Business Item 2020-120

Pine Point Park Regional Park Master Plan
Washington County

April 9, 2020

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space
Pine Point Regional Park
Development Concept

The new master plan includes improved:

- Park access,
- Trails,
- User experience areas (nodes)
- Wayfinding.
Public Participation Activities

• Online Survey: 630 responses
• Online Interactive Map: 43 response
• Direct Connect: Direct email invites to organizations

• In-Person Engagement Activities:
  – Open Houses 1 and 2: Over 140 attendees were consulted; 165 responses received.
  – County Fair Tabling: Fair goers were consulted; 241 responses received.
  – Park Pop-Up Table: Park visitors consulted; 13 responses received.
  – Urban Roots: 25 youth collaborated on amenities.
  – Individual Conversations: Adjacent residents were involved in acquisitions.
Public Advice and Learnings

- Top liked activities to add: multi-use/equestrian trails, wayfinding, canoe & kayak launch, adventure play, mountain biking, and camping

- Opportunities to enhance connectivity to Gateway State Trail

- Current users like that the park is rustic, natural, and quiet

- There is a demand for family-based recreation (picnic, play, etc.) and educational programming
Equity Analysis

Urban Roots Collaboration:

• Youth participants toured the park.

• **Recommendation:** Add gathering places to gather with friends and family away from the parking lot.
  
  o The master plan included family recreation zones.

• **Recommendation:** Add observational points along the trail with viewing blinds, interpretative signage, and seating along the trails
  
  o The master plan included natural resource, discovery, and recreation area (nodes).
Estimated Project Costs

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*Acquisitions are contingent on its inclusion in the 2020 Policy Plan Amendment and will be reviewed and considered through the Systems Additions process.
Rationale for Proposed Action

• The Pine Point Regional Park Master Plan is consistent with the requirements of the:
  – 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, including Planning Policy Strategy 1
  – Other Council policies
Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

• Approve Pine Point Regional Park Master Plan without the boundary adjustment and proposed acquisitions.

• Advise Washington County that the proposed boundary adjustment and 169.82-acres of acquisitions are contingent on its inclusion in the 2020 Policy Plan Amendment and will be reviewed and considered through the Systems Additions process.
Thank you

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