



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Follow up to Work Session on 12/19/22

**Summary of items from that meeting:**

**Hazelnut Park Proposals**

- 1) Sledding hill placed on the map at Hazelnut Park.
- 2) Remove invasive species and replace vegetation.

The city removes invasive species, but they do not replace vegetation.

If the council did decide to direct Public Works to add plants, they would need to go through a process of getting bids from several suppliers.

See attachments prepared by PTRC member Kerri Seemann.

**Name badges for PTRC members**

PTRC members have suggested that name badges would be helpful when they are helping to coordinate volunteers.

**Volunteer appreciation**

There are a few volunteers who generously donate countless hours to improve our parks (ex. weeding). We would like these individuals to be recognized by the city.

Letter from the City Council

Proclaim a date for each of them to be [name] day and share that on social media

Feature their stories in an upcoming newsletter

**Reflective vests for volunteers**

Volunteers should have reflective vests for two reasons: 1) safety 2) so that other people using the parks understand that they are allowed to be working in the park.

- Regular volunteers (the ones identified for recognition) should be given a higher quality vest that they can keep that includes "Arden Hills Volunteer" on them. Groups should be given inexpensive vests that they can keep as a small token of appreciation for their work (they can use them for safety when walking in low light conditions).
- Currently, Public Works only provides vests to volunteers if the work being done is near potential traffic or other scenarios where high visibility is needed.

**Parkshore Trail Name Contest**

The PTRC originally wanted to involve the community in the naming process and create engagement through a contest that allowed residents or students to submit possible names. The City Council determined that there was not enough staff time to facilitate a contest and asked for name suggestions. These are the names that were submitted by PTRC members:

1. Exercise park and trail
2. Workout park and trail
3. Keep-fit park and trail
4. Fitness Park and Trail
5. Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail
6. For Your Health Park and Trail
7. Name the trail the length of a certain number of laps: 1 mile trail, 2k trail, etc.
8. Round Lake Park and South Shore Trail
9. Boot Camp Park and trail

(Fitness Park and Trail and Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail had the most votes from PTRC members.)

**Officially name Triangle Park**

Give what's known as "Triangle Park" official park status. Add it to the list of parks and note that it has a chess/checkerboard as an amenity.