



**DATE:** January 19, 2022

**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Marie Hinton, Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** 2022 Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee Work Plan

**Requested Action**

Finalize goals and work plan priorities for the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee (PRTC) for 2022. Choose area to focus on this year.

Please review the information in the Power Point that was presented to the Arden Hills City Council in 2018 and come to the meeting ready to discuss new ideas/goals to accomplish in 2022.

The PRTC should select a date to present the 2022 work plan to the City Council. Possible upcoming dates for the presentation would be February 22 or March 21.

**Background**

Each year, the various City of Arden Hills committees and commissions discuss and recommend goals and project priorities for the upcoming year. These are then brought to the Council for evaluation and further discussion in order to finalize a work plan for each committee. The work plan discussion was started in 2021.

**Discussion**

Attached are the purpose, mission, expectations and goals for the PRTC. Listed below are ten ongoing and as needed goals that help guide the committee's work plan every year. These should be reviewed annually by the committee. The 2018 Power Point presentation to the Arden Hills City Council is attached.

**ONGOING and AS NEEDED**

1. Recommend actions that advance the vision for parks, trails, and recreation.
2. Assist in identifying ongoing parks and trails maintenance/improvement priorities.

3. Recommend and review grant opportunities, sponsorships, and partnerships for parks and trails.
4. Assist, recommend, and monitor plans for parks, trails and recreation within Arden Hills at the appropriate time.
5. Continue to work with Ramsey County on mutually beneficial trail/park projects and activities.
6. Monitor potential road improvements to encourage inclusion of pedestrian-friendly infrastructure whenever possible.
7. Look to enhance/add recreational opportunities in our parks.
8. Recommend future enhancements for the 5-year Capital Improvement Program each year.
9. Sponsor and organize Community events such as special events, garden clean-up day and other volunteer projects.
10. Prepare semi-regular articles that the Committee would like to see highlighted in the City Newsletter.

### **PRTC Purpose & Mission**

Parks, trails, recreation and natural resources in Arden Hills increase the desirability of the city as a place to live or work, enhance the health and well-being of citizens and guests, and improve the value of citizen's property. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee (PTRC) represents the interests of Arden Hills citizens in leading the continuing development, expansion, and improvement of those resources. The PTRC recommends to the City Council actions that support those interests; monitor the use and improvement in parks, trails and recreation; and collaborates with other City committees and commissions in improving parks and trails.

### **Possible Priorities**

#### Parks goals:

- Buckthorn removal
- Dog park improvements
- Parks clean up
- Parks maintenance

#### Trails goals:

- Trail maintenance
- Trail improvements/amenities

#### Recreation goals:

- Enhance recreation opportunities

#### Community partnership goals:

- Stakeholder engagement, may include newsletter articles
- Reviewing grant opportunities
- Community partnerships
- Sponsoring community events

**Attachments**

Attachment A - City Council and PTRC Joint Meeting Presentation from 2018