingly routine occurrence of flooding across parts of the golf course illustrate that this issue is not going away and that this site needs to be part of the broader stormwater management solution.

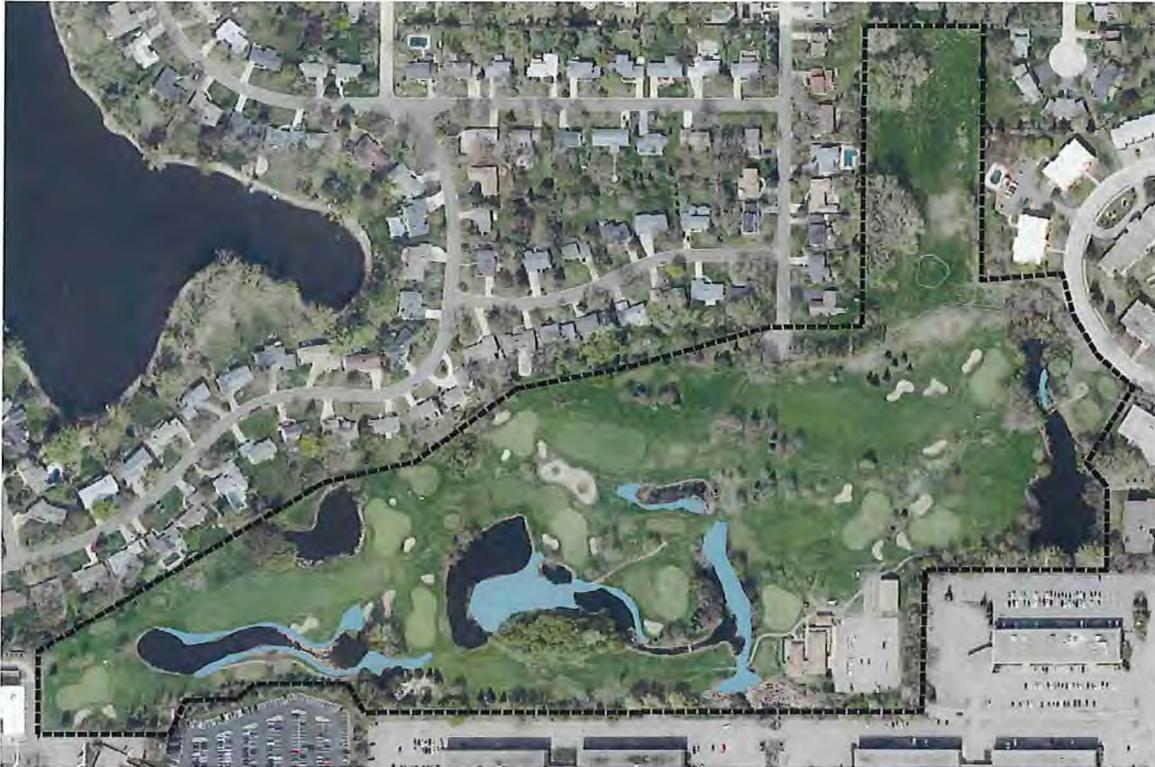
If done well, increasing the surface area of ponds within the park would be beneficial in several important ways. First, increasing the size and scale of the ponding areas would obviously help address the stormwater management issues previously defined.

Second, and of perhaps greater importance to the park user, a *well-designed* expanded system of ponds and wetlands could further enhance the aesthetic qualities of the park. Well-shaped and located ponds can provide additional “edges” to work off of when designing trails, providing sitting areas, and creating different spaces within the park.

Third, well-designed ponds and wetlands can dramatically increase the value of the wildlife habitat within the park. For example, providing wider naturalized buffers along the ponds over what is currently the case would greatly improve habitat quality and quantity. Typically, a higher quality buffer needs to be 30 to 60 feet wide, depending on the site-specific circumstances.



Taken together, the potential benefits of adding ponding as part of an overall design can be significant – both at the park level and larger watershed level. For reference, the following graphic illustrates the extent to which existing ponds and wetlands have been expanded as represented on the vision master plan shown on page 10.



*The blue areas represent expanded ponding relative to existing ponding and wetland areas. Note that the final shape and size of ponds will be determined during the detailed master plan phase of the project.*

## **COST PROJECTIONS FOR REPURPOSING SITE**

The forthcoming cost projections provide a range of potential costs associated with repurposing the site from a golf course to a community park. The projections are based on a combination of site-specific development issues and professional judgments based on developments of similar characteristics. The projections are based on 2014 dollars, which will require inflation adjustments over time. (Also note that 2014 was a volatile year in project bidding for similar work (i.e., bids have been coming in higher than expected), with a fair amount of uncertainty remaining in the marketplace going forward.)

At the vision master plan level, the level of plan detail combined with market uncertainties pose inherent limitations in projecting potential costs. The intended use of the cost projections is to aid the City in developing an overall funding and implementation strategy, including:

- Defining the magnitude of the investment needed to develop the park



- Comparing the relative cost of a basic level of development with that of a more robust approach that more fully achieves the vision as set forth in this plan
- Prioritizing and budgeting for capital improvement program

### COST ESTIMATING CATEGORIES

For budgeting purposes, the cost estimate is broken down into categories. Several categories are associated with city-funded development, and several categories relate to work completed by others or the city acting in partnership with others. Others include the Pentagon Park developers, Three Rivers Park District, and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

City-funded development categories include:

- **Baseline park development package** – includes the core elements of repurposing the park from a golf course to a community park; generally, this includes the community activities and events area, adventure play area, and basic field games area; open parkland area development is limited to trails and a limited palette of other site amenities, such as sitting areas
- **Open parkland area enhancements package** – includes the major development elements in this area, such as the promenades, boardwalks, developed activity nodes, art and sculpture, etc.; also includes some enhancements to the community activities area
- **Field games area enhancements package** – includes upgrading the fields from topsoil surfacing to sand-based fields and related elements, such as underdrainage

Partnership or by-others funded categories include:

- **Parkway package** – includes the roadway and related streetscape elements; the presumption is that the Pentagon Park developer will be the lead and primarily responsible for this work
- **Regional trail package** – includes the regional trail and related development; the presumption is Three Rivers Park District will be the lead and responsible for this work
- **Pond expansion, stormwater management, and water quality improvements package** – includes expanding ponds and related; City may be responsible for costs, but as part of a larger Nine Mile Creek watershed planning strategy

### COST ESTIMATE RANGES

The following summarizes the cost ranges associated with each to the listed categories. Cost ranges are provided due to pricing and quantity variabilities associated with this level of planning. Cost ranges include 15% add-on for testing, design and survey fees, along with 2% for geotechnical testing and permitting.



**City-Funded Development Categories:**

Baseline park development package _____	\$2,966,000 to \$3,559,000
Open parkland area enhancements package ___	\$2,897,000 to \$3,476,000
Field games area enhancements package ____	\$ 713,000 to \$ 855,000
Total _____	\$6,576,000 to \$7,890,000

Costs associated with partnership or by-others funded categories are more broadly considered since others play a lead or partnership role in developing design solutions. For planning context, it is expected that the parkway package will be in the \$2 million plus range. The regional trail package will be in the \$500,000 plus range (although this will be highly influenced by the need for bridges and dealing with soil conditions).

Pond expansion, stormwater management, and water quality improvements package is highly variable and dependent on overall size of the ponding expansion. For budgeting purposes, \$1 million is a reasonable starting point, with many factors influencing the final costs for this type of work.

Also note that setting aside a 10% to 20% cost contingency is recommended for each of the above categories to guard against unknowns in final design outcomes and changes in the bidding environment at the point of development.



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# NOTES FROM PUBLIC PROCESS

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## VISION MASTER PLAN

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## Comments from 1<sup>st</sup> Public Open House for Fred Richards Repurpose Process – June 12<sup>th</sup>

- Do not want trail close to residential property
- Want kid friendly park
- Social environment – but not fields
- Issues of funding (TIF)
- Concerns: want quiet buffer – no noisy athletic fields, want “wildlife” type of park; no overhead lighting
- Concern: safety & security – want fence to south to be kept till development occurs
- Want ped & bike trails
- Want NE area to stay as green space – retain water features; kids play area (currently no place for kids to play in neighborhood)
- Want access to park from south
- Desire to accommodate active uses
- On east side – remain green space; tennis court or other active use would be nice for businesses to use during day
- Concern – access of trail from west
- Question: Has a budget been set?
- Revenue generation opportunities should be pursued
- Floated out Tin Fish idea – “No!”
- Would Seagate & other businesses contribute \$\$\$ ?
- Would like to see where city parks are currently & what is in them
- Do not want lighting
- Stormwater – need to do due diligence – mistrust city & developer
- Dog & Pony show!
- Keep tree cover; add trees where possible – especially by commercial re
- Keep wildlife
- Provide adequate parking; no parking along streets for park use
- IF new water features are added keep away from residential areas
- Model = Bredeson Park
- Centennial Lakes = too much
- Belief that Pentagon Park will use park for stormwater management. Mistrust. NOTE: floodplain area
- Concern – lack of budget
- Want horse therapy either in Edina or someplace nearby
- Need green space for kid play
- Kids on east side have no place to play
- Make north side a wildlife barrier for residents
- EGs: NYC & Buffalo, NY have equestrian use in heart of city; truly unique opportunity for city

- Access to park is limited. How will people access other than from south side? Some want east side access; others do not
- Need to provide access from north but respect residents
- Owner of apts. On Parklawn – need for play area. Water mgt. been issue in past. What is the plan?
- Look at old park from 30 years ago – had fields
- Want family to be able to use park. This means serves many. Desire for trails & play area
- Like “We Can Ride” as volunteer opportunity
- Want winter use – groomed XC skiing
- Soccer club (3000+ players) – need fields – especially for K-4
- Play area plus restrooms
- House on Kellogg on cul-de-sac: major activity should be on south end. Concern re: parking along Kellogg
- Opposed to fields. To be done right would need artificial turn & is opposed to this
- General traffic and parking concerns
- Water mgt = huge issue
- Trails & natural areas desired
- Why do we have to provide play area for apt. kids? They should have to provide their own area
- Idea: urban farm – more than community garden; would be revenue generator. Opportunity for teaching & volunteering
- Edina-based horse therapy program exists for adults & kids with autism
- Not against horse therapy just serves too narrow of a population
- Horse idea = concerns about parking & odor

## Summary of Comment Cards from June 12<sup>th</sup> Public Open House (n=40) & online Comments

### Batch 1:

- Green space, trees, flowers, natural beauty, wildlife
- Equestrian use
- No equestrian use
- Green space for youth activities – soccer, baseball & softball diamonds
- All green space; no development except bathroom facilities
- Belief that Pentagon Park will have to use Fred Richards for stormwater mgt
- Playground; kids in neighborhood need place to play
- Bike trail connections
- Urban farm/community gardens
- Perimeter bike trail; meandering walking paths
- Sitting areas
- Lawn games
- XC ski trails
- Maze, or circular path for walking meditation
- Concerned that “We Can Ride” group got unfair access
- Need heavy citywide input on final design
- Athletic facilities for youth with concessions
- Tennis courts w/lights, sand volleyball, basketball courts, badminton courts, BBQ gas grills, jungle gym
- Bathrooms, shower facilities
- Dog park
- No additional parking or traffic; noise is a concern
- Park must serve all
- Keep golf course
- Refuge for people and wildlife
- Wading pool, splash pad
- MTB trail system
- Signs for park closing at night; security in general
- Issues with crime – esp. as related to adjacent apartment complexes. “Many residents adjacent to the Fred believe a park redevelopment on the Fred would create a gateway for the drug dealing, prostitution and theft that exists in the apartments to spread to the park as well as our neighborhood.” (For further info see email from Marie Sullivan - hardcopy)
- Not a Centennial Lakes
- Need a budget
- Restaurant in clubhouse

- Connect with Cornelia

Batch 2:

- Wading pool
- Park for all – young & old
- Play structures
- Connectivity to 9 mile creek bike path
- Once it's built, advertise it – esp. to those in apts who may not be plugged into conventional ways of obtaining information
- Multi-use park – rectangular fields (soccer & lacrosse), sand volleyball, skate park, play area, warming house
- Youth athletic complex for soccer etc
- Gazebos
- Surround area with walking/exercise path
- Community garden, picnic areas to rent for gatherings
- Putting course, chipping/pitching
- No equestrian
- Dog park
- Equestrian center – support for We Can Ride
- Need a better process for the Fred
- Numerous links to active lifestyle ideas; benefits of (see June 25<sup>th</sup> email from Deanne Miller)
- Make sure whatever is built is self-sufficient
- Not another park with soccer fields, hockey rinks and play equipment
- Turn Fred into a biology lab. (See Bob Rofidal email dated June 13)
- Continue the Centennial Lakes theme
- Urban farm (Steve Curry email June 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Archery range

## Notes from various stakeholder conversations

### Day Care – July 7<sup>th</sup>

- Would definitely use a community park; esp. if they relocate across the street as part of redevelopment
- Like: splash pad, perimeter trail, community garden, nature-based park, grassy area for active play (eg, soccer), field trips etc
- Note: staff currently go to Normandale to walk or jog
- 175 kids; 40 staff

### Café Inc. – July 7<sup>th</sup> – Store Manager will pass request for feedback on to Chet Funk

### Briarcliff Apts – July 7<sup>th</sup> – Dean Akins 952.941.2400

- Sent letter to Ann & Park Board advocating for a golf course school to teach kids the game of golf; life-long sport. Organization = First Tee (example)
- He had no comments about any other type of park use. He feels Edina has spent lots on hockey, why not golf?

### Willow Greens Condos – July 7<sup>th</sup> – Britt 952.239.7835

- Spoke with Britt briefly. Per her request, sent email outlining various ways to provide input

### Seagate – July 21<sup>st</sup> – Pete Wentzell 952 402 7169 (& 2 staff from fitness center)

- Seagate has programs for staff such as: running, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, yoga, boot camp, etc. Soccer & ultimate Frisbee are lunch time clubs. They would be interested in open field space. Soccer could use youth-size fields.
- Interest in regional trail ; they have about 40 bike commuters and Seagate is difficult to commute to via bike
- Have discussed putting a fitness course around Seagate property; security issues would preclude non-employees from using such a facility. They are considering installing a fitness course in about 12 months. They would be interested in talking with the City about possibly collaborating on this effort; where the course would be at the Fred and Seagate employees would use it. Potential for cost-sharing (omit this from report).
- Concern: park users wanting to park at Seagate. Security issue. They would be towed.
- Hockey rink on ponds???
- Departments have employee gatherings – interest in volleyball and/or bocce ball. Plus grills
- Some interest in the community garden idea.

## Notes from Park Board Work Session on July 8<sup>th</sup>

- It is as important to buffer view from inside park as from outside park – buffering, berms etc
- Question: What is the opportunity for shared parking with businesses?
- Per benchmark study, Edina needs: (\* indicates park board member felt these amenities are most appropriate for Fred Richards)
  - Community center
  - Indoor athletic facilities
  - Soccer fields\*
  - Dog park (have one in NW Edina)\*
  - Competition pool
  - Youth activities center
  - Performing arts center
  - Area to stage events – eg: fun run (creates parking needs)
  - Community garden\*
- Check out Queens Co. Park/Farm (NYC) – explore idea of something more than a community garden but less than a farm
- Need to evaluate uses of all Edina parks – How does Fred fit?
- Check out 2006 Parks Study
- Consider natural play area – moveable & buildable pieces
- Themes: unique, get kids outdoors
- Fields for 5-11 year olds needed (no lights needed). Note: if only for practice (vs. practice + games) the traffic is reduced by about 50%
- Need opportunities for 15-18 year olds. EG: warming house for XC skiing/snowshoeing. Bike shop that is run by youth volunteers. Farm stuff. Welcoming environment
- DECA could run bike shop or coffee shop
- Consider bike library; not just Nice Ride. Note: there is a charitable group in Minnetonka that does this) They offer bikes, trikes, etc
- Need tennis courts
- Check out Futsal
- Disc golf
- Keep changing demo's in mind – immigrant populations recreate differently – esp. picnic space
- If possible, create a connection to Cornelia School

## Comments from June 21<sup>st</sup> Site Walk

*Note: There were about 20+ people in attendance at various times*

- Do not want parking area at cul-de-sac on north side OR a thru street
- East side – entrance by Edina Lake trail – want buffer; keep woods. Amount of water is typical after good rain. Note: lots of concrete buried underneath area.
- Desire for natural buffer between residents & park
- RE: buildings along Parklawn – can we get them to change the lighting so it does not shine in people's homes?
- Keep traffic away from cul-de-sac area on north
- Some residents prefer buffer over view; some want buffer + view (Art prefers view)
- Question: Isn't demand for trails in Edina already met? Want balance between residents and Edina overall
- Would like to bury powerline
- Keep trees on south end in order to block view of Pentagon Park buildings
- Prefer parking on Pentagon property
- A while ago, Council said a parkway or any road would not occur on park land; some preference for no road on south side
- Barr building – shield with trees
- West end – keep trail away from homes
- Upside of pines = year round buffering

## Comments from July 9<sup>th</sup> Site Walk

*Note: There were about 35+ people in attendance at various times*

- Question: what is the distance of the perimeter of the property?
- Lots of process questions: What is the budget? How will property taxes be affected? What is the 2015 status of The Fred?
- Want developer to pay for any parkway
- 9 Mile RT should be at southern end
- Lots of discussion about stormwater mgt.
- Expressed lack of trust of Council
- Concerns re: traffic and parking on north side impacting residential areas
- Discussed depth of buffer – min. 50'. Some thought this inadequate; others did not
- Want residents to have flexibility to put up a fence. Do not want Council to pass ordinance prohibiting this
- Questions re: Lake Edina paved trail – will it remain? Told them it will have to fit overall design

- Question: have we walked site with Park Board? Note; plan to have August Park Board session at clubhouse
- Recommendation: do traffic count today as baseline
- Northern “peninsula” – want maximum privacy – visual and noise
- Make sure space between yards does not become a park access ; minimize parking on streets to north
- Do not want cul-de-sac area to become thru street
- Do not want Lake Edina area to become road access
- Like idea of garden – not animals
- Concern re: field noise & lighting
- Focus should be on uniqueness
- Continued frustration re: process that led to Fred closing & path forward

## Notes from Council Work Session on August 4<sup>th</sup>

- Be cautious about indoor play as Edina has that at Edinborough
- Like balance of active/passive use
- Like buffer on north end; want more input on this
- Keep access to south; be thoughtful about access from north
- Urban ag – could be area for young kids – place for older & younger kids; or could be unstructured fields with paths and connected to rest of park
- Play area – need nature-based play area; esp. for those w/disabilities
- Provide lots of outdoor seating near clubhouse
- Field games – allow for unorganized sports
- Support parkway – provides access & parking
- Consider themed areas for western area – picnic area, bird area, reflection pond, etc.
- Play areas are a greater need than urban ag
- Like diverse uses for diverse people
- Provide gazebo somewhere
- Look at Brooklyn Bridge Park – has play spaces by age group
- Concern re: parking for urban ag
- Have we done a global search for uniqueness? Need cutting-edge land uses over next 100 years
- Question re: notification process. A notice was mailed to 1500 homes near The Fred during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June about the re-purposing process

## Notes from Park Board Work Session on August 11th

- Want schematics of picnic areas
- Concerns re: stagnant water – design for flow to address this
- Internal trails – create loops of varying distances
- Discussion re: winter uses – skiing, snowshoeing, skating etc.
- Clubhouse could be used as home for nature-type activities
- Demonstrate age-specific play areas – eg – south part of north arm
- Report should provide input on capital and maintenance costs. Concern re: is there more spending in the SE part of city?
- North arm ideas – apple orchard (history), prairie orchard, dog agility area, tot-size maze, stone building (quarry history)

## Summary of Comments from 9.23.14 Open House (by slide)

### 1. Fred Richards Vision Master Plan

- Until the plans are finalized for Hillcrest ramps, I feel the area should stay as is
- Parkway should only provide access to park – business access from 77<sup>th</sup>
- Are the developers going to contribute: financially, engineering, plan input, donate structures in their name
- Developer – Number of stories per building? Parking ramp? Prefer situated as far from park as possible.

### 2. Parkway Corridor and Regional Trail

- Will the public have any say on how the design will evolve as part of a coordinated effort with Pentagon Park development?
- Open parkland will greatly benefit developer. How much is it contributing to the funding of this project?
- The traffic issue from 77<sup>th</sup> - to what direction on France? Can France handle any more?

### 3. Internal Park Trails, Promenades and Boardwalks

- Neighborhood could benefit from a circular bike route
- Why isn't the bike trail marked on the maps?
- Potential traffic on Kellogg & parking
- Concerns re: field noise – esp. 5-8 M
- Which of the trails are paved?
- "Promenades" "Boardwalks" – sounds like another Centennial Lakes. Can't it be more natural like Bredeson?
- Fields would have less impact on office space than residential area – move it closer to parking; away from homes

### 4. Community Activities and Events Area

- Show amount of actual/projected parking
- It would be helpful to label the types of paths
- Is there going to be space for the Edina Arts Center to use? Film festival?
- Idea: Urban farm to teach not only children but adults – farm to table
- Urban farm – grow & teach & sell produce to community and help fund the maintenance of this park

### 5. Adventure Play Area

- Footgolf!
- Plans for ice rinks on shallow ponds in winter?

- Field games – Level? Type? Ages? No. of fields? Parking for fields?

#### 6. Field Games Area

- No park-related parking allowed on Kellogg south of Hibiscus or Sedum east of West Shore Drive please
- How should sound from the park be buffered from the neighbors to the north & particularly summer evenings
- Kellogg Ave – only access from the north – traffic & parking generated fields
- Please keep character of Kellogg as it is. It is a quiet street where kids can bike & walk
- Should not include soccer or baseball fields. Traffic on the north neighborhoods.
- No lights
- Field areas generate the most noise & traffic. Would be better to place them farther from neighborhood
- With the new fields at Pamela & Braemar why do we need more fields for games?
- Are more fields really needed at the cost of the neighborhood's peaceful character?
- Important that fields do not have lights
- No parking on north side
- Like the fact that there are trails on the north side and around the property
- If the field games are near Kellogg people will park on Kellogg. Move field games west and south
- Noise buffer – noise generated by fields – whistles, cars, yelling. This is a quiet area now – we enjoy the peace. Concerned about noise level 5-8 PM every summer evening

#### 7. Open Parkland Area – General (none)

#### 8. Open Parkland Area – North Arm

- Prefer dirt trails
- Keep open gam area generic. Don't put in specific sport fields.
- No ballfield lights. Only light pollution friendly lighting for safety on trails. No sports allowed in evenings.
- Limit fertilizers. Keep environmentally friendly.
- Make pedestrian access from parking lots to park safe. Markings and crosswalks on parkway to give pedestrian ROW. Think about where Nine Mile RT & peds cross.
- I believe the city has a plan to have the Pentagon Park developer pay to create this park. This is city land and only city money should be used to pay to develop the park.
- I like the trails going around the whole park

#### 9. Naturalized Buffers

- Noise buffer needed for fields
- Restrict bike traffic to be separate from foot traffic on paths. Safety issue.

- Limit parking on Parkway to keep flow of traffic moving. Also keep speed limit down on Parkway to eliminate thru traffic
- Move field games area SW of existing proposal to encourage access from Pentagon Park lots.
- Limit traffic thru North neighborhood. Parking permit for homeowners on Sedum and Kellogg
- No parking for others

**Fred Richards Repurpose Correspondence**  
**(From to June 5, 2014 to present)**  
***First set of emails/correspondence***

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From: Tricia Budke [mailto:tricia.budke@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2014 10:30 PM  
To: Edina Mail  
Subject: Fred Richards Golf Course

I wanted to send a note to the Edina City Council to let them know I completely agree with the recent letter to the editor about the Fred Richards golf course. Apparently there was no plan when the Council decided to close the golf course. Until you have a better plan for the space you should leave it as it is. The idea of making it into a promenade or park makes no sense, unless you intend to charge admission. The space needs to be self-sufficient, whether that means the equestrian idea or the garden idea or some other revenue generating idea. I personally use the Fred golf course on a regular basis so I would like it to stay as it is. Not sure if it is poor management or lack of marketing, but I understand it is in the red and something needs to be done. Hopefully more analysis will be done before closing Fred.

Thank you,

Tricia Budke  
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612-669-6584

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**From:** dmiller [mailto:deanne.miller@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 2:38 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fred Rogers ideas

I know this is a long list of links but I think each is important in describing out opportunity to make the Fred something really special - not just for the people who live near it - but to make it a destination for people -

- <http://www.governing.com/generations/government-management/gov-senior-playgrounds-popping-up.html>
- <http://www.activeoutdoors.info/theoutdoorblog/Article66.html>
- <http://earthplay.net/>
- <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/health-science/benefits-of-outdoor-exercise-go-beyond-fitness-1.915657>

<http://www.travelingthought.com/2012/07/friday-fun-local-splash-pads.html>

and beautiful - so residents love it ---

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/66/Gramercy\\_Park\\_interior\\_W\\_gate.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/66/Gramercy_Park_interior_W_gate.jpg)

<https://www.planning.org/cityparks/briefingpapers/tourism.htm>

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**From:** WinnieandSteve Martin [<mailto:martins6012@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 10:33 AM

**To:** Edina Mail

**Subject:** Community input, Speak up Edina feedback

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I have a grave concern with the lack of communication and information that is currently being made available to residents of Edina about the Fred Repurpose Project.

To date, there has been minimal information provided and no recent updates as to information after the Open Forum, 6/12, and Walk this past Sat., 6/21. At the Open Forum there were 100 people in attendance and all names/emails were taken. To date, there has been no correspondence, or follow up.

The Repurpose website link currently contains no new updates although there has been "talk" that this topic will be discussed at Council 7/1, and "maybe" another potential walk-through sometime early July. <http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-richards-repurpose>

I spoke with Mary Brindle, 6/6, about my concerns at the Art Fair Booth about the lack of communication by the City, and Park and Rec. which I believe correlates to the lack of feedback you are receiving from residents. I know Council Member Sprague has urged people to reach out via the website and I know Mr. Gilgenbach and Council Member Bennett had dialogue regarding the poor number of hits/input given via Speak Up Edina. <http://speakupedina.org/discussions/fred-richards-repurpose-process>. To date, only 8 have responded and 1 blog was posted by Park Board Member Steele.

I bring this to your attention with the hope that there will be more of an effort to make residents aware of not only impending changes, but also options. Residents need to be given an opportunity to rank their preferences with all options weighed. A continuous theme in this community, specific to Council/City decisions, is a lack of transparency. Any efforts that can be made to provide more information, more media blitzes and more transparency will only help the process to run smoother.

Residents want a better process. 42+ acres is an absolute gem. The Repurpose Project deserves more attention, due diligence and creativity than what is currently on the docket. This could be

so many things.....meeting the needs of many residents.....if only those residents were notified that they actually had a voice and could weigh in on the options.

Thank you.

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From: Winnie And Steve [<mailto:martins6012@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2014 10:43 PM  
To: Edina Mail  
Subject: Sat walk

Mayor Hovland,

Thanks for the walk on Sat. I apologize for leaving early, but flooding basement called.

I can't stress to you enough the importance of getting The Fred Repurpose Process "right.". From all interested parties in Edina everyone can agree the "process" is wrong.

Get this right. The Schoenbauer's shouldn't be the ones to decide our 43 acres in a span of 3 months. That land belongs to the community and the opportunity to do something great is upon us. Wetlands, walking paths.....all been done. Look further and deeper.

Please be our voice - show the community we can get this right. Be transparent and put ALL ideas on the table.

Thanks.

Winnie Martin  
Martins [6012@gmail.com](mailto:6012@gmail.com)  
C). 952-484-5575

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**From:** Dan Mueller [<mailto:dan.mueller04@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 1:20 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Future Use of Fred Richards Golf Course

Mayor James Hovland,

Since I was unable to attend the last council meeting where ideas were presented for the future use of the Fred Richards Golf course, I am writing you to give some of my thoughts.

I have just recently heard about the plan to turn the property over to We Can Ride MN for therapeutic horse riding and other events. I strongly urge the council to oppose this plan. This proposal would have very limited use for Edina citizens and only hopes to bring potential few visitors to Edina businesses. I do not want my property tax dollars supporting this plan. If the council thinks this is a good use for the golf course, they should sell the land to a non-profit and use the revenue to lower our property taxes.

I support a plan that would provide multiple outdoor activities for mainly Edina residents of ALL ages, and other visitors from surrounding communities. This would be a great opportunity to have a park that would have activities like: mountain biking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, fitness/obstacle course, another Frisbee golf course, and maybe archery. I would also support a modest fee structure to create and support the infrastructure for these activities. The Three Rivers Park District has some great examples of how to get maximum use out of it's parks for all ages. We could do the same with this property and have it at place that is close to it's citizens. We don't need another park with kid soccer fields, outdoor hockey rinks and playground equipment. Or a park that has a very specific limited use and is not entirely accessible to it's citizens.

The city should pursue a use for the property that will encourage it's citizens to continue fitness activities as a lifelong endeavor.

Thanks for considering my thoughts.  
Dan Mueller  
5614 Sherwood Ave.

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**From:** Johan Rosenberg [<mailto:bjrosenberg@bluroseadvisors.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2014 6:44 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Cc:** [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net); Mary Brindle (Comcast); [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com); [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com); Edina Mail; [jaschoenbauer@gmail.com](mailto:jaschoenbauer@gmail.com); [keschoenbauer@gmail.com](mailto:keschoenbauer@gmail.com); Stacey Thiele; Winnie; [jwhitemn@hotmail.com](mailto:jwhitemn@hotmail.com); Dana Wais; Mary Mitten; Susan Slocum  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Park - We Can Ride In Edina Municipal Park

Dear Mayor Hovland, Edina City Council and the Schoenbauers:

As you know, we presented our proposal last week at the 1<sup>st</sup> public planning meeting. I have to say it was pretty charged and not what anyone expected. Jeff and Kathy managed some very emotional people very well. We Can Ride In Edina Municipal Park supporters represented over 50 people in the room, and we were by far the majority of people attended the meeting. The fact that the Schoenbauer's met with us earlier in the day, and our opportunity to present after everyone else had spoken, gave us the chance to introduce our proposal. Thank you! I know there were many Edina residents in our group who waited to present their point of view until after we had presented and then we simply ran out of time. That can happen. I am certain with your commitment to this public forum over the direction of the Fred – everyone will have more opportunities to share their views and have input.

I happen to have quite a bit of experience with municipal projects and finance, having worked on over 2,000 projects/financings for school districts, cities, counties, state agencies, universities and hospital systems during the past 25 years, and so I know first-hand what a tough position government leaders sometimes find themselves in when managing all the interests of many constituencies. Frankly, because we have a AAA city, with an improving tax base (news to me, but great news – well done!), I have no criticism and I honestly personally would have been fine with just your internal City decisions for the Fred. So it is therefore that we commend and thank you for opening a sincere and genuine dialogue encouraging interaction with the public. Given the additional burdens of the path you have chosen, we want you to know we stand ready to “Do All the Work” to support our proposal, given the chance and time. This includes RFP preparation to solicit nationally recognized developers for a master site plan and architectural renditions, delivering a fiscally responsible budget, with a legal structure that is “off balance sheet and “off credit” for the City, and also supporting all the projected economic development gains with a feasibility study. We recognize our proposal is ambitious, but we think Edina is ready for and deserves a bold plan.

Leaping to conclusions from what was presented at the meeting and in conversations with others, it seems to us the choices for the Fred appear to be 1) an Equestrian Center, 2) an Urban Farm, 3) a Sculpture Garden, 4) a Frisbee Golf Course, 5) an Open Park, or 6) Athletic Fields. Personally, I think the first three in the list are most exciting, and the last three somewhat uninspiring but arguably safe and acceptable. Many of the issues that were raised came from the neighboring residents and we are confident the Equestrian Center will bring satisfaction to about 90-95% of the desires and concerns that were raised, incorporate all of the additional requests and wants, with the exception being that we probably can't satisfy the people who want athletic fields.

We invite you to think about how the Equestrian Center finally responds to our underserved populations of disabled, autistic, and other people with daily challenges, in the spirit of Inclusion, weaves them together with our mainstream populations with riding lessons for everybody and embedded with opportunities for volunteering, coupled with economic development and marketing opportunities that come with an event course.

Lastly, we think Mayor Hovland, and future mayors too, are going to love the Equestrian Center's walking path on Saturday Mornings at 9:00 AM with its beautiful flower beds, fences and beautiful horses not only on quiet mornings, but also on event mornings when the Center is humming with exciting activity and vitality.

We have spent a lot of time talking and gathering information that we want to share with the City and are available at your convenience to meet to discuss this exciting opportunity for our City. Please let us know when it is convenient for you to meet.

Thank you

Johan Rosenberg (Edina Resident)  
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**From:** Stacey Thiele [<mailto:SThiele@SoundCapital.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 10:12 PM  
**To:** Stacey Thiele  
**Cc:** Johan Rosenberg  
**Subject:** Repurpose the Fred - Come Ride with Us.....

Dear Friends:

Please see attached a proposal to re-purpose the Fred Richards Golf Course into a state of the art municipal owned equestrian riding center. This proposal will be presented at the first public meeting next week.

The first public meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Edina Public Works Building, 7450 Metro Blvd., Edina, MN 55439.** The June 12 meeting is open to the public. All Edina residents are invited and welcome to attend. This is the time to evaluate various proposals for 43 acres of beautiful land. Please, come and learn what we can offer the community.

Show your support by picking up a Horse on a Stick at the entrance at 6:30 PM.

Please pass the word along and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks.

Stacey  
[www.wecanrideinedina.org](http://www.wecanrideinedina.org)

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2014 4:03 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 06/13/2014 via:  
[edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey](http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey)

Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.

June 12, 2014 Dear Edina City Officials/Council Members, As a heavily invested home owner who has paid taxes to this city for 26 years, 18 of them as an Hibiscus Ave. resident who never once received TIF for a pool, landscaping or new driveway to promote the future value of my property, I respectfully submit my opinions about the re-development of the Fred Golf Course and I ask that you respectfully consider them. Much reality exists outside of statistics. One of the first comments Schoenbauer Consulting made to attendees of the June 12th Public Open House was that Edina Law Enforcement does not believe crime to be a problem in Edina Parks. Obviously they anticipated neighborhood homeowner's concerns about this issue and preemptively tried to cut off any dialogue of that nature. But it is illogical to suggest that because there is a low amount of reported crime in our parks adjacent to neighborhoods with individual homes and low crime, that therefore a park development located adjacent to apartment complexes with higher crime rates would also experience the same negligible amount of crime. Many residents adjacent to the Fred believe a park redevelopment on the Fred would create a gateway for the drug dealing, prostitution and theft that exists in the apartments to spread into the park as well as our neighborhood. It is unjust to home -owners (who DO care about the kids livin g in the apartments!) for city representatives, in order to appear "politically correct", to deny the issue of crime as a legitimate concern. For the most part, Schoenbauer Consulting controlled the meeting and used techniques designed to convince participants that their views were being heard and recorded. But they were unprepared in their knowledge of the topography, location of landmarks and history of the park. This caused them to come across as a bit patronizing, and many residents felt they are merely

puppets, as city officials have probably already decided what to do with the land and are conducting these public meetings for the sake of appearance. There is a great deal of mistrust of city government right now. They, Schoenbauer, admitted there is no budget for the redevelopment! The Fred is closed due to lack of funds and Schoenbauer was clearly embarrassed to face the audience with the news that they're being paid to design a new development without a budget. To quote one resident, "What a dog and pony show!" Really, how do you expect to retain any credibility? Along the subject of ponies, it was frustrating to encounter Equestrian activists at the door of the meeting asking us to support them and handing out signs. They were, as a group, allowed to have their leader give a several minute speech promoting a development that goes against the city council's stated required criteria for the use of this land; that it be inclusive to a "wide variety" of people. Their proposal stipulated a public/private arrangement (the kind of arrangement that was soundly vetoed by the Lewis Park neighborhood!) which also goes against the city's criteria that the land remain "public!" This proposal would serve fewer community members than did the Fred, and the odors of the horses/manure would be a detriment to the neighborhood! Not to mention where would they park all the horse trailers? There were some residents at the meeting who used to live in the neighborhood when the ball fields existed on the property. They all emphasized that the resulting traffic and noise was terrible! As adults, they decided to buy homes here, as most of us did, because of the golf course. Had the ball fields been here, neither they nor we would have purchased homes in this neighborhood. This is very important information to consider. Basically, home owners want to see the land retain a natural, wild life environment though we worry that other such parks in the city are not always well kept. We are not interested in a Centennial Lakes atmosphere. If we are to endure 10 years of Pentagon Park reconstruction noise and dust, we definitely do not want the additional noise, lighting or dirt pollution associated with athletic fields or restaurants. Restaurants should be discouraged along public park areas because parks should encourage healthy behavior. With the obesity epidemic we know that eating out is generally unhealthy! Putting restaurants along park property and bike trails is akin to putting pop machines in our schools. Another concern shared by all stakeholders is

traffic and parking. Homeowners are especially worried about how to prevent cars from parking on our streets to the north as a “quicker” way to access the park as opposed to a southern access. There is no way to enforce “NO PARKING” signs on our streets and they would only serve to prevent parking for our visiting family and friends, or for special occasions such as graduation open houses! Putting up a tall fence would block access to the park for residents. Homeowners do not want to be “connected” to the apartments. Neither do we want to be “connected” to commercial buildings. We believe the park should be designed to provide our neighborhood with privacy and serve as a buffer, not a connector. We need protection from all the traffic noise and door slamming and car lock “beeping” noises that will radiate from the commercial buildings. We are used to quiet, well mannered, non-littering golfers who respect the land and neighborhood. Golfers usually behave respectfully on the course. Other people, however, are notorious for not respecting property that does not belong to them, as any rental car agency would attest. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance the land be developed in a way that promotes respect for the land. That seems a good place to end this series of comments. So with all due respect, I encourage you to put the necessary amount of time and effort into making sure we end up with a solution that residents will appreciate as much as they did the Fred! We should not rush this. Respectfully Yours,  
Marie Sullivan (4512 Hibiscus Ave.)

Email

mariesullivan87@gmail.com

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**Janet Canton**

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I liked the idea of a teaching community garden or farm where vegetables could be grown and sold to local restaurants. The farm doesn't have to overly mechanized. Walking trails could still be included. And the regional bike trail could still go thru. A few tennis courts could share the space. Right now there aren't any courts that aren't cracked except for at the community center. What I heard most emphatically at the meeting was that there should not be any softball or soccer fields because of traffic concerns and noise. Noise is a particular concern because the commercial buildings on the South side bounce the noise back into the homes.

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | A park for outdoor activities for all ages like: mountain biking, cyclocross, cross country skiing, maybe another frisbee golf course. Not another park of soccer fields and playground equipment and hockey rinks.                       |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | A real mountain bike course with different sections for different abilities, a cyclocross course for the fall, mountain bike course could also be used in the winter with fat bikes, cross country ski course.                            |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I think people would even be willing to pay a small fee (or annual fee) for the operating costs of biking or skiing trail systems. Minnesota has some great organizations that can help put together biking course (MN Off-Road Cyclist). |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Dan Mueller                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-239-4090                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:dan.mueller04@gmail.com">dan.mueller04@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Hi my name is Brigid Spicola and except for a few years during college and law school I have lived in Edina all my life. I remember when there were horses in Edina! I am very much in favor of converting the Fred Richards Golf Course property into one with an equine and equestrian purpose. I am a life-long equestrian. I own 2 horses and ride 2 – 3 times a week. I drive 30-40 minutes to get to my stable. I have also been a long time supporter of the We Can Ride program and have been a volunteer off and on at their Minnetonka facility for many years. My college aged daughter who is also an avid equestrian, has also volunteered for the We Can Ride program for many years – starting as a side walker in high school and then helping feed and exercise horses at the U of M facility. The We Can Ride program is life changing – for the riders, their families and for the volunteers who participate. Having the We Can Ride program in the heart of our community will provide additional and convenient resources for families needing the service but also opportunities to promote volunteerism and community involvement for our youth and residents of all ages. In addition, for the last 8 years, I have served on the board of directors for the Minnesota High School Equestrian Association. The MHSEA is a Minnesota non-profit whose mission is to promote equestrian disciplines as a high school team sport with an emphasis on education, citizenship and recognition of equestrian athletes. As part of my involvement in the MHSEA I have also been the advisor to the Edina High School Equestrian Club again for the last 8 years. There are many equestrians at Edina High School. Last year we had 12 members - all of whom loved horses and found ways to work with horses or ride or volunteer with horses even though the nearest barn is about 25 to 30 minutes away. Having an equestrian center in

Edina will be a benefit to many residents. With this program Edina residents will have the ability to learn about and interact with horses - Many people have not seen or been up close to a horse except for at the State Fair. Having a youth lesson program close by will be attractive to many parents and children – nearly every kid wants a pony at some point in their lives!! The closest riding stable at this time is probably a 30 minute drive away so not having to take a long bus or car ride to get to a riding stable is a bonus and will draw many students. When my children were small and wanted to learn to ride my choices were to try and get in to the YMCA camp Kikiyapi (that fills up fast as is not a summer long lesson program), or a long drive out to a riding stable. I would have loved to have a community education opportunity for my kids to take lessons a 5 minute drive or 15 minute bike ride away. Equine related programs and involvement with horses provide all sorts of life lessons – including responsibility, patience, persistence and not the least of which - how to care for and have respect for a large animal. For those that don't want to learn to ride a horse, horses are beautiful to look at and are wonderful models for artists and photographers. In addition, this proposal provides plenty of green space that can be used and enjoyed in many ways. While I loved having the Fred Richards Golf Course in our community (and played many a round there!) I feel that doing something different, unique and special with that space would be a great addition to our community. I wouldn't want to see too much development (i.e., no football, soccer, hockey or baseball fields) and question the value of putting in a large childrens playground. I would like to see the space remain "green" for the most part with trees and plenty of wildlife. I believe the equestrian-centered facility would accomplish this. Thank you.

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Would love to see a splash pad included in the amenities.          |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Erica Ziegler                                                      |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-644-9505                                                       |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Ericaziegler@gmail.com">Ericaziegler@gmail.com</a> |

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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p> | <p>I would like a park similar to Arneson Acres with trails to allow bike riders and pedestrians to both share the space. Trails from Cornelia would be great so that residents can easily get to this space from the neighborhood. Groomed cross country skiing during winter months would be a great addition too.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                         | <p>PLEASE do not put a horse farm or community garden area in this space. This is NOT what the residents of Edina want, especially those adjacent to this space in the Cornelia neighborhood. I would not have direct sight to this space but I would sympathize with my neighbors who border Fred Richards. As a Realtor in the community I feel that this would reduce values in this direct area . It has just been in the recent past that buyers are finding Cornelia a desireable place to live vs other n'hoods in Edina and our values have gone up significantly. A horse farm and garden farm would negatively impact this.</p> |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like a golf course                                         |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Children's golf clinics , leagues, etc.                            |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | John Lohmann                                                       |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-270-7325                                                       |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Johnmlohmann@gmail.com">Johnmlohmann@gmail.com</a> |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | An accessible golf course for young and old-all citizens of Edina. Leave the course open. We don't need another park. |
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| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | A wading pool similar to the one at Linden hills park.<br>And a play area specifically for little toddlers. |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Lisa Juran                                                                                                  |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-922-9277                                                                                                |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Lisa_marie25@hotmail.com">Lisa_marie25@hotmail.com</a>                                      |

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | A low-maintenance nature preserve with wetlands would be my first choice. |
| Name                                                                             | Steve Timmer                                                              |
| Email                                                                            | <a href="mailto:stimmer@planetlawyers.com">stimmer@planetlawyers.com</a>  |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | Part of it should be a dog park.                                 |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | I am open to anything else.                                      |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | No.                                                              |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Daniel Baron                                                     |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-607-1874                                                     |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:herrbaron@hotmail.com">herrbaron@hotmail.com</a> |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | I'd like to see a park with walking and biking paths that take advantage of the existing water bodies. Some benches and picnic areas would also be great. |
| Any additional comments?                                                         | I'd like to see this new park be a public refuge for both people and wildlife.                                                                            |
| Name                                                                             | David Frederick                                                                                                                                           |
| Phone                                                                            | 952-926-1318                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                            | <a href="mailto:buddydave_1@yahoo.com">buddydave_1@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                          |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | I was so excited to see a proposal for an equestrian center at Fred Richards! We would definitely be using it, maybe even daily! |
| Email                                                                            | <a href="mailto:kraft.michelle@gmail.com">kraft.michelle@gmail.com</a>                                                           |

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | I think a golf course aimed at those just learning golf would be great. I am not being snide - we should leave well enough alone! This whole movement to close the Fred has been very rushed as more and more things around here seem to be. Perhaps there is a way to incorporate Frisbee golf along with traditional. But NO equestrian center - especially in a residential area. The smell of horse poop would be lovely for all the people living near by. Why not leave well-enough alone? We are losing a whole generation of golfers by closing the Fred. |
| Name                                                                             | Sue Keator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Phone                                                                            | 952-922-1824                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | Fenced in dog park, please! There are none on this side of town (I live in the Cornelia neighborhood). Dog parks are a great way to meet and connect with neighbors while the dogs get some exercise. |
| Name                                                                             | Sara Smalley                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | I love the idea of the horseback riding stables and We Can Ride facility. I also think that having a large public park would be great in that area. |
| Name                                                                             | Jenny DeVore                                                                                                                                        |
| Email                                                                            | <a href="mailto:jendevo@msn.com">jendevo@msn.com</a>                                                                                                |

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I think a golf course would be perfect. So all you need to do is maintain what's already there. It's kind of a no-brainer and has the support of the community.                                                                                                                           |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | A restaurant in the clubhouse with a nice outdoor deck overlooking the golf course would draw people to the facility.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I think repurposing Fred Richards into something other than a golf course is probably the most shortsighted decision ever made by the city. There's no community support for it. I know a lot of people in Edina and have yet to find anyone who thinks the golf course should be closed. |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Betsy Nelson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-309-6580                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:betsytn@gmail.com">betsytn@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would prefer to see the Fred Richards remain a golf course. If not a golf course, I would like to see the Fred Richards as a quiet wild area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Wildlife area. Garden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | It is important that a budget be developed, so that the cost of "repurposing" can be compared with the cost of remaining a golf course. It is important that there be no access road through the residential area north of Fred Richards. That residential area has no sidewalks, so residents stroll in the streets. An access road to the Fred Richards area would effectively turn the entire neighborhood into an access road, endangering the residents and reducing quality of life and property values in the neighborhood. |

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like to see the park converted to an equestrian center that the entire community could enjoy. It would enable the area to remain "green space" and would provide Edina with a unique offering that no other towns have. All towns have plenty of parks and soccer fields. A equestrian center would set us apart. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | By having a Equestrian Center we could accommodate: 1. Therapeutic riding 2. Youth and Adult group; riding, training and education 3. Bring a little country back into the city. So many children never get exposed to what living on a farm is like and joy it can bring                                                 |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I realize this a creative and unique idea. However Edina has always prided itself on being extraordinary and we need to continue that tradition versus building something ordinary like another park or soccer field.                                                                                                     |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Julie White                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-239-6150                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:jwhitemn@hotmail.com">jwhitemn@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 4:50 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 06/18/2014 via:  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like to see Fred Richrds Gold course. I do not want another Park in Edina.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Golf and other out of season acitivities such as winter sports.. morning walking clubs and etc.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I do not want anythighn that stays open past the sunset. I do not want anthing that needs to have an access come through the cornelia south neighborhoods. I want to know what the individuals are doing whenthey are enjoying Fred richards. I do not want another Centennial Lakes . |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2014 4:34 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 06/19/2014 via:  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I liked the equestrian center idea. That would be a unique amenity for a first ring suburb. I also like the idea that therapeutic riding could be part of it. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | I liked the equestrian center idea. That would be a unique amenity for a first ring suburb. I also like the idea that therapeutic riding could be part of it. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I liked the equestrian center idea. That would be a unique amenity for a first ring suburb. I also like the idea that therapeutic riding could be part of it. |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Laura Nisi                                                                                                                                                    |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-912-0790                                                                                                                                                  |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Lnisi@mac.com">Lnisi@mac.com</a>                                                                                                              |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2014 7:24 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.

keep the Fred as a golf course.....crazy to redeveop....just another Edina mistake. I have come to the conclusion Edina City Council only caters to residents under 55 yr. of age. (not just the Fred decision, but many others) They only want young residents in Edina. Wait until election time....see who is voted out!

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 7:37 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | A park for all, young and old.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Wading pool for little kids (like the ones Minneapolis has in several parks). Play structures for kids. Connectivity to bike path that will be built in the future (9 Mile Creek).                                                                                                  |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | After it is built and during the construction, please advertise the existence of the park to the apartments in the area. Many immigrants are not plugged into conventional ways of obtaining information and reaching out to them will help them become aware of this new resource. |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | A multi-use park that meets the current and future needs of the Edina residents is best. This should include rectangular fields for Soccer and Lacrosse. Soccer, alone, accounts for 40% of Edina's school aged children. Soccer and Lacrosse are both growing - more and more kids are playing Soccer and Lacrosse. Other things to consider at the new Fred Richards would be cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Some creative small space venues like a couple of Futsal courts for public use, Sand Volleyball that can be used for Footvolley as well (volleyball using any part of your body other than your hands) would be great. How about a wiffleball field - these are small in scale and a ton of fun. Even a well designed skate park would be fun. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | A great playground is always a benefit for the community. Some kind of 4 season warming house/community building would be great.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | The Field Sports are in dire need of new rectangular fields. Not capitalizing on Fred Richards would be an insane waste of an opportunity. An idea would be to look at our youngest field players - the 2-7 year olds who are playing soccer and lacrosse. They always draw the biggest crowds. Why not consider how to make Fred Richards your landing zone for the youngest athletes. Lastly, Creek Valley continues to sink. If we recreated this footprint at Fred Richards, we would still not have enough land. However, space for, at a very minimum, game-only soccer fields would alleviate some of Edina Soccer Club's issues.                                                                                                                              |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Jeff Northrup                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-910-0833                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:jeff@concordusa.com">jeff@concordusa.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:27 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like to see some allocation to soccer fields and lacrosse fields. Lighting would help, but without is fine, as younger kids play earlier. Amenable to neighborhood needs                                                                                                                         |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | It would be a huge improvement that the younger groups of soccer players (U8-U12) utilize the Fred Richards complex, over the Creek Valley floodplain/mud pit we use today. At somepoint every year, one of the five fields goes unplayable due to "mud humps" or sinking fields. Needs to be addressed. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | Playground equipment is a must.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Gerry Greene                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 847-942-6670                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:gerry.greene@gmail.com">gerry.greene@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:46 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | As a community with active children and a storied history in athletic excellence I believe it would be in the City of Edina's best interest to redevelop the FR Course into a youth athletic complex for soccer along with other growing field sports. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | In addition to athletic fields the best facilities I have visited throughout Minnesota and the US have play areas for youngsters as well as gazebos for shade and comfort.                                                                             |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I encourage the City of Edina to invest in the future of the city by increasing its efforts to be family friendly for young families and to provide more opportunity for active and healthy lifestyle choices.                                         |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Josh Roy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 507-380-0552                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:joshua.a.roy@gmail.com">joshua.a.roy@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 3:54 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | id like to see a golf course at this site.                         |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | kids play ground equipment                                         |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | cliff akins                                                        |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-941-2400                                                       |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:cliffa@premierapts.com">cliffa@premierapts.com</a> |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 5:50 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p>                                                          | <p>Edina is a great city that due to lack of space, suffers from inferior fields and playing space for sports like soccer and lacrosse. These sports are rapidly growing both nationally and locally in Edina. The Fred Richards complex is a significant opportunity to create a best in class complex for field sports, and take a big step toward making Edina at least equal to surrounding communities when it comes to field sports.</p> |
| <p>In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?</p> | <p>Fred Richards is a large enough plot of land to accommodate several needs in our community: 1. Surround the entire area with a walking/exercise path so that the surrounding neighborhood has a tangible benefit. 2. Build as many high quality, sustainable fields for soccer and lacrosse that can be accommodated by the plot of land.</p>                                                                                               |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                                  | <p>Let's be forward thinking on this issue! We have an opportunity to reinvigorate a sizable Edina community asset that for several years has been highly underutilized. To my knowledge, Edina has few, if any, sizable pieces of land that can be redeveloped for the good of our community and field sports. programs.</p>                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Name</p>                                                                                                                                      | <p>Gordon Wright</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Phone</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>612-810-9771</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Email</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p><a href="mailto:gordonpwright@gmail.com">gordonpwright@gmail.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 6:25 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | We absolutely need more rectangular sports fields in Edina! Our families are so tired of driving to other communities for soccer and lacrosse, and heaven forbid you are a team manager and need to book a field or reschedule something!! MORE FIELDS!!! |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Warming house would be great - and perhaps the ability to sell concessions for games and tournaments.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | MORE FIELDS PLEASE!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Dawn Martin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-964-8989                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:dawn.martin@biworldwide.com">dawn.martin@biworldwide.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                              |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 3:14 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 06/25/2014 via:  
[edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey](http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey)

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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p>                                                          | <p>A park that provides year-round amenities for all residents--not just those living adjacent to it; one that is not a drain on city resources/funds and potentially makes money for the city for the overall park/rec budget; and, finally, one that is respectful of property-owners adjacent to the park. I know that it is a tall order, but I believe it can be done and that the city is on the right path.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?</p> | <p>My feedback above is over-arching. Here are some specific amenities to consider: YES to amenities like walking/biking paths, a playground, and beautiful gardens. Potentially a community garden. And, maybe some picnic areas to reserve/rent for family gatherings or even small business events. Perhaps an area to rent for weddings? It's my understanding that wedding/reception sites are profitable and needed in the suburbs. Although I agree with the reasons to close The Fred as Par 3 course, perhaps an area could be dedicated to a golf practice area with a small putting course, chipping/pitching. These are great skills to develop for both the beginner and experienced golfer. A practice facility could be used for golf lessons, also. For year-round use, some winter attractions like cross-country skiing, snow shoeing or ice skating. I know that Edina needs sports fields and although the adjoining property owners are against it, I wonder if there is a way to provide that and be respectful to homeowners. Many of the amenities I've suggested have wide appeal, but if I was being completely self-centered, I would love to see an outdoor bocce court :) NO to an equestrian center. I love horses, but dedicating public space to just one interest group is not the way to go. Edina has too much density for horses...perhaps a suburb like Credit River would be more appropriate.</p> |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                                  | <p>I do understand that adjacent homeowners are</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|       | concerned about the changes in their neighborhood and quality of life. For years they have had a summer-only public park adjoining their backyards. For that reason, I think planning and redevelopment should include a buffer area or planned in a way to be respectful to those residents. |
| Name  | Connie Carrino                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Email | <a href="mailto:crcarrino@q.com">crcarrino@q.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 8:29 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 06/26/2014 via:  
[edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey](http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey)

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I am pleading for a dog park with enough space and trees for dogs and their owners to have a meaningful experience. Dogs need shade and squirrels to chase. I will refrain from commenting on our current dog park(s) and just tell you that I need to drive to other cities for a decent walk. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Leave it treed and wild. Put some walking paths and separate bike paths and just leave it alone. Maybe some restrooms. We don't have any 'wild' spaces - all the natural spots have been 'improved'. And make a separate dog park with an area for small dogs.                                  |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | Walking dogs on sidewalks will be much more difficult with the addition of bicycles. How can we consider adding horses when are family pets are not treated as well as neighboring communities? Or buy the empty land on 39th and France and make that an official dog park?                    |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | JoAnn Hillstrom                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-929-4160                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:jahillst@yahoo.com">jahillst@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 28, 2014 12:12 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 06/28/2014 via:  
[edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey](http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey)

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | Equestrian center |
| Name                                                                             | Jill Scullard     |

-Edina Team.



**From:** Sharon [<mailto:speissig@usfamily.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:19 PM  
**To:** Joseph Abood  
**Subject:** Re: Online discussion on Speak Up, Edina

How about keeping it as a golf course.

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**From:** Carlhuseth [<mailto:carl.huseth6@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:01 PM  
**To:** Joseph Abood  
**Subject:** Re: Online discussion on Speak Up, Edina

Leave it along

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jack Nasby [<mailto:jacknas09@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:00 PM  
**To:** Joseph Abood  
**Subject:** Re: Online discussion on Speak Up, Edina

I want a golf course. This year it's been very busy. I've called many times and they say they are booked because of leagues and camps, Where are those camps going to go if Fred's shut down, Braemar is already busy. Not happy with the decisions Edina is making.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ruth Anderson [<mailto:rulyanderson@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 7:38 PM  
**To:** Joseph Abood  
**Subject:** Re: Online discussion on Speak Up, Edina

That's,  
Why not allow the area to become a wild life sanctuary with a few walking paths? Like Bredeson Park? Minimal maintenance and upkeep. Yet retain the park like value for nearby residents.  
Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Dan Peterson [<mailto:dan1nan@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:47 PM

**To:** Joseph Abood  
**Subject:** Re: Online discussion on Speak Up, Edina

Frisbee golf.....extreme biking.....putt putt golf. Dan Peterson

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Aaron [<mailto:bizbosl@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:42 PM  
**To:** Joseph Abood  
**Subject:** Re: Online discussion on Speak Up, Edina

A golf course would be nice....

Sent from my iPad

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Handwritten Letter from Dean Akins, sent 6-27-14

6-27-14

TO: EDINA PARK & RECREATION

DEAN M. AKINS  
27720 ISLAND VIEW RD.  
SHOREWOOD, MN 55331

FROM: DEAN M. AKINS  
OWNER BRAIRCLIFF APTS  
4440 PARKLAWN

RE: FREN RICHARDS GOLF COURSE

GENTLEMEN:

FIRST, THE BEST USE OF THE LAND FOR ALL  
CONCERNED IS A 9 HOLE GOLF COURSE!

THE PROBLEM IN LOSING MONEY ON GOLF  
IN EDINA HAS TO BE MANAGEMENT - NOT  
CHARGING ENOUGH OR WHATEVER, RAIN ALSO PLAYED A PART.

THERE ARE MANY PRIVATE GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT  
COMPANIES THAT WOULD LEASE BRLEMMER AND  
FREN RICHARDS AND GUARANTEE EDINA A SUBSTANTIAL  
PERCENT PROFIT AND NO LOSS.

IT SEEMS TRAGIC TO GIVE UP WHAT COULD BE  
A FABULOUS GOLF TEACHING FACILITY BECAUSE OF  
EXCESS RAIN AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

FRED RICHARDS COULD BE A GOLF SCHOOL  
TYPE FACILITY THAT WOULD BRING IN  
KIDS FROM EDINA AND THE GREATER METRO  
AREA. HAVE INSTRUCTORS, LESSONS, OFFER  
PLAY TIME, GOLF SHOP, ETC. ETC.

THERE ARE NATIONAL GOLF CHARITIES THAT WOULD  
LOVE TO PARTICIPATE WITH A FACILITY  
DEDICATED TO TEACHING GOLF. IT WOULD BE A WIN

FOR EDINA TO BRING IN KIDS ACROSS THE  
METRO TO TEACH GOLF. EDINA KIDS IN LATER  
LIFE WOULD THANK "DECISIONMAKERS" IN 2014  
FOR TEACHING THE LIFE LONG SPORT OF GOLF,  
RATHER THAN BUILDING ANOTHER HOCKEY ARENA,  
THAT IN LATER LIFE ONLY CONTRIBUTES TO  
JOINT PAIN, HIP REPLACEMENT, AND OCCASIONAL  
LIFE CHANGING INJURY.

*Wendy [Signature]*

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2014 9:04 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 07/02/2014 via:  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like to see a park with multiple purposes: a path for walkers and runners, a bicycle path, a playground for young families and athletic fields for soccer and other sports. I wonder if you could connect a path around Fred Richards to the bike path near Gallagher Dr. and/or the walking path at Centennial Lakes. Since we want all of our residents to be healthy and our city to be pedestrian friendly, I think the council should consider this as well. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | There are never enough soccer fields, it is a growing sport, and I would like to see some of the space used for soccer fields.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I would like the council to consider the comments and needs of the whole city and not one particular advocacy group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, July 04, 2014 8:05 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | The Fred Richards site would be a great location for additional soccer fields in Edina. There is a shortage of soccer fields for a growing sport in Edina and putting them at the Fred Richards site will continue community involvement in the site. These fields could also be used for lacrosse and/or recreational play. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Pavilion with grill area for picnics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | John Conte                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-743-4554                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Johnc0923@comcast.net">Johnc0923@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 06, 2014 6:47 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | First, thanks for reaching out to the Edina community for input. I strongly believe that the park should include space for lighted turf athletic fields including a dome that could be used year round (similar to the Eden Prairie dome). There is a lack of quality field space for athletic teams around Edina, particularly during the winter months, and the park space presents an ideal location and opportunity for an athletic sporting complex that could be used year round by the community (both youth and adults). |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Include biking/walking trails for easy access to surrounding area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | If there are concerns about converting the entire park into a sporting complex, at a minimum, a portion of the space should be used for an athletic dome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Steven Murray                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 651-329-9956                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Murraystevenj@gmail.com">Murraystevenj@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 08, 2014 8:58 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 07/08/2014 via:  
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Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.

Rob Copeland here and I live on Aspasia Cir. I would like to see a park similar to centennial lake park with walking paths and water. I think it would be great with pentagon park being redeveloped and would help greatly to bring tenants to the new development. I would love to be able to run from my house to a new park with trails and water. Lights would be good too. Thanks for listening. 6125181418.

Name

rob copeland

Phone

612-518-1418

Email

[Rob@copelandbuilding.com](mailto:Rob@copelandbuilding.com)

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 11:04 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | A nice 9 hole hole golf course would be perfect for this location                                                                                                                                                                   |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Golf, Youth golf academy, Footgolf (golf using a soccer ball). I think the clubhouse could be leased to a private enterprise like Pinstripes, so they could cater corporate/private parties. Golf course run by a private company,. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | If there is no golf course, then I would prefer that the park be like Bredesen and NOT Centennial Lakes!!!!                                                                                                                         |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Geir Johansen                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-929-7247                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:emailgeir@gmail.com">emailgeir@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                        |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 12, 2014 12:57 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | One that includes the ability to run and cross country ski as well as golf |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Running, skiing, golf                                                      |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:22 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | baseball fields soccer fields shelter that could be rented for parties walking and biking path large playground structure |
| Name                                                                             | Linda Enck                                                                                                                |
| Phone                                                                            | 952-925-2386                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                            | <a href="mailto:slamenck@comcast.net">slamenck@comcast.net</a>                                                            |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:42 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | Golf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Any additional comments?                                                         | I think that when the investigation is finished into the backhanded deal that is being done, and the money being made off of this crap deal, the people should be sued with as much Edina patron money as possible backing the lawyers. By the way that is a lot of money... You guys are a joke for closing down this course. Now lets see if you have the guts to let other see this or will it be erased. Have a good day, take care of yourselves, that what you guys do best! |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 6:57 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | Golf course                                                                                                   |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Golf course                                                                                                   |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | This course has been a wonderful resource to the community. We have plenty of parks - don't need another one. |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 7:12 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would rather see it stay as a golf course                                                                                   |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Convert it to a dedicated year round indoor/outdoor driving range like Golf Zone in Chaska - the rest can be made into a park |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | Fred Richards instead of closing should follow the Highlands business model.                                                  |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Rick                                                                                                                          |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:23 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | The park should provide activities for all ages. A perimter walking path. A playground area Horseshoes/ Bocce Ball Basketetball area tennis/pickleball courts. Shuffleboard                         |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Some sort of golf should be in the plan. There is a move to 6 hole golf. This should be consideedr.Hack golf is another coming idea.. Maybe an 18 hole putting course like Himalays at St. Andrews. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | Wth the setback in timing just announced for Braemar the Council should consider keeping Richards open for 2015 season.                                                                             |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Patrick Finley                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-929-1062                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Finbernard@aol.com">Finbernard@aol.com</a>                                                                                                                                          |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 9:20 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | no park. leave it as a golf course.                                                                                            |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | no park. leave it as a golf course..                                                                                           |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | i sure will NOT be golfing any where in Edina if Fred Richards golf course is closed nor will i do any more business in Edina. |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | David Eldridge                                                                                                                 |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:davideldridge47@hotmail.com">davideldridge47@hotmail.com</a>                                                   |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 9:26 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | Keep Fred Richards open |
| Name                                                                             | Joe Jellen              |
| Phone                                                                            | 951-929-0574            |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 9:28 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I want to see it stay a golf course. Charge more if necessary, The Braemar executive course has too many hills that are hard to walk for seniors. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Put- Put golf course                                                                                                                              |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Wayne Wenger                                                                                                                                      |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:DWayneWenger@outlook.com">DWayneWenger@outlook.com</a>                                                                            |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 7:41 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | Multi purpose ..keeping as much green space as possible. Walking trails would be wonderful, tennis courts would be a great addition, play areas for toddlers pre k - as well as a softball field or two. Not sure how much space there would be for a soccer field. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | I know residents are concerned about increased traffic in and around their homes. So anything done to renew the area needs has to be done with intention and respect for this living in the area.                                                                   |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Jane Rasmussen Petrich                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:Janepetrich@comcast.net">Janepetrich@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 7:43 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | new golf course                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Any additional comments?                                                         | Speaking from a golfer's standpoint, i would love a new golf course there.Maybe purchase more land and put in 18 holes? I think it would attract a lot more people than a par three small city course. Just an idea. |
| Name                                                                             | johnny wedl                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Phone                                                                            | 952-270-1878                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Email                                                                            | <a href="mailto:johnny_wedl@yahoo.com">johnny_wedl@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                                                                     |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 7:58 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | Lots of grass and open space. Baseball, soccer and football fields.                                        |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | accomodations for baseball tournaments. currently only have courtney field complex to support tournaments. |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 9:31 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | multi purpose with walking paths daytime/evening use |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | sand volleyball courts and baseball fields           |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 9:54 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like to see the Fred Richards Golf Course continue as is!!!! Is anyone there thinking about what this course means to young and older Golfers?                                                            |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | GOLF                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | This is not the Edina we decided to re-locate to when we retired. Golf is already losing participation because of length of the game and the "club" effect. Please keep something available for the "rest of us". |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Bette Reeder                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-991-5058                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:bettereeder@gmail.com">bettereeder@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 1:54 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | A family friendly park that is well lite for evening walks. Hope it will have both walking and biking paths with benches and picnic areas. An outdoor ice rink for the winter would be great. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | public restrooms                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | none                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Patricia Gries                                                                                                                                                                                |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 2:06 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I feel our City needs a Community Center that includes basketball, tennis, exercise rooms, and perhaps an indoor ice rink for recreational use similar to Eden Prairie & Maple Grove. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | See above                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I feel our community is need of a center where individuals and families can gather.                                                                                                   |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | Jane Noyce                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 952-944-0292                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Email                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:janenoyce@comcast.net">janenoyce@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                      |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.

I am not a resident of Edina but a volunteer for We Can Ride . I am so sorry and disappointed that the proposal for WeCan Ride was not accepted. I was also very disappointed with the grand plan that was presented for this very important program. Please reconsider We can Ride for The Fred. As it is, the program could only provide a wonderful, pastoral setting. Programs and camps for children could provide a peaceful environment, teach them about the environment, respect for other beings. In particular, relationships with horses can be very healing experiences. Please reconsider We Can Ride, in its most simple configuration, for use of the Fred Richards Golf Course. Thank You Donna Kurimay  
4750 E 53rd St, # 313 Minneapolis

Phone

612-721-8688

Email

[Dkurimay@comcast.net](mailto:Dkurimay@comcast.net)

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2014 10:33 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | I would like exactly what is there a 9 hole golf course that meets all needs with added winter activities and walking choices.                                        |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Golf and winter programs. Programs for youth who can use golf to learn life skills.                                                                                   |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | I do not want ballparks, soccer fields. NO late night lights and the golf course to be closed at night. I do not want any traffic coming through south cornelia area. |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 9:14 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.                                                          | An adult park. Not to be confused with a child park, which we have plenty of. A place of aviaries, walking paths with rest and stretching sites. A compliment of biking trails with scenic overlooks with rest benches. Possibly a lazy river. Bicycles built for two and built for four rentals. Family picnic areas and food vendor / farmers market Shelters. |
| In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards? | Parking areas scattered throughout the park that are located to improve easy access to various locations of interest. One parking area next to the farmers market, one by the lazy river and one by biking / hiking trails.                                                                                                                                      |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                                  | Publish a map that shows the boundaries and topography of the Fred. Advertise a contest for the best designs and encourage the public to participate.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Name                                                                                                                                      | G. Craig Willey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Phone                                                                                                                                     | 612-710-5995                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 7:35 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | Keep it as a golf course perhaps adding soccer golf on the yellow flag holes |
| Any additional comments?                                                         | Still think we are dumb to close a vailable assets like Fred Richards        |
| Name                                                                             | Dick Johnson                                                                 |
| Phone                                                                            | 952-925-2044                                                                 |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 8:49 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.

I would like Fred Richards to be left as a golf course so it can continue to serve the many residents of Edina that use it-young and old. It is the most cost efficient plan. Market the course and put up some signage.

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:22 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p>                                                          | <p>My neighbor was at the July 30th meeting, and I am very concerned about the poor communication of that meeting. The city did not have the meeting on their main webpage and they did not put it on facebook or tweet about the meeting. They could have included a link to the slides if the consultant or the city really wanted to communicate with the residents. The slides were ready, why weren't the current slides available before the meeting.</p> |
| <p>In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?</p> | <p>If there is a community garden, it should only be available to Edina residents. And there should be No Parking on Kellogg.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:09 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Very opposed to the current vision. I especially don't like the agriculture and sports fields. I am not interested in large areas of water that are covered in green scum (look at Normandale Park in Bloomington for reference). |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | The area should stay an executive golf course- it is the best use of the land, it is profitable, paid off and serves both young and old. Spend the money on marketing an already fabulous asset.                                  |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Residents of Edina are not being heard on this issue- Why?                                                                                                                                                                        |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 3:55 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | This is not the vision I had expected the city of edina to develop in replacement of a extrodinary asset as Fred Richards. How is a Urban Agriculture Area reflective of the homeowners in Edina and this South Corneilia area? This proposal is less inclusive than Fred Richards as a golf course as users. This is not what i would support at all.I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Yes, Fred Richards Golf course should stay as is and additional ammenties such as footgolf, slack lining, frisbie golf and winter activities to add revenue and usage. We are a family community that values athletic family oriencted activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | yes, this is a terrible location for the urban agricultural area with access only from the south. Which means increased traffic in the neighborhoods and trespassing on propertys because there is not good access to this garden. This should not be one of the options on the table. What other options is the City proposing. the city promised that we would get several solutions presented to teh neighbors and there is nothing interesting that meets the needs of the community. Seniors, teenagers and non gardeners are not represented with this solution. Once again, the city is excluding options that are best in class and are not opening up discussion and solutions with the neighborhoods. |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Colleen Wolfe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:colleenwolfe5@comcast.net">colleenwolfe5@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 11:16 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p>                                                          | <p>In your power point slides the area of the Urban Agriculture seems like a bad fit. The city said it wanted to use the land for many people, this large area for urban farming is using a large amount of space for very few people. You have such a large narrow area, with only access from the south, boarded by private homes and townhouses. On the last walk through, you said that area was being looked at for passive play area. It currently is used by people for many passive things; to fly kites, Frisbee playing, kids play with soccer balls all the time. In the spring when it floods, kids feed the ducks for month there is so much standing water.</p> |
| <p>In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?</p> | <p>Wouldn't it be better to put the urban farm on just north of the bike path, where hole 1 and 2 are right now. Then there could be multiple ways to enter the Urban Farm so people don't have to carry things so very far, lots of close parking, the bikers would have something to look at, and the tenants in the new office space could utilize the farm during the day. Cornelia Elementary already has a vegetable garden, and a friendship garden that they use for instruction.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                                  | <p>The homes on Kellogg, Gilford, Oaklawn and the town homes just to the east of the park are being disproportionately disadvantaged with the design in the power point. Why is there walking paths on 2/3 of the park where the more expensive homes are, and all the active use amenities are where the less expense home boarder the park property. Please be fair about how you allocate the space and do not cater to the wealthier families.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 03, 2014 4:50 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p> | <p>As a resident of Kellogg Ave, I am concerned about the traffic, parking and noise levels that will be generated by the proposed sports fields. Kellogg is a quiet street where neighbors can walk and young kids are safe on bikes. The street's character and low traffic should remain as it is today. The circle at the end of Kellogg should not become a drop off zone for players nor should Kellogg and parts of Sedum bear the brunt of parking generated by the athletic fields. It does appear this would be the quickest access to the fields. I think the impact upon neighbors of the noise generated by the athletic fields has been highly underestimated. Our summers months are so short and neighbors enjoy evenings in their yards. The sounds of whistles, yelling and cars parking on our streets every evening until 8:00 and on Saturdays would be quite unpleasant. I very much appreciate that the fields would not have lighting! I am also concerned about the potential urban agriculture. Again, the closest access is Kellogg Ave and a cut through of neighboring yards or at the Kellogg circle. This raises parking, privacy and safety concerns. Finally, I am concerned that a Parkway will simply generate closer business traffic. Is there a plan for signage to direct park goers to the parkway or designated parking areas and away from the neighborhood streets?</p> |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                               | <p>Summer months are a difficult time to be asking for input and meeting attendance on this important project. Cabins and vacation schedules result in poor attendance at meetings, but not a lack of concern from impacted neighbors. Thank you for asking for and considering my input.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Name</p>                                                                   | <p>Laura Berzinski</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2014 11:21 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p>                                                        | <p>I live at 7408 Kellogg and I am writing to strongly object to the City's consideration of urban agriculture for the Lake Edina Park as part of the Conceptual Vision Master Plan for many reasons. For the City to even consider this as a concept throws out the Comprehensive Plan for the City and demonstrates the City's complete disregard for peoples reasonable expectation that the Edina will follow its Comprehensive Plan. Lake Edina Park is used as a mini park for many passive uses. My children are school aged and use the park for everything from playing tag, to just about any game that involves a ball. When they were little the neighborhood organized a Saturday baseball in the park for the kids. Just this weekend I saw a family I didn't know on the north end of Lake Edina Park playing with a soccer ball and a portable net. It's common to see families out with Frisbees, kites, small electronic planes and many other passive uses in the park.. In 2008, Edina spent a great deal of time, money and hired an outside consultant to come up with a plan for development, environmental stewardship and parks and recreation within the City that would carry us well into the next decades. The mere thought of urban agriculture on the Lake Edina Park site, crumples up and throws away this plan on several levels.</p> |
| <p>Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision?</p> | <p>Winter Activities, such as a hockey area using one of the golf buildings as a warming house.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                      | <p>The Comprehensive Plan contained a specific section on Parks, Open Space, and Natural Resources that was intended to guide the Council, staff and their respective consultants on creating "Community through People, Parks and Programs" which form the boundaries and plans for all Edina Parks in the future. As part of this effort at visioning, the Park and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Recreation Department of the City set up a classification system for the City based mostly on the size of parks. This included a classification for what is called "Mini-Parks." These small parks are: "characterized by a size of approximately 2 acres or less and is designed to serve primarily the needs of pre-school age children, although it may provide facilities to serve the needs of other age groups. Edina's Mini-Parks typically do not have scheduled athletic facilities. Mini-Parks are typically used to address limited isolated recreational needs. Service Area - ¼ mile." Lake Edina Park is listed as a Mini Park in the Comprehensive Plan and the Council must not ignore the guidance from the Comp Plan as it relates to Mini-Parks. Nowhere in the Comprehensive Plan does it refer to "Urban Agriculture" as a component of Edina's Mini Parks and the very idea goes directly against the agreed elements of the plan. Urban Agriculture does not serve the recreational needs of the pre-school age children. Urban agriculture is intended to provide self sufficient food production at its highest and best use. Before this plan goes any further the need for Edina residents for urban agriculture needs to be clarified. Urban Agriculture is not an isolated recreational need as also dictated by the Comprehensive plan. Farming and gardening are not the types of recreation contemplated in the plan. Regardless of the vision for adjoining property like Fred Richards golf course, this is an urban parcel. There are many new family's that border this parcel who need a recreational area for children to run, play games and generally enjoy open passive use space and the Consultant has failed to recognize this need in its study as shown by the current proposal using the space that is Lake Edina Park. Lastly, from an environmental standpoint, there is a good chance that this parcel is an undocumented seasonal wetland as defined by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Many neighbors' report long periods of standing water on the Lake Edina Park parcel during the spring and other times during the year. While not delineated at this time, in order for the City to abide by one of its primary goals of protecting existing natural resources, it must investigate this possibility before making any further investigation of an urban agriculture. Wetland issues may prevent any such redevelopment in the future because of restrictions pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 404. Furthermore, Lake Edina Park was never studied under any environmental review for any of the other

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|       | <p>surrounding projects and we think that the City as the Responsible Governmental Unit needs to undertake an Environmental Review as required by the Minnesota Environmental Review Act before undertaking any further action on this project. Together these elements demonstrate the folly in pursuing urban agriculture at Lake Edina Park. If the City proceeds it would be as if the Comprehensive Plan means nothing and no resident should be able to reasonably rely on this document in the future. It would be the same as rejecting any input from the Planning Commission or Parks and Recreational Commission or the Energy and Environment Commission.</p> |
| Name  | Laura Schleck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 5:43 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p>                                                        | <p>The information provided for the south and west areas appears to be appropriate. For the current Lake Edina Park space, there is little explanation regarding the "urban agriculture" area. Where is the access going to be? Is the bike trail installed last year going to be removed and relocated to the south side with the regional trail? Also, for the urban agricultural area, this is about a 7 acre parcel. How are users going to access their gardens on the north end? They certainly are not going to walk with equipment to the far end; they will use a vehicle to drive up to the garden or park on Kellogg or Gilford and walk through the residential yards to access. One item not mentioned is limiting vehicle access to the park from the north side; it states just pedestrian access limitations. Vehicular traffic needs to be limited to just from the south and east sides. Also regarding the urban agricultural area: is the city going to remove the stately cottonwood trees at the north end of Lake Edina Park? I would not want to see these removed. As a resident of this area, I'd prefer that Lake Edina Park remain a park for passive use only.</p> |
| <p>Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision?</p> | <p>I think that a nice conversion of the Fred Richards golf course would be to change it to footgolf. It's a growing sport, would minimize cost conversion, and would effectively appeal to the teenage crowd that the city desires.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                      | <p>Residential properties that are within the area where more active park uses are desired should receive a property tax reduction and privacy screening costs should be included to be covered by the city, i.e. fencing costs for all properties backing up to an active area such as urban agriculture.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Name</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>Brian Machart</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:57 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?

I am dismayed to see that my home on Gilford Dr., which borders Lake Edina Park, will now look upon community gardens whose upkeep is up to random individuals. This brings increased foot traffic and is of no benefit to me or my neighbors. Public land, for a few to garden? Also, have you no awareness of the water that pools in Lake Edina Park after heavy rainfalls? That does not function well as an agricultural field. Beyond that, we get to deal with the noise and congestion of athletic fields? It really appears that one end of this land is being slammed with activities that will bring in higher numbers of people and the noise and issues that brings. People will park on our street and cut through. They do it now on a minimal basis to access the park and golf course. This will only increase with this plan. I realize I live by public land, but what the city does with public land comes with a responsibility for the city to not create a situation that promotes intrusion on private citizens and their property. I have every right to be concerned about the value and safety of my property, my greatest financial investment, being negatively impacted by this plan and I don't feel that is adequately addressed in this plan.

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 12:24 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p>                                                        | <p>First there was the millions of dollars of unforeseen cost over runs with the Braemar sports dome. Now the City Council is trying to justify their vote to close Fred Richards golf course based on a questionable annual operating loss. Then without a blink, they propose a re-purpose of the land at the cost of 10's of millions of dollars!!! Where is the "Stewardship of tax payers dollars" that was referred to during all of the council meetings this past year??? The council continues to make decisions, spend tax dollars and cast votes without examining all the options and costs. The vote on Fred Richards should have included the cost of re-purposing!! It does not matter if the costs are coming out of the golf operation or the park and rec budget. Costs are costs and all but a couple of council members should be ashamed to claim "stewardship". This mismanagement of public funds should be an embarrassment.</p> |
| <p>Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision?</p> | <p>It should be re-purposed back to a golf operation. Even at a loss it would take 100's of years of losses before it would cost the city what the proposed re-purpose will cost.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                      | <p>The individuals who compiled the proposal to close Fred Richards should have done their jobs in presenting a comprehensive plan that should have included the cost of re-purposing. The job that was done by our city manager and park &amp; rec director exhibits a gross offense of incompetence and poor management. A result of of either laziness or lack of experience. Neither of which should be tolerated. It is time to take a step back and gather ALL of the facts before making a decision that will cost tax payers millions of dollars.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Name</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>Tim McNamara</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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-Edina Team.



## Fred Richards Repurpose Process Public Open House July 30<sup>th</sup> – Comments Welcome!

### **Background:**

- At the March 18, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council accepted the recommendation of staff and the Park Board to close Fred Richards Golf Course at the end of the 2014 season.
- At the April 22, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council authorized a consulting services proposal for a reuse study and visioning for a master plan for Fred Richards Golf Course.
- At the Public Open House on July 30<sup>th</sup>, resident feedback to potential site amenities will be solicited based on information gathered at open houses, site walks and surveys. The overall vision for repurposing Fred Richards will be discussed based on information received from residents.

### **Please provide input on this important project for the City of Edina!**

1. Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards.

2. Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that are not reflected in the current vision? *Soccer Golf*

*Miniature Golf Course - large course like what's at Wisconsin Dells. There is a good one at Wabasha Minnesota also. You have water there for fun holes. Fun games for families and youngsters of all ages*

3. Any additional comments?

*We need something for additional income for the city we need some activities for seniors. Seniors don't want a place to walk.*

**Please drop off or mail to: Parks & Recreation Department 4801 W. 50th Street Edina, MN 55424**

Optional:

Your name:

*Jim Halverson*

Email:

*JPHALVERS@qmail.com*

Phone:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!



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## Fred Richards Repurpose Process Public Open House July 30<sup>th</sup> – Comments Welcome!

### Background:

- At the March 18, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council accepted the recommendation of staff and the Park Board to close Fred Richards Golf Course at the end of the 2014 season.
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- At the Public Open House on July 30<sup>th</sup>, resident feedback to potential site amenities will be solicited based on information gathered at open houses, site walks and surveys. The overall vision for repurposing Fred Richards will be discussed based on information received from residents.

### Please provide input on this important project for the City of Edina!

1. Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards.

Short sited, there needs to be  
access to an executive course in Edina  
when the driving range is redone

2. Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that are not reflected in the current vision?

not a vehicle for pentagon park developers  
to "sell" their space. not any water  
run off from the pentagon office space into  
the park.  
not a sand box play area

Please link slides to a tweet before the meeting

✓ Please drop off or mail to: Parks & Recreation Department 4801 W. 50th Street Edina, MN 55424

Optional:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Family Jamboree - July 31<sup>st</sup>



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## Fred Richards Repurpose Process Public Open House June 12 – Comments Welcome!

### Background:

- At the March 18, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council accepted the recommendation of staff and the Park Board to close Fred Richards Golf Course at the end of the 2014 season.
- At the April 22, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council authorized a consulting services proposal for a reuse study and visioning for a master plan for Fred Richards Golf Course.
- The city will use an inclusive public input process in order to create a park design plan for the future of Fred Richards Park.

### **Please provide input on this important project for the City of Edina!**

1. Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards:

1. Play Ground
2. Skating path
3. Walking path
4. Fountain in the middle of the park
5. Decorated with flowers parks

2. In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?

1. Monthly children programmes
2. Yoga center
3. Various programs which will attract with all age groups.

3. Any additional comments?

**Please drop off or mail to: Parks & Recreation Department 4801 W. 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424**  
**Or, you may complete this form online at: <http://edinamn.gov/fred-richards-repurpose>.**

Optional:

Your name: Srimathi Sivadevan

Email: Srimathisivadevan@gmail.com

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!



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Family Jamboree - July 31<sup>st</sup>

## Fred Richards Repurpose Process Public Open House June 12 - Comments Welcome!

### Background:

- At the March 18, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council accepted the recommendation of staff and the Park Board to close Fred Richards Golf Course at the end of the 2014 season.
- At the April 22, 2014 City Council meeting, the City Council authorized a consulting services proposal for a reuse study and visioning for a master plan for Fred Richards Golf Course.
- The city will use an inclusive public input process in order to create a park design plan for the future of Fred Richards Park.

### Please provide input on this important project for the City of Edina!

1. Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards:

play ground and a park where children can play and have fun.

2. In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?

a Basketball Court

3. Any additional comments?

Thank you

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Cornelia Elementary Park Playground Program on 7/24 recorded by Kristin Aarsvold

**What would you like at Fred Richards if it was a park?**

Barrett (age 7) – Sports Park with lacrosse fields

Kenna (Age 7 ½) – Regular Park – Playground

Monish (age 10) – Swings

Sophia (6) – Water Park

Addullah (8) – Waterpark

Wally (10) – Waterpark; soccer fields

Sai (8) – Waterpark

Jackson (7) – Waterpark

Josie (9) – Playground with a pool

Lisa (7) – Monkey Bars

Christopher (6) – Twisty Slide

Abdullahi (6) – Pool

Ben (9) – Jungle Gym Park

Danielle(9) – Waterpark with swings into the water

Rania (6)- Spider Web climber; slides; monkey bars; bouncy parts; weird mirrors

Tenzin (7) – Waterpark

Rowan (7) – Waterpark

Everret (9) – Jungle Gym with a zipline

Gavin (10) – Waterpark

Anahi (9) -Big Slides

Khadra (7)- Swings

Olivia (7) – Splach pad

Tierra (17) – Places for older kids to hang out; field area are not big enough for the little kids and the big kids at the apartment; things for older kids like basketball court; park building; soccer fields.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 4:02 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | The "Adventure Area" description is vague. It would be unappealing to teens. Having a climbing wall is laughable - they are a bit passe and are not used at other parks. I hope the space provided for sports playing fields accomodates at least 2 soccer-sized fields. Soccer is growing and growing in Edina (ESC has more teams than ever) and fields are hard to come by. I do not have strong opinions one way or the other about the other features of the proposal. |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Batting cages would be fun for teens and would not take up too much room. Maybe some kind of maze too. There needs to be more creativity and innovative ideas. What do the other cities in the area not already have?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Futsal is, by definition, an indoor sport.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Tia Smythe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:tiasmythe@gmail.com">tiasmythe@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:39 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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| Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards. | Leave as is, very nice golf course for older people to play  |
| Any additional comments?                                                         | We as older people need more golf courses that we can enjoy! |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Friday, August 08, 2014 10:18 AM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh; Janet Canton  
**Subject:** FW: Fred Richards Golf Course

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Ann Kattreh and Janet Canton.



**Lynette Biunno, Receptionist**

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**From:** MIKE SUSAN MCGOLDRICK [<mailto:smmcgoldy@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:16 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Golf Course

I don't normally send emails regarding issues within the city, but due to how the Fred Richards closing process has been handled, I needed to voice my opinion to the city council.

Although, I understand the financial challenges with Fred Richards in the future, I don't know why there is a rush to close it at the end of this year. When I saw the costs and improvements needed in the presentation earlier this year, most of the large expenses and improvements weren't needed until several years in the future.

What is more concerning, is the recent news that the upgrades to the executive course at Braemar will not be completed by next golf season, so the city will be left with no executive course for the golf season next year.

My son played in the Friday morning junior golf league at Fred Richards this year and if that course is closed and the executive course at Braemar is still being updated, where will all of the junior golfers in Edina play next summer?

I don't understand the rush to close Fred Richards at the end of this year. Can you please consider keeping it open until the Braemar renovation is complete, otherwise junior golfers will be left with nowhere to play next season.

I look forward to seeing your reply and action on this important issue so that junior golfers are not left with nowhere to play next year.

Mike McGoldrick  
952-922-0986

August 9, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Having attended the meetings on the Fred Richards conversion to a park, I am compelled to point out what I feel is needed for a logical decision and some factual observations regarding this area:

1. An actual topographical site map showing the areas that have sub soil conditioning is needed to help decide which areas have the highest possibility of having a level, stable surface. It has worked for years in that the fairways look stable and level after 20 years.
2. We spent a lot of money 20 years ago digging out many areas, then laid down nylon mesh and backfilled. It worked.
3. Are we trying to solve some sort of water ponding issue? Leave the ponds as they are in that it is adequate for us in the area. The sketched plans show many more ponding areas. What's the square footage of ponds now as versus what is proposed?
4. The input from the adjacent residences, I believe, is that the sector proposed for facilities is preferred to be on the south side, i.e., the 77<sup>th</sup> Street side. The sketch shows that the active play area is concentrated in the northeast side of the park. Nothing along the 77<sup>th</sup> Street side. The consultant's answer is that is because of some sort of soil condition. Back to number 1. It's a guess. But there is currently a water hazard (i.e. pond) in that area now; not particularly suitable for a stable playground.
5. The proposed parkway on the south side is the perfect place for parking on the roadway or for access to parking areas in the south sector of the park. This then would suggest the sporting/play facilities should again be on the south side.
6. The proposed garden area or agriculture area is in what is now a buffer zone between residential single homes and apartment areas. This area has been used as an informal general use area for the people (apartments and single-family home residents) for 50 years. It has worked well, but is not heavily used, which says something about needs for our area, but I see kids, 2 or 3 throwing a football, etc., kite flying, soccer games, Frisbee throwing, etc., is what I observe. This is an overflow/flood ponding area taking water from Parklawn Avenue. From time to time there is standing water for a while; I would say, 1 year in 3. As this area is used now, it is not a big deal and informal use is not interrupted. Leave it alone.
7. I believe the consultant leaves much to be desired. He says, again and again, nothing is final. The council will decide. Consultants are hired to provide expert knowledge in specific areas of design that the council does not have expertise in. He mentioned sand boxes which are no longer installed because of the risk of infectious disease, etc. It bothered me that he was not aware of this. We need a more competent consultant. A breath of fresh air was stated by our mayor at the council group meeting that nothing of inventiveness was presented by our consultant. He gets my vote.

I have lived at 7505 Kellogg Avenue, the last house adjacent to the park, for 40 years. The decisions on the park have a direct impact on my financial investment, which now looks negative.

Sincerely,



Arthur G. Lowell  
7505 Kellogg Avenue S.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 1:23 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p>                                                        | <p>The combination of activities on the city is appealing. However, the City continues to look at this site in isolation from its other needs. Currently, Edina has a community center only because the school district has excess space at the former Edina East High School. I have heard many people say that within 10 years, the school district will want to take back all the space, leaving Edina with no community center. There is a limited amount of developable public land in Edina for such a facility. The current facility is not adequate or competitive with what is provided by neighboring competing community, and the long-term planning of a new community center needs to have a higher priority than it is currently being given. There is a portion of the Fred Richards site that would be ideal for a community center in terms of access - the extreme SW corner. It is right off of Highway 100 and could be easily accessed from anywhere in the city. It could have shared parking with the Pentagon Park reconstruction, given that that business center's parking lots are likely to be relatively empty in the evening hours. The other possible site, right across Highway 100, from City Hall, would also be good, but again in that case, it is being looked as another development project, rather than as an opportunity to put in additional city infrastructure. Either location could be made to work, and I'm not aware of any other public land that is available. Please wake up and deal with the City's long-term needs, rather than looking for a quick and painless fix.</p> |
| <p>Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision?</p> | <p>Community center in the SW part of the Fred Richards property, developed as part of a Master Plan with the Pentagon Park redevelopment. And please, buffering was necessary before because the Pentagon Park Buildings were very ugly and didn't age well. The City needs to apply high design standards to that property, that would complement a modern</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                          | community center.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Any additional comments? | <p>I'm glad to see that the city is talking about additional community garden space and it does appear that the space is appropriate for the use. However, it has the disadvantage of being located in the City's SW quadrant, when really to improve access to community gardens, it would be better to have space in the other three sectors of the city. Also, please keep in mind that the city is doing little now for adult recreation, focusing almost entirely on youth. To have a healthy community, we need to go beyond providing golf courses and walking paths, but putting in other programs and facilities that appeal to middle aged and older adults. We have no adult soccer leagues - at least as far as I'm aware. It is a sport people can easily play into their 50s. I would like to see the City develop outdoor recreation programs and services specifically for middle aged and older adults. If all the current fields are taken up by youth sports, then maybe Fred Richards should be a place where we start doing more sports programming for adults. Again, we only do this if this is part of a larger vision for Edina - a piece in the puzzle that makes Edina a better and healthier place to live for all who live and work here. Finally, you will get far more feedback and a wider cross section of the public if you rely more on surveys and less on public meetings. Public meetings are places where the people who loud voices and a personal agenda show up, who may be less likely to think about the good of the community rather than "what is in it for them."</p> |
| Name                     | Joel R. Stegner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Email                    | <a href="mailto:joel.r.stegner@gmail.com">joel.r.stegner@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Phone                    | 952-843-3440                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 10:23 AM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh; Janet Canton  
**Subject:** FW: Fred

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Park Board members, Ann Kattreh and Janet Canton.

Lynette Biunno, Receptionist  
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**From:** [Bringgold@aol.com](mailto:Bringgold@aol.com) [<mailto:Bringgold@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 9:52 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fred

I read with disbelief the 129 inches about the Fred in the current Sun. What a boondoggle. What did the course lose in 2013 and what is forecast for this year? Did anyone consider raising green fees etc to buffer or cover the shortfall if there is one? Or is it more politically correct to spend a huge amount to turn the course into something for which there is no plan? And where will that funding come from? I have been an Edina resident for over 40 years and have always been proud of Edina and the way the city was run. With the Fred fiasco I can no longer say that. Gary Bringgold, 7322 Claredon Drive.

Sent from my iPad

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:01 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Generally positive. LOVE the splash pad idea as well as activities for teens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING. Ages 12-adult can do it. rent them for little expense and have plenty of them. This is really hot in the whole state. Covered parking... short parking garage 2 floors. two lane exits from site for right and left turns so there isn't a giant back-up getting out of the park. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Do more than just 'vending.' Have counters, plenty of tables, chairs: hamburgers, hot dogs, thin crust pizza, ice cream, fruit, fresh salads; hot chocolate in winter; Keep Fred Richards open until we are ready to start construction. No reason to have it sit empty.                                   |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Carrie Carroll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:carriecarroll@comcast.net">carriecarroll@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 11:54 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

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Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?

The process for this “repurpose” was rushed, less than transparent, and without the city council/consultant listening to resident concern. Further, the use of an expensive consultant seems offensive to the talents of the city staff, resident voices, and fiscal responsibility. It is short-sighted and without solid community backing to “repurpose” this space after a couple of down revenue years. The city has done a poor job of promoting this course in the recession years and seems to have given up on golf. The policy of making all city-owned enterprises make money is great in theory, but the city is not a business and not all city amenities should go away after a few poorly marketed down years. Steps need to be made to bring Edina golfers back home to Braemar, there is not a shortage of golfers in Edina only where they choose to play! I also have a problem with the timing of the closure of the Fred Richards course while the Braemar golf course will be undergoing renovations; it seems to make sense to keep it open at least until Braemar is complete. The repurpose of the Fred Richards site at the same time as the Pentagon project does not pass the “smell test” and my bet is that there is back room assurance to provide runoff containment and a walking park for the developers to hype as an amenity to their tenants. The Pentagon site should have long ago been privately redeveloped and the city council seems to only now be ready to hand over tax incentives to do what privately should have been years ago. I’m sure the current plan for the Pentagon site is not visionary enough for such a prime location and only seeks short term profit for the developer over long term benefit for Edina citizens. How is Edina improved after this closure, “repurpose”, and Pentagon redevelopment? In hindsight, Edina should have declared Pentagon Park blighted ten years ago, taken by eminent domain like the Wally McCarthy

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|                                                                                                                               | site, redeveloped and we now would be reaping the additional tax revenues.                                                                                              |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | I'm not convinced the land is suited for much else than a golf course. Absent the current Fred Richards golf course, how about foot golf, disc golf, and soccer fields? |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | What of the promises made to adjacent home owners when they built next to the original golf course?                                                                     |
| Name                                                                                                                          | James Gleason                                                                                                                                                           |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:gleason2001@aol.com">gleason2001@aol.com</a>                                                                                                            |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 952-944-4050                                                                                                                                                            |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2014 10:11 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | As fairly new residents of Edina we were very pleased to discover the charming Fred Richards course and we use it regularly when we want to play a quick game of golf. We love to see youngsters and seniors getting out and enjoying this facility. It made us proud to call Edina our new home. How sad that the present city council is following this city managers directions and losing one of the amenities that make Edina a special place to live. |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Perhaps the course could have a day or two dedicated to the popular new activity of foot golf. I understand that the Hyland course in Bloomington is finding that use is actually making money for them. I doubt if this temporary interim use would be a costly repurpose expense.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Please reconsider this decision!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Barbara Herbst                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:Naples2272@comcast.net">Naples2272@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2014 11:42 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Go slow.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Please consider the inclusion of kick golf or miniature golf (better still, both). They would seem to be a popular and continuing amenity to the historical use of the of the property. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | This will be a big project, long time decision for the area so don't rush any decision.                                                                                                 |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 11:46 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | It needs to stay as is.                                                    |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Do not close this golf course.                                             |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Closing is a stupid idea.                                                  |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Barb Nichols                                                               |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:jandbnichols@earthlink.net">jandbnichols@earthlink.net</a> |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:40 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards? | I think all you can do with that land is walking paths. A golf facility is the best use in my opinion. The council has abandoned the purpose of the area. I can't imagine any other use. Golf is not dead yet. The new nine holes at Braemar is a maintenance nightmare. That is the course to try to rehab.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Any additional comments?                                               | The Driving Range is overdue for remodel. Great project. The new nine(19-27) is in need of a complete overhaul. Nobody wants to play it. Everyone who does complains about conditions. The Braemar Maint. personnel do a fabulous job. The entire course has been deprived of major improvements for many years. The last 20 years has taken it's toll on the course. It's still one of the finest settings for public golf in the state. Good Luck for what is chosen to do. |
| Name                                                                   | John Nylund                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Email                                                                  | <a href="mailto:mcclund@comcast.net">mcclund@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Phone                                                                  | 952-334-1420                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:25 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Looks expensive and basically a dumping ground for runoff from the new Pentagon Park development. I have heard that the cost will be in the 10 - 15 Million range, which seems out of line given it was closed to save 50k / year at the golf course. |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | If it can not be a golf course, then would make it mostly athletic fields.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Would like to see it remain a golf course - seems like the most cost effective option                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Aaron Swann                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:aaron.c.swann@seagate.com">aaron.c.swann@seagate.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 612-845-5914                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 7:46 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form has been submitted on 08/28/2014 via:  
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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | The city has too much exposure now in recreational sites. This area would better benefit the city if it was bring in tax revenue                                                        |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | all city operated amenities are now priced out of the budget of lower income residents so we do not need more amenities for higher income residents                                     |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | We feel that Edina is way too over staffed with workers now. If an effort was made to cut back on involvement and lower the costs of operating the city this would best serve residents |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Jim Kollross                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:JimKollross@msn.com">JimKollross@msn.com</a>                                                                                                                            |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 952-829-0501                                                                                                                                                                            |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 1:49 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | I would like to address the Nine Mile Creek trail aspect.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | See above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | The proposed Nine Mile Creek trail is now laid out using orange paint markers. It shows the trail originating at the southwest end of 77th St. It then goes north to the cul de sac on Kellogg joining the trail going to Parklawn Ave. Was anybody listening to the neighbors who wanted the main attractions to be on the south end of the park? I thought it was supposed to be going along 77th St going north near Parklawn. This is exactly opposite. So much for citizens' input. |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Art Lowell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:marcia_lowell@msn.com">marcia_lowell@msn.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 952-927-5773                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:19 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Mistake. Keep the course, close the Braemar nine. Use that space for additional rinks, soccer domes, etc. One resident also had the idea to sell the back Braemar 9 to developers to fund rinks, domes. Good idea. |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | See above.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@EdinaMN.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:21 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards? | Why close it when people have been playing it for years-----sometimes it is getting too expensive to play golf at the other courses--again-money rules and it si pahasing out many of the common blue collar people----just like the Vikes new stadium-----Kevin |
| Name                                                                   | Kevin Timm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Email                                                                  | <a href="mailto:kat.99@msn.com">kat.99@msn.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Phone                                                                  | 763-439-3318                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 06, 2014 7:43 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form has been submitted on 09/06/2014 via:  
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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards? | Keep it as a golf course. There are very few executive courses. I never knew this course existed until just recently....never advertised....poorly marked. It has a lot of potential if more knew it was there. |
| Name                                                                   | Bruce Allan                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Email                                                                  | <a href="mailto:baindoff@aol.com">baindoff@aol.com</a>                                                                                                                                                          |
| Phone                                                                  | 612-616-5830                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

-Edina Team.

September 8, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I noticed orange markings coming across Fred Richards golf course to the cul de sac on Kellogg Avenue. The markings, from Kellogg, go south along the west side of the practice putting green and then south again causing the regional trail to go from east to north directly into the Kellogg cul de sac. I called Three Rivers Park District and spoke to Jason regarding the Nine Mile Creek Trail. I was then informed that it was Edina who had suggested they look at this new path for the trail. According to this representative, it was not the Three Rivers Park District's original proposal for the path of the trail. All routes until this time had gone east on 77<sup>th</sup>, and then went north along Parklawn. One route showed it going across the bridge that now goes to the ninth hole tee-off. Apparently now Edina has proposed the trail travel through what is now Fred Richards golf course and join the trail at the Kellogg cul de sac with Edina's trail going east to Parklawn. I am concerned that this will cause more traffic on Kellogg and parking of cars on Kellogg because this then creates a terminal point for access to the trail. Access to the north side of the park will be the cul de sac on Kellogg. This is inevitable. But, I would prefer that we not design in additional features that draw any more activity, parking, etc., to the north side of the park adjacent to our single family homes. All designs shown to date showed the trail on the south side and far east portions of the new park. Buffering the existing Edina trail will be exceedingly difficult not only in the single-family home neighborhood of Kellogg, but also near-impossible where it is within 5 feet of the property line of the apartment at 4380 Parklawn and approximately 50 feet from the apartment's bedroom windows on that side. The route of the trail over the existing 9<sup>th</sup> hole bridge, and then to Parklawn, makes a lot more sense from a buffering point of view.

This new route was not suggested nor presented in any of the public meetings. The other trail routes proposed by Three Rivers were all shown, and I did not hear any negative comments regarding those routes. Why would you now deviate to yet another potentially negative proposal?

Sincerely,



Art Lowell  
7505 Kellogg Avenue S.  
Edina, MN 55435

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 7:35 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form has been submitted on 09/08/2014 via:  
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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Overall pleased - Would love to see the area used for multi purpose - bringing in a variety of people for a variety of activities, all seasons                                                                |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | WINTER activities - sledding hill, perhaps a cross country ski trail, ETC. We have LONG winters and it is crazy to have parks sit dormant. We need activities that encourage people to get out in the winter. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Just to repeat the need for winter use activities - cross country skiing, sledding, snow shoeing, etc.                                                                                                        |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Rochelle Larson                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:rlarsonorder@earthlink.net">rlarsonorder@earthlink.net</a>                                                                                                                                    |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 952-944-1645                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

-Edina Team.

To Edina Park Board

I live on Parklawn so have an interest in what becomes of "The Fred"<sup>4</sup>

a few suggestions, some which I am sure you have already received,

Desperately need a playground like these

at all elementary schools in Edina  
there are hundreds of children living

in areas with no place to play,

Leave lots of green area.

Couple picnic tables

Maybe foot golf or Frisbee golf

Cement slab with several BB hoops

Maybe paint shuffle board court on slab,

absolutely no apts. or condos!

I was told you don't take suggestions <sub>over</sub>

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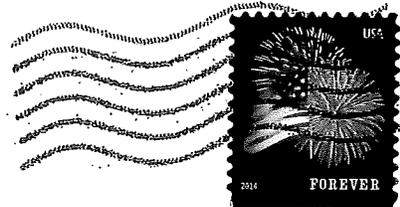
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Thank you.

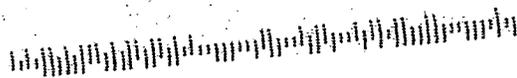
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Edina Mn. 55424



## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p>                                                        | <p>More use by more users is a good thing. I think it is a little too auto-centric and the City should place great emphasis in the redesign and in the Pentagon Park redevelopment and any other redevelopment, to increase bike and pedestrian access. Walking, biking, skating, etc. to a neighborhood park is so much more pleasant than driving, and the driving access is terrible, requiring time on busy France Avenue or the freeway.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision?</p> | <p>Nordic (cross-country) skiing. It is one of the largest-participation, most popular sports at Edina High School. It's cheap to layout and maintain trails. Hyland Park trails are extremely popular. It's a great winter sport. It doesn't conflict with other sports - once the snow is gone, the land can be 100% used for warm-weather activities. The demographics are great - Nordic skiers tend to be highly-educated, higher-earning, successful and fit people. Businesses love having them as customers. I think that there could also be skating on the ponds, and creation of a sledding hill or area.</p> |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                      | <p>I think it should be Better-connected to the neighborhoods to the north and east, rather than minimizing those connections. I live north of it and I want to use it. I know people are worried about crime and loss of privacy, but I wonder how much crime happens to homes bordering on Edina's other parks? I am fine with the buffer, but I do want street and sidewalk access so that kids can get to the park without having to go on busy streets.</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Name</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>Neal Blanchett</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Email</p>                                                                                                                         | <p><a href="mailto:nblanchett@carlson.com">nblanchett@carlson.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 12:03 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | Sad to see a nice family golf course being taken away. The cost of keeping the golf course looks like it will be much much less than repurposing the park/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Yes, I would like to see the park be similar to Bredesen Park in Edina. It should have running/walking trails in a Nature preserve setting. In the winter there could be cross country ski trails. The park should be a natural wildlife oasis. If there was any "active recreational" use, I like to see a Footgolf course, as I think this would be popular at it would pay homage to Fred Richards golf course. |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | I love Centennial Lakes park, but PLEASE we don't need another park like Centennial Lakes!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Geir Johansen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:geirjohansen84@gmail.com">geirjohansen84@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 952-929-7247                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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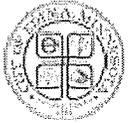
## Janet Canton

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2014 8:56 AM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh; Janet Canton  
**Subject:** FW: Fred Richards Golf

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Ann Kattreh and Janet Canton.



**Lynette Biunno, Receptionist**

952-927-8861 | Fax 952-826-0389

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**From:** M. J. Huber [<mailto:mjhuber@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 13, 2014 12:21 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Golf

Please keep Fred Richards Golf open, we play golf and then lunch at nearby restaurants and afterwards shop at the area malls. Much of the benefits are invisible unless you look for them. But there is plenty of room there to work in some trails and picnic areas but it does not lend itself to such use to any significant level. I suspect your redevelopment costs and maintenance costs will exceed the minor operating losses that have arisen from several years of poor weather. And if you work with the local primary and high schools to get all kids an opportunity to play, you could probably cover your costs and turn it into a real incubator for Minnesota golf. Think big, please!

Sincerely,

Mark Huber  
969 Delaware Avenue  
Mendota Heights, MN 55118

3253 N. Girard Ave.  
Mpls., MN

[mjhuber@Hotmail.com](mailto:mjhuber@Hotmail.com)

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2014 1:48 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | The Fred Richards should remain a golf course and that is my vision.                                                   |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | Improve the course with better turf. It is a wonderful, serene sight away from the hustle and bustle of the city life. |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 4:45 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | It is a stupid decision! The Fred is used by senior citizens and young citizens just starting to play golf. |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | I have not seen a current vision that makes more sense than leaving it as a golf course                     |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Reverse your decision and leave the Fred as a golf course!                                                  |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Larry Buechler                                                                                              |
| Email                                                                                                                         | Lbuechler@comcast. Net                                                                                      |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 612-845-8062                                                                                                |

-Edina Team.

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2014 8:22 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | NOT happy                                                      |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | golf course related                                            |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Please keep the course.                                        |
| Name                                                                                                                          | pissed off                                                     |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:cakeeater2@yahoo.com">cakeeater2@yahoo.com</a> |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 952-927-8861                                                   |

-Edina Team.

**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2014 12:57 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?</p>                                                        | <p>The guiding principles seem decent. Edina devotes a lot of space and money to organized sports and activities. In nearby Centennial Lakes, we have a more entertainment-oriented park. I would like to see Fred Richards' main focus be on a natural sanctuary, a place of tranquility. We live in a very programmed, hectic world in a very densely developed area. Our physical and mental well-being are dependent on access to nature. In the words of Minnesota's Sigurd Olson, "preservation of natural areas...has a...fundamental significance,,concerned with broad social values that have to do with human happiness, deep human needs...values that may be a counteraction to the type of world we live in." I would like to see a place where grandparents and grandchildren can enjoy an impromptu stroll, families can sit on a blanket and enjoy the views or toss a Frisbee around. I think that a signed nature trail where kids (and adults) can learn about plants, trees, birds and other wildlife would be great. I would I like to see plant choices be beneficial to butterflies, bees and birds. I like the buffered areas. I especially do not want to see big banks of lights flooding the more active areas.</p> |
| <p>Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision?</p> | <p>I am concerned that the vastly increased amount of water area will hamper informal green space use. I also see it as a potential ACCESSIBILITY issue. At Centennial Lakes, a person wanting to take shorter walks is restricted in options if he or she can't handle the steeply-staired bridges.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Any additional comments?</p>                                                                                                      | <p>I am very concerned about the cost of conversion of the golf course to the park and of ongoing maintenance costs. A big deal was made of the expense of Fred Richards in spite of the fact that the vast majority of it's development and ongoing costs were met by Braemar golfers (I'm not a golfer, so no</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

self-interest there). It has been basically self-supporting and could be even more so. Within days of the decision to close it, a \$2,000,000 overrun on the hockey arena was announced, and no one said "boo." That certainly is a very specific interest group that has already received a great deal of investment. Our household receives no benefit from that huge expenditure. Do we really need the expense of converting one quiet green space to another?

-Edina Team.

Sept.26,2014

To whom it may concern:

The meeting on Sept 23 left me with a rather disturbing conclusion: your consultant and Edina do not have a comprehensive overall view of the final park design. There was no discussion of how the design integrates the parking of cars and the location of major activities that draw parking needs to them. My question to the consultant as to the concentration in the northeast section which will encourage parking along Parklawn Ave and the cul de sac on Kellogg Ave was answered by saying "Edina was looking at this problem." These issues cannot be looked at as if they are independent of each other. Having a parking ramp or area on 77<sup>th</sup> was discussed. The accomplishment of this is when????? The design and completion of the buildings by the Pentagon office on 77<sup>th</sup> St is stated to be as far away as 15 years . In the meantime????

In the past when the east side of Kellogg was a park, a parking lot existed where the 9<sup>th</sup> hole tee off is now. I believe that worked very well and stated that to the consultant. He answered by stating "that was just my opinion". I said,"No, it is a 20 year observation" Regarding the garden area, he stated it may not happen, but was not totally off the table. How many more negative comments need to be stated?!!!

After all the public input ,the design remains as first proposed except for the regional trail going <sup>North</sup> ~~South~~ to the cul de sac. As stated before, the trail increases the likelihood and encourages access to the park at the end of Kellogg Ave. Yes, I live at the end of Kellogg Ave and your decisions can have a very negative effect on my retirement plans. My home represents a 40 year ownership that was achieved from a lifetime of hard work and saving. I have no intentions of giving that up now!!

As I have stated before in previous letters, Edina should seriously think about hiring a new consultant.

Sincerely,

  
Art Lowell

## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, September 26, 2014 11:34 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

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| Please describe your overall reaction to the vision for Fred Richards?                                                        | A resource for the whole city, and a place for recreational opportunities not provided elsewhere in the city. |
| Are there any specific amenities and/or activities you would like to see that <u>are not reflected</u> in the current vision? | New community center, assuming one is not built at Grandview.                                                 |
| Any additional comments?                                                                                                      | Please come up with space and programming for working adults and seniors, not just more for youth.            |
| Name                                                                                                                          | Joel Stegner                                                                                                  |
| Email                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:joel.r.stegner@gmail.com">joel.r.stegner@gmail.com</a>                                        |
| Phone                                                                                                                         | 874-843-3440                                                                                                  |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9:59 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process form has been submitted on 09/30/2014 via:  
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| Any additional comments? | I am responding to the Schonbauer's final proposal for the park, given on September 23. I live at the narrow west end of the golf course. At the west end, you have moved the bike trail closer to the homes, enlarged the ponds and prevented the walking path from circumnavigating the entire course. However, it seems likely to me that people will continue around the course regardless of where the path goes. I saw a jogger running on the grass just the other day (and golf is still in session!). Given how close the pond is to my backyard, people ignoring the path will be walking very close to my home, closer than the 75' buffer. What methods will you use to enforce use of the path? I would have preferred to have the pond very close to my yard (it has always been a serious trouble spot as far as collecting water) to prevent people coming that way. I think there should be further study of this possibility. I can also foresee kids riding their mountain bikes through our area, like they do at Bredesen, and chewing it up. Do you have plans to prevent bikes doing this? |
| Email                    | <a href="mailto:felhanson@gmail.com">felhanson@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 7:33 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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## Janet Canton

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**From:** Ann Kattreh  
**Sent:** Friday, October 03, 2014 1:26 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** FW: Fred Richards grounds!

Ann Kattreh, Parks & Recreation Director  
952-826-0430 | Fax 952-826-0385  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynette Biunno On Behalf Of Edina Mail  
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 1:19 PM  
To: Ann Kattreh  
Subject: FW: Fred Richards grounds!

Good afternoon,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members and Ann Kattreh.

Lynette Biunno, Receptionist  
952-927-8861 | Fax 952-826-0389  
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...For Living, Learning, Raising Families & Doing Business -----Original Message-----  
From: Lois Weidner [<mailto:cameotours@msn.com>]  
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 12:29 PM  
To: Edina Mail  
Subject: Fred Richards grounds!

Attention park planners:

I would like to suggest that you take into consideration the large amount of young children that live on Parklawn Ave and please put a playground on the area that is bound by Parklawn. 110/08/2014 .

It would be worth your hour or two to witness the long lines of children who get picked up by school bus at the Cedars of Edina and also at 4101 Parklawn. This is a serious suggestion as these children have no playground to play on.

Thanks for all your work.

Lois Weidner  
4120 Parklawn Ave.  
Edina, Mn 55435  
952-835-3814  
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## Janet Canton

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, October 03, 2014 4:28 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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[edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey](http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-repurpose-survey)

Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.

A park does seem like a logical purpose for the golf course but I would love to see a beautiful art and music cultural center as a centerpiece of the park. Not only would the surrounding provide a beautiful scene for such a construction but would offer the one thing Edina misses. A place of culture where plays and musical events could take place. We could invite musical groups of all types to interest our citizens, old and young. A theater venue could establish an Edina theater group for amateur productions and perhaps with a funding campaign, could establish a place where all the artistic talent in Minneapolis would love to perform. Parking in the park could be hidden by an underground design for autos under a great design. I do believe our residents would respond to a campaign to contribute their dollars for such a vision. We have enough time to investigate this idea to see if Edinans are interested and would help fund such an endeavor.

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| Name  | Dorothy Ollmann                                                |
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| Email | <a href="mailto:dollmann@comcast.net">dollmann@comcast.net</a> |

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**Janet Canton**

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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2014 8:46 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form submission

Hi,

A Fred Richards Repurpose Process Vision Survey form has been submitted on 10/09/2014 via:  
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| Any additional comments? | <p>Please pass the following onto City Council and the Park Board: I would like to encourage the board to consider installing a public platform tennis court as part of the redevelopment plan. Minnesota only has two public platform courts available right now, both located in Deephaven. Currently, the only other options for platform tennis enthusiasts are local country clubs. The repurposing of the Fred Richards course presents an great opportunity to change that. • Why platform? Look at the city of Hinsdale, Illinois as a perfect model. The city has similar demographics to Edina and despite only having 18,000 people, they now have over 250 participating in leagues and 1,000 regular players participating since installing five platform courts. Edina is saturated with hockey rinks but there is an untapped market for public platform courts and this city has the means and public interest in the sport to capitalize on it. I regularly play on the weekend in Deephaven and often have to wait to get a court. Let's create more availability in Minnesota!</p> <p><a href="http://www.platformtennis.org/news/GrowingTheSport/Growing_the_Sport_in_Hinsdale_Illinois.htm">http://www.platformtennis.org/news/GrowingTheSport/Growing_the_Sport_in_Hinsdale_Illinois.htm</a></p> <p>• There are grants available for public courts. The City of Deephaven received funding as did the following cities: Congratulations to the following six grantees (and their proposers): Charleston, South Carolina (Jerry Albrikes) Kansas City, Kansas (Chace Brundige) Northbrook, Illinois (Dan Niswonger) Pine Manor, Massachusetts (Jeff Ward) Scituate, Massachusetts (Bill Horne) Stonington Connecticut (Russ Burgess) If you are a local organizer or player with a project in mind, please contact the Growth Committee. • This is sport for all ages and abilities. Couples love playing together and I often see families enjoying the sport out in Deephaven. What a great way to spend a weekend winter day in Minnesota. Please consider looking into this opportunity as you consider options that will increase public interest in the parks and differentiate Edina moving forward. ...and finally, for those not familiar with the sport – here's an example point from some high level players in the Chicago area. There is absolutely no reason we cannot have these weekend mixer events to bring the community together at a PUBLIC park like here in Chicago's North Suburbs and not a local country club. <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt-1F8SKVfQ">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt-1F8SKVfQ</a> Regards, Eric Ice</p> |
| Name                     | Eric Ice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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**From:** jbennerotte@edinamn.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 12, 2014 12:44 AM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

Hi,

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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p>                                                          | <p>As you are aware, potential customers that Google your name can see the reviews that are posted publicly. Our company specializes in posting Positive Reviews to Yelp, Google, TripAdvisor, Amazon, Facebook and other major websites. To repair your Reputation and boost your brand, Please reply to <a href="mailto:email@pandapr.com">email@pandapr.com</a> or call us Toll Free on 888-756-3489. <a href="http://www.pandapr.com">http://www.pandapr.com</a> Our motto is that a happy customer is a repeat customer.</p> |
| <p>In addition to the ideas you listed above, what specific amenities and/or activities would you like to see accommodated at Fred Richards?</p> | <p>As you are aware, potential customers that Google your name can see the reviews that are posted publicly. Our company specializes in posting Positive Reviews to Yelp, Google, TripAdvisor, Amazon, Facebook and other major websites. To repair your Reputation and boost your brand, Please reply to <a href="mailto:email@pandapr.com">email@pandapr.com</a> or call us Toll Free on 888-756-3489. <a href="http://www.pandapr.com">http://www.pandapr.com</a> Our motto is that a happy customer is a repeat customer.</p> |
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**To:** Janet Canton  
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| <p>Please describe the type of park you would like to see created at Fred Richards.</p>                                                          | <p>Do you want more business, and to expand your network? We offer high quality introductions/connections and can post Positive recommendations tailored to your LinkedIn Profile. This is a practical "hands on" method to advance your career and grow your business. Call us now on 888-756-3489 for a confidential consultation or write to <a href="mailto:EMAIL@PANDAPR.COM">EMAIL@PANDAPR.COM</a> <a href="http://WWW.PANDAPR.COM">HTTP://WWW.PANDAPR.COM</a> Our motto is that a happy customer is a repeat customer.</p> |
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:10 PM  
**To:** Janet Canton  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Repurpose Process form submission

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**UNAPPROVED - MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EDINA PARK BOARD  
HELD AT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
Monday, Oct. 6, 2014  
7 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gieseke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCE STUDENT MEMBERS**

Chair Gieseke introduced Asef Chowdhury and Graham Colwell to the Park Board as the new student members. Mr. Chowdhury and Mr. Colwell explained their choice for being on the Park Board.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Answering roll call were Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.

Absent: Members Cella, Deeds, Downing.

Student Members present: Chowdhury and Colwell.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Member Steel made a motion, seconded by Member McCormick, approving the meeting agenda as amended to switch Item VII.F. (Grandview Update) with Item VII.D (2015 Park Board Work Plan).**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.  
Motion Carried.

**V. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Member Segreto made a motion, seconded by Member Steel, approving the consent agenda as follows:**

**V.A. Approval of Minutes – Work Session Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2014 at 5 p.m.**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.  
Motion Carried.

**V.B. Approval of Minutes – Work Session Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2014 at 6 p.m.**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.  
Motion Carried.

**V.C. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting on Aug. 11, 2014**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.  
Motion Carried.

**VI. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

None

**VII. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**VII.A. Arden Park Sidewalk Addition**

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that the Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Project is planned for construction in 2015. Engineering staff is developing the project's engineering study. The City Council will review the final engineering study and determine if the project will move forward at a special meeting on Dec. 9, 2014. Ms. Kattreh indicated Toby Muse, Project Manager from SEH was at the meeting to give a presentation to the Park Board.

Mr. Muse presented the Arden Park Sidewalk Addition plans to the Park Board.

Chair Geiseke asked for a definition of a grass swale. Mr. Muse explained a grass swale is a strip of grass that filters water before it gets to a body of water, such as Minnehaha Creek.

Member Jones asked how temporary the storage area is. Mr. Muse stated the main part of the building will be used during the peak construction season for one year and will be restored to what it is today.

Member Segreto stated Minnehaha Boulevard becomes a speedway at certain times of the day and she was not sure if they wanted to widen it. Mr. Muse stated the boulevard will actually be made skinnier in some areas, which will slow down the speed.

Member Segreto wanted to know where a crossing will be to allow canoers to cross Minnehaha Boulevard. Mr. Muse showed on the drawing where there will be an alligator crossing.

Member Jones wondered if the sidewalk will be constructed as a boulevard or street sidewalk. Mr. Muse indicated it will be a street sidewalk. Member Jones asked if all of the trees will need to be cut down to make a path. Mr. Muse showed on the plans where brush will be removed. He noted they are going to try to avoid any tree removals.

Member Steel asked if this will be maintained like a sidewalk. Mr. Muse understood it would be maintained by the city. Member Steel stated the city is strapped to repair and maintain the current paths and she wondered how the city will continue to maintain sidewalks and paths. Mr. Muse stated this was discussed at an open house and was indicated the city and residents would need to maintain the sidewalk. It is initially paid for by the PAX Funding to get put in and then up to the city to maintain.

**Member Segreto made a motion, seconded by Member McCormick, to approve the Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Improvement Project as proposed.**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.  
Motion Carried.

#### **VII.B. Fred Richards Vision Plan**

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that on April 22, 2014 the City Council retained Schoenbauer Consulting, LLC to undertake a repurposing vision study for Fred Richards. The main goal of the first step is to establish the parameters for "highest and best public use" of the property, which will be used to guide development of a detailed master plan. If the Park Board recommends and the City Council approves the vision plan, the next step would be to engage a firm to complete a detailed master plan for the park.

Mr. Schoenbauer made a presentation to the Park Board.

Member McCormick asked where the public access to the park will be located. Mr. Schoenbauer showed on the drawing the public access and noted they are trying to respond to the neighborhoods concern with parking and vehicles in the neighborhood yet still giving them access to the area.

Ms. Kattreh noted the Park Board should get a good look at the 9-Mile Creek Trail and the routing through it.

Member McCormick asked if the total project costs included the buffering and ponding. Mr. Schoenbauer indicated the buffering would be included but there needs to be further discussion with the city regarding the ponding and there would be additional costs.

Member McCormick wondered how the developer can start on the plans that include the ponding if ponding is not included in the cost. Mr. Schoenbauer stated if the city were to jump into the detail Master Planning that could be one of the first things that is dealt with. If the timeline works with Three Rivers then it could be set for development next summer.

Member McCormick noticed there was a lot of interest in winter activities in the park and she wondered what the recommendation would be. Mr. Schoenbauer stated the existing building can be used as a warming house with skating on the ponds, there could also be cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the park.

Member McCormick asked what some of the ideas were for the existing clubhouse. Mr. Schoenbauer indicated it could be transitioned to a multi-functional space but they should look at this as a part of the entire area and include it in the flow of the park. He noted exterior treatments can be done on the clubhouse to transition it to a park use.

A resident stated he has a concern about the noise if the clubhouse was to transition into a rental area for activities and festivities. If used as a rental area the noise would be directed towards the neighborhood and he suggested the Park Board think about this.

Member Jones wondered if Mr. Schoenbauer could speak of the development funding for the package.

Mr. Schoenbauer explained the funding for the detail-planning step.

Member Steel asked if there will be any lighting on the 9-Mile Creek Trail. Mr. Schoenbauer stated this is not typically done because it will encourage use at night, which is not something they want to do.

Member Steel wondered how the ponding area will be lit for skating in the winter. Mr. Schoenbauer explained there are ways to light the area without extending out into the neighborhood, which would lead to a more intimate skating area.

Member McCormick asked in regard to the operating costs, one of the issues they will face is their CIP and the city is looking at stabilizing that source of funding. She was a little hesitant bringing more things online when they do not have a structured funding source for this. Ms. Kattreh stated as they look at developing a funding mechanism for this they will also look at developing a maintenance mechanism and seek additional funding.

Member Segreto stated her concern was with what they will be doing in the interim with the park until it is developed. Ms. Kattreh indicated they will be mowing and maintaining the area but irrigation will not be maintained once the irrigation is closed up.

Student Member Colwell stated he was at a DECA meeting and wondered if a coffee shop was still being considered or has that idea been shut down. Mr. Schoenbauer indicated that is still being considered and he also thought there could be coffee carts or food trucks, with permits, sitting at the perimeter of the park. He encouraged this to be reviewed. Student Member Colwell stated this would be a great opportunity for DECA students. He reviewed with the board and community what DECA does.

Member Jones asked for more information on parking, traffic and access. Her concern was with no direct street access to the park. She hoped the vision would solve the problem. Mr. Schoenbauer showed on the plan the access that will be opened up off of 77<sup>th</sup> Street. He noted they have not

decided where the access will be yet but there will be an access. Member Jones indicated she would like to have signage directing where the access is located.

Member Jones stated another concern is with the amount of parking onsite. Mr. Schoenbauer reviewed the parking area in the plans.

Member Segreto stated the southeast part of the residential area is mostly multi-family high-density area and picnicking creates a lot of garbage and maintenance and thought putting picnic tables and grills as part of the visioning process is needed especially as an interim item. Mr. Schoenbauer agreed.

A resident stated if a picnic area is set up in the interim then he thought Kellogg Avenue and other streets will become the parking areas for the park.

Another resident asked if there was a proposal to close off Kellogg Avenue. Mr. Schoenbauer thought this would be part of the discussion the city will have with the neighborhood.

Member Steel asked what the next step is going forward. Mr. Schoenbauer reviewed the steps going forward with the city.

A resident stated Three Rivers needs to put a trail through there and what is the downside of not getting the budgeting in before the project is started. He thought the budget should be figured out first before the steps are made to design the park. Ms. Kattreh stated the Three Rivers has it in their plans to do the trail next year and if the city is in the position to do an alignment they will but if the city is not ready then an alignment will not be done. They all need to feel comfortable with this.

Member Steel indicated Three Rivers has their own funding so they can start working on the trail.

**Member Segreto made a motion, seconded by Member Jones, to approve the Fred Richards Vision Master Plan as prepared by Schoenbauer Consulting qualified by giving attention to the parking needed and also consider picnicking as appended use within the park.**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.  
Motion Carried.

### **VII.C. 2015 Fees and Charges**

Ms. Faus informed the Park Board that staff requests a review and comment on the proposed 2015 Parks & Recreation Department and Enterprise Facilities fees and charges. This includes Braemar Arena, Braemar Golf Course, Centennial Lakes Park, Edinborough Park and the Edina Aquatic Center. The Edina Art Center fees and charges are reviewed by the Arts & Culture Commission.

Member McCormick wondered what renovations were being made on the Braemar Room at the golf course. Mr. Abood reviewed the renovations and noted they will also be increasing some of the rates. Member McCormick felt renovations were needed.

Member McCormick asked regarding the Edinborough Park Play Area was there consideration on reducing the rates. Ms. McGrath stated they increased the rate in 2013 to \$7 and felt it was a fair rate for the type of play area they have. She thought people recognized that as well. Ms. Kattreh stated a lot of facilities charge everyone who enters the doors and they are only charging the kids, not adults.

Member McCormick stated in the arena area, there has been a recent increase in membership fees and she wondered why. Ms. Miller stated there have been a lot of changes in the past few years to the programs and she thought they needed to promote it.

Member Greene asked in regard to the outside rink, he wondered if the rate can be a flat fee because he thought there will be a big demand. Ms. Miller stated they have it sold out Thursday through Sunday nights and will hit the school market pretty hard for the Spring Break crowd along with corporate business so it is a success. She reviewed the technology used for keeping ice on the rink outside during the spring.

Member Jones indicated these items are being approved without seeing the budget numbers and are on the recommendation of city staff. She wondered why the Park Board is not seeing the budgets. Ms. Kattreh stated they are creating two-year budgets and it was approved last year. She apologized for not including the budget in the staff report and would remember to include it in the future.

Ms. Faus noted there is one typo in the Braemar Fields Section, where it is listed at \$31 it should state \$3.

Member Gieseke asked who is purchasing seasonal passes for the Flow Rider. Ms. McGrath stated last year they sold 258 season passes and almost 2600 daily passes. She stated it is an awesome amenity but not being used to its potential.

Member McCormick stated under the Edina Senior Center there is a line for golf league membership for the Richards Golf Course and she wondered what will happen with that. Ms. Faus stated they will be transitioning to Braemar Golf Course and will make that change on the fees and charges.

#### **VII.F. Grandview Update**

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 the City Council met to discuss the proposals and presentations submitted by development teams interested in partnering with the city to redevelop the former Public Works site at 5146 Eden Ave. from the 10 responses received. The City Council heard presentations from four selected finalists: Doran Companies, Frauenshuh Commercial Real Estate Group, Grecco, LLC and Kraus-Anderson Realty.

At the conclusion of the City Council conversation, a majority agreed to name Frauenshuh Commercial Real Estate Group as the preferred team. The City Council believes that Frauenshuh possess the expertise, creativity and tenacity to create a successful public/private development that will serve as a catalyst for future redevelopment in the Grandview District.

Member Jones thought the Park Board needed to get involved in this park like they have with the re-purposing of Fred Richards Golf Course. She thought the same type of visioning needed to be done. She would recommend this be included in the upcoming year Master Work Plan process.

Member Jones updated the Park Board on the recent survey that was done.

Chair Geiseke stated at this point they do not have it in the work plan and he wondered if the City Council would want the Park Board to be involved. Ms. Kattreh stated this could be asked at the work session with the City Council. She stated if this is something the Park Board would like them to pursue, it could be added. Member Jones thought the Park Board would be involved at this point because they are both using Confluence.

Member Steel stated she was hesitant to have projects drive the strategic plan, she thought residents should drive the strategic plan and they should assess what those are. They need to start thinking about specific projects. Member Jones agreed and would have preferred they would have chosen someone other than Confluence to assess the needs for Grandview. She thought the process should be kept as separate as possible but if they don't step up they may not be involved in the process.

Member Steel agreed but did not think they were personally in the position other than talking personally with City Council to do much about it. Member Jones stated she would like to see it in the work plan because in order to get involved in projects they need to have it on the work plan.

Member Jones indicated she would like to make a motion for this item to be placed in the work plan.

**Member Jones made a motion to include Grandview Master Plan in the work plan.**

Chair Gieseke indicated he was not ready to make a motion without guidance and did not want to interfere.

Member Jacobson stated as a group they are trying to assess what needs are not being met in the community and Grandview happens to be the forum on which the community needs are not being met.

Member Jones wondered why Chair Gieseke did not want to discuss this. Chair Gieseke stated they are an advisory committee so they need to work within the realm of what the City Council wants them to do. He did not know if Ms. Kattreh has sat down with the City Council to discuss this and that should be done first. Member Jones stated she did not know why this would be so difficult to ask it be included in the work plan and she wondered why the Park Board could not discuss this.

Chair Gieseke asked staff why this has not been included on the Park Board Work Plan. Ms. Kattreh indicated she was told that the Park Board will be consulted at some point, but she did not think it would do any harm to put it on the work if the Park agrees and ask the City Council to respond to it. Member Gieseke wondered if it would create any ill will. Ms. Kattreh did not think that would happen.

**There was not a second to the motion, motion failed.**

Chair Gieseke thought the Park Board is showing heightened sensitivity because the Park Board is not being included in the visioning of the Grandview Park Master Plan. Ms. Kattreh thought sometime in 2015 this item will need to be put on the work plan. Member Jones stated this will be decided before the end of the year. She stated most people want public uses for public land and what is being shown is primarily private use for the land.

Chair Gieseke indicated this would be followed up at the next meeting after more information is received.

#### **VII.E. 40<sup>th</sup> & France Property**

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that the site is located on the west side of France Avenue near its intersection with W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The parcel is 14.3 acres in size. The north 1/3 of the property is located in the City of St. Louis Park and the southern 2/3 is located in the City of Edina. While the property is owned by the City of Minneapolis, neither site is within the corporate limits of the City of Minneapolis.

Chair Gieseke asked if the city was eager and active buyers of property, especially parkland. Ms. Kattreh thought they would be and this is a large parcel with great potential.

Member Segreto stated it is a rare opportunity to buy a piece of land as nice as that and hoped that they can reach an agreement but thought it was all about price right now. Ms. Kattreh stated that was correct. She thought they had a tremendous partnership opportunity to turn this into a nice asset for the area.

Member Jones recommended they have a good public process because people have not been able to speak about this but if it is on the market and if they thought this was going to be sold to developers, this changes everything and thought the City Council needed to hear from its constituents. Ms. Kattreh agreed.

#### **VII.D. 2015 Park Board Work Plan**

Ms. Kattreh informed the Park Board that the proposed 2015 Park Board Work Plan was completed using the Park Board members feedback and previous recommendations. Items on the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan are also included. The work plan needs to be approved and the City Council will be reviewing Boards and Commissions work plans at the October 7, 2014 work session.

There was discussion between the Park Board regarding the work plan. Member McCormick stated that she thinks the Braemar Master Plan should be included in the work plan. Member Jones felt regarding the Inclusion Playground Equipment at Rosland Park that they should add "is contingent on receiving sufficient grant funding". Member Segreto indicated she would like to be on the Urban Forest Task Force Committee. Member Jones indicated she thinks "Green Initiatives" should be taken off as 2015 New Initiative and be placed under Ongoing Responsibilities. Member Steel noted that she would like to see added under the Other Work Plan Ideas Considered "Volunteer Collaborative with Community Education Services".

**Member Steel made a motion, seconded by Member Segreto, to approve the 2015 Park Board Work Plan with the following additions and changes: add "Braemar Golf Master Plan" as a new 2015 New Initiative; under Other Work Plan Ideas add "Volunteer Collaborative with Community Education Services"; add Member Segreto to the Urban Forest Task Force Committee; eliminate "Green Initiatives" as a 2014 New Initiative and put under Ongoing Responsibilities; and add under Inclusive Playground Equipment – Rosland Park "is contingent on receiving sufficient grant funding".**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.

Motion Carried.

#### **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

##### **VIII.A. City Council Updates**

No discussion.

##### **VIII.B. Other Correspondence**

No discussion.

#### **IX. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Jones asked if on the Fred Richards Re-Purpose Survey they could have a spot for a person to indicate whether or not they are an Edina resident because she feels that would be helpful. Ms. Kattreh replied she will make sure that gets put into the survey.

Chair Gieseke informed the Park Board that Ann Kattreh was recently inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. He read the letter to the Park Board and congratulated Ms. Kattreh. Ms. Kattreh indicated she was honored.

#### **X. STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Kattreh stated that on October 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. Ron Vine will be giving a presentation on the Community Survey results and she would like the Park Board members to attend if possible.

Ms. Kattreh updated the Park Board on Pamela Park.

Ms. Kattreh stated that Friday, December 5, 2014 is the day of the Grand Opening for the Sports Dome and outdoor rink.

Ms. Faus updated the Park Board on the Braemar Park Master Plan Task Force.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Gieseke made a motion, seconded by Member Segreto, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.**

Ayes: Members Gieseke, Greene, Jones, Jacobson, Segreto, McCormick, Steel.

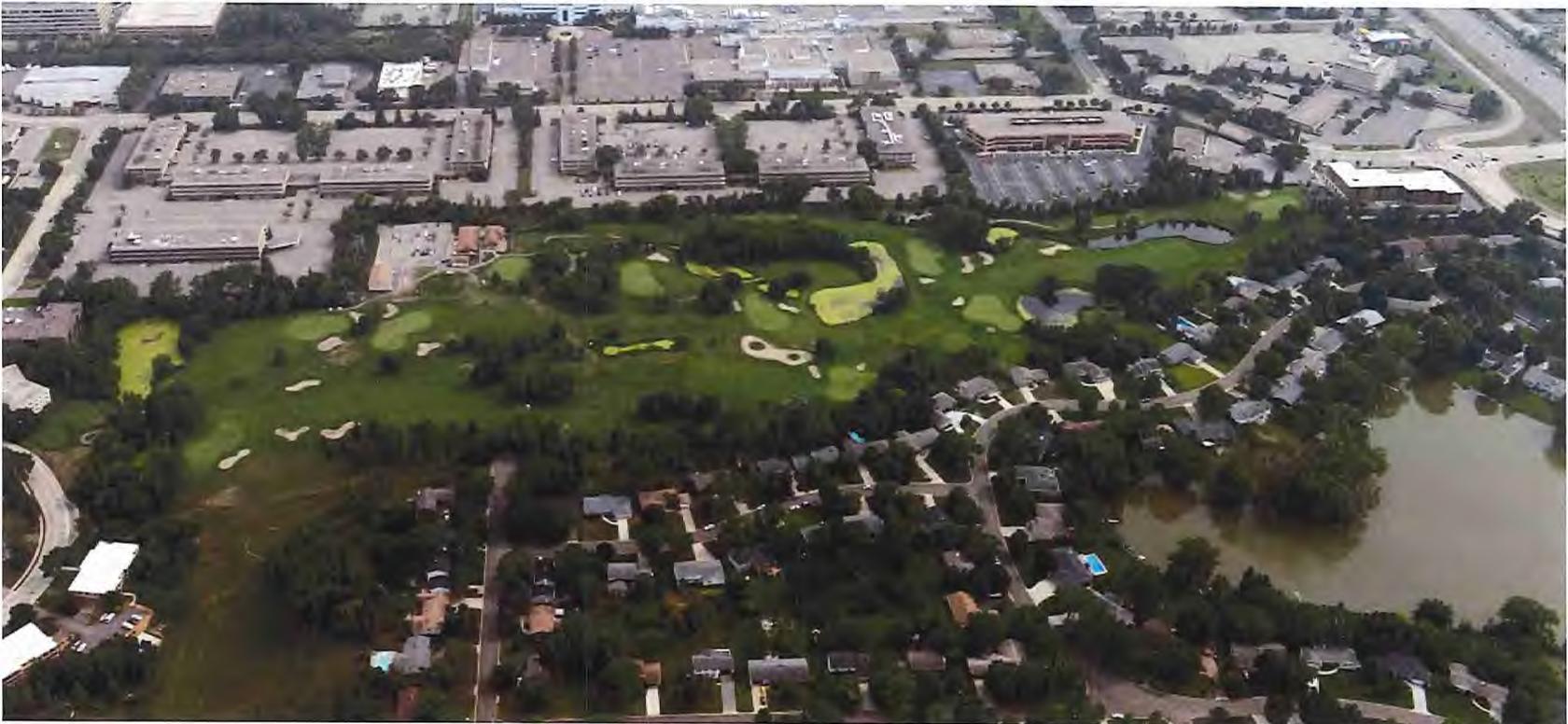
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

# Fred Richards Repurpose Process

## City Council Meeting

October 21, 2014



## Steps in the Process

- **Starting Point: Council's decision to close the course**
- **Step 1: Create a set of principles and vision for the site – *based on findings from this public process*; Park Board and City Council set parameters for “highest and best public use” of the property as an outcome**
- **Step 2: Prepare a detailed master plan for the site consistent with the vision and City Council direction**
- **Step 3: Develop funding package**
- **Step 4: Prepare construction documents, bid project, and undertake construction**

# Overall Schedule

- **April 22: Award consultant contract**
- **June 12: Public input process begins – first public meeting**
- **June 13 - end of July: Various stakeholder meetings**
- **June 21 and July 9 - Site walks (resident focus)**
- **July 30 – Second public meeting**
- **August 4: Council work session**
- **August 11: Park Board work session**
- **September 23 – Third public meeting (open house format)**
- **October 1 or 2 – Draft report available for review on website**
- **October 6 – Review and Recommendation by Park Board**
  
- **October 21 – Review and Approval by City Council**

# Fred Richards Vision Master Plan

- Vision master plan provides a well-rounded palette of activities
- Approximately 35% to 40% of the park would be developed for active recreational uses, with 60% to 65% for passive, or “quiet,” forms of recreation, park trails, open space, ponding areas, and buffers



**Remember – This is a vision that will evolve through the next steps in the process!**

# Parkway Corridor and Regional Trail

## Parkway:

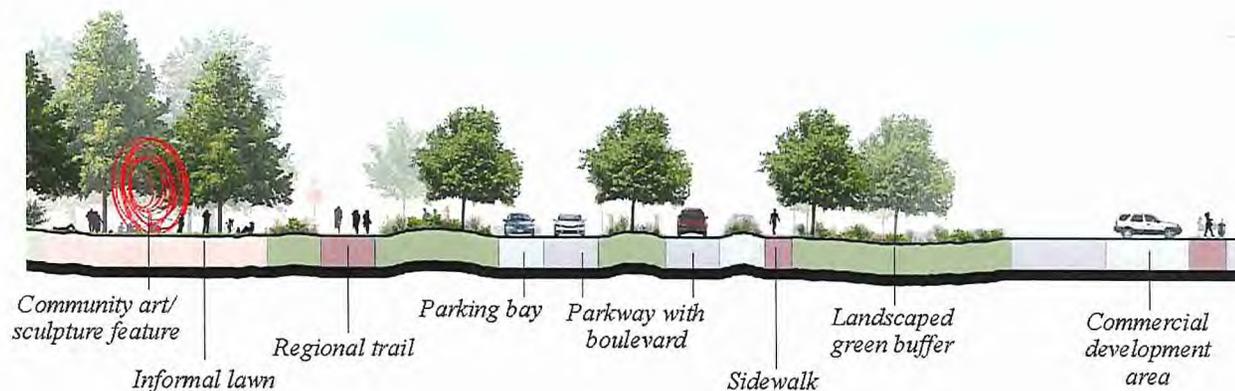
- Ensures ease of access to the park from the south
- Allows for shared use of parking lots with commercial properties
- Creates an appealing buffer between the park and future commercial development
- Onsite parking will be provided to meet anticipated day-to-day use of the park
- Design will evolve as part of a coordinated effort with Pentagon Park development



## Regional Trail:

- Serves a broad range of users
- Located to minimize potential for use conflicts
- Separated corridor helps alleviate concerns about overuse of internal park trails

*Cross-Section of Parkway*



# Internal Park Trails, Promenades and Boardwalks

- Internal park trails provide a stand-alone park amenity, along with access to the various park uses; various surface treatments (asphalt or aggregate) could be used in different areas of the park
- Park trails are complemented with promenades and boardwalks to invite casual strolling and opportunities to sit, observe, reflect, and gain access to a variety of activity nodes and park features

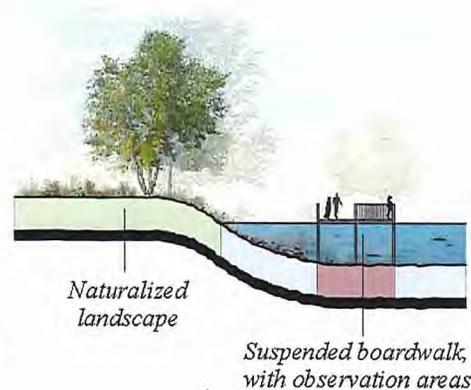


## Cross-Sections of Trails and Boardwalks

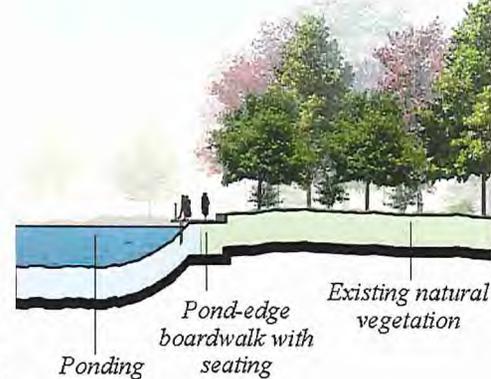
Park trail



Suspended boardwalk and observation platform



Edge boardwalk and sitting area



## Kellogg Access



# Community Activities and Events Area

- Repurposes the clubhouse and creates complementary outdoor spaces for wide-range of activities and user groups; provides an appealing place to spontaneously gather, socialize, and simply hang out
- Design features may include arbors, ornamental planting, benches, etc.; art pieces may be part of the design theme



*Plan View – Activities/Events Area*



# Adventure Play Area

- Robustly engages youth and teens in appealing non-programmed outdoor activities
- Provides a variety of play and outdoor adventure components for the very young through the 15-18 year old age groups
- Younger age groups: theme-based adventure-type play features; design creativity is critical to making this a feature that children will be eager to return to time and again
- Older age groups: provide a challenging outdoor adventure-based recreational area space; may include slacklines, bouldering rock and/or climbing wall, ropes ladder, etc.



## Imagery of Adventure Play Design



Slacklining is one those unique recreational activities that appeal to multiple generations, and can serve to bring people of various backgrounds and age groups together to have fun and socialize.



Imaginative play can be as simple as small raft in a shallow pond (upper right) to site-specific designs that fit the overall design theme for the park (above). Incorporating "active participation" features (right) is also an increasingly popular approach to play areas.



All of these examples highlight the increasing sophistication of creating play areas that are fun, stimulating and educational.



# Field Games Area

- Field games area covers approximately 5 to 6 acres; envisioned as a well-maintained green space for youth-oriented sports
- Field access, parking, and restrooms will all be on the south side; trees and natural buffers on the north side
- Accommodating other forms of established and/or emerging field games and activities is worth considering – Wiffleball, Futsal, Footvolley, and Puckelball

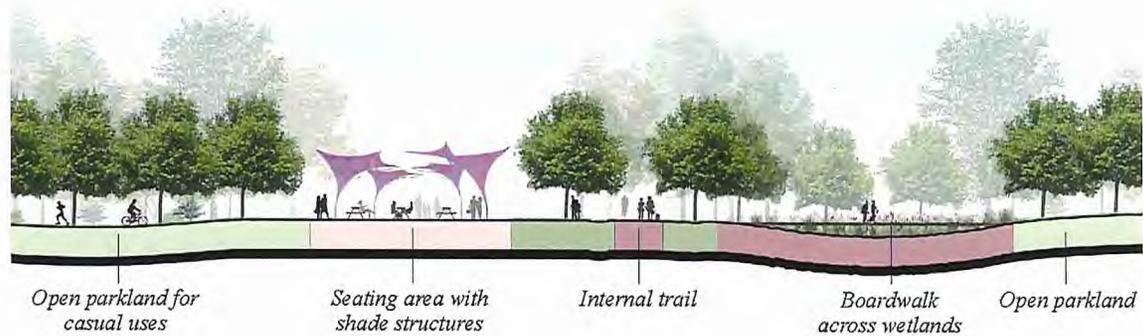


# Open Parkland Area – General

- **Passive use (walking, sitting on a bench) is the focus, as is “quiet” active recreation (yoga, Frisbee, flying a kite)**
- **Key elements envisioned for this area include:**
  - **Curvilinear walking trails**
  - **Promenades with community art, sculptures, etc.**
  - **Sitting areas, with shade structures, arbors, vegetation**
  - **Lawn areas for casual recreation**
  - **Flexible-use activity nodes and structures for outdoor recreation (e.g., yoga classes) and casual gatherings (i.e., senior groups, group picnicking)**
- **Physical features include ponds, expanded natural areas, and pockets of maintained lawn**



*Cross-Section of Open Parkland Features*



# Open Parkland Area – North Arm

- Open parkland area, albeit focused on neighborhood play space and quiet walking trails
- Features such as a butterfly or wildflower gardens or colorful prairie exhibits would add interest and provide a pleasant place to walk or sit and observe nature

*Plan View of North Arm*



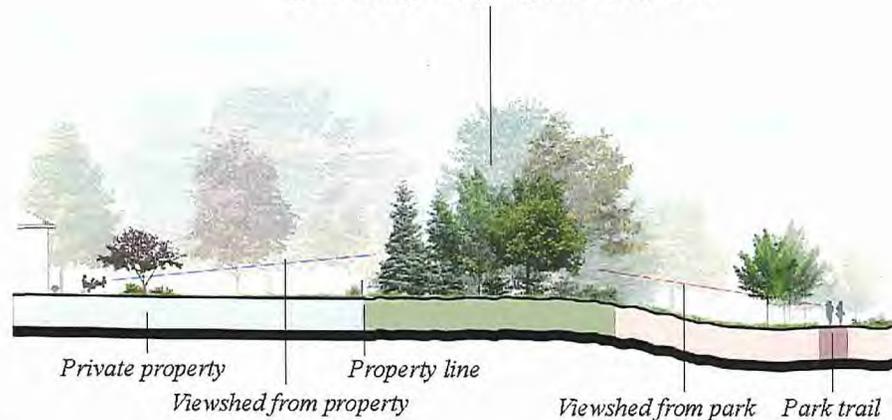
- Improvements may include:
  - Continuation of the internal park trails – perhaps a bit narrower and soft-surfaced for those seeking a more casual, natural trail experience
  - Adding to and improving buffering between the park and residential properties
  - Addressing poor drainage and grade issues
  - Providing open lawn areas for casual outdoor play, with a neighborhood use focus
  - Providing a smaller, neighborhood-focused play structure (would complement, not duplicate, the larger adventure play area)

# Naturalized Buffers

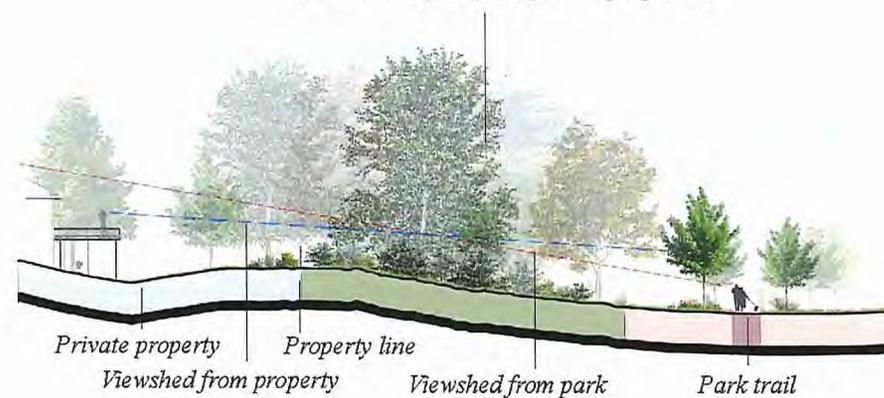


*Cross-Section of Buffer – Dense Screen (Top) and Select Views (Bottom)*

*Dense natural buffer to more fully screen private properties from park development*



*Managed natural buffer to allow for select views into the park from private properties*



- Naturalized buffers are envisioned along the northern property line and north arm
- Buffers mutually benefit park users and adjacent homeowners
- *Park user's perspective:* Preserve park's sense of place while walking along a trail, and to avoid feeling like you are intruding into someone's backyard
- *Homeowner's perspective:* Maintain a sense of privacy while still providing select views of the park