
Meeting Announcement and Agenda
Cambridge Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission
City Council Chambers
Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2015
7:00 pm

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda (p. 1)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approval of the June 9, 2015 minutes (p. 3)
4. New Business
 - A. Discuss goals for the next 5-10 years, create a plan (p. 7)
 - B. Pickle Ball update (verbal)
 - C. Allina Health Healthy Activity Grant (verbal)
5. Other Business/Miscellaneous
 - A. City Council Update
 - B. Commissioner Concerns
6. Adjourn

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**PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Cambridge Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission was held at Cambridge City Hall, 300 – 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chair Kelli Klossner, Mark Ziebarth, Thea Lowman, Jennifer Fuhol, and Lisa Iverson (Council Representative)

Members Absent: Lind "Duke" Weisbrod (excused), Barry Wendorf (excused)

Others Present: Marcia Westover, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Klossner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Iverson moved, seconded by Ziebarth, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Iverson moved, seconded by Klossner to approve the May 12, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Pickleball

Westover reviewed previous discussions regarding pickleball and stated the Commission proposed painting the existing tennis court in Pioneer Park with pickleball lines of a different color allowing both sports to be played on the court. Westover stated the City could paint the lines for the two pickleball courts at a very minimal cost if yellow paint is used as the Public Works Department has this paint in stock. Westover added if a different color paint is used, it would cost approximately \$85 for one five gallon pail, which Public Works could cover in their budget.

Westover stated Mr. Palmquist and Mr. Welch have offered to donate their time and equipment to get pickleball up and running this summer, including offering free lessons in July and August of 2015. Westover reiterated they want to donate two (2) portable nets, eight (8) wooden paddles and twelve (12) outdoor pickleballs and would like the City to purchase a locked equipment box to store the equipment. Westover stated she talked to Administrator Woulfe and it was advised that the Parks Commission not spend any Parks budgeted money until specific cost and budget information for the ice rink project is received. Westover spoke with the Public Works Department and staff will

see if they can locate an existing equipment storage box that could be used for this purpose.

Westover stated staff had researched the surfacing and materials used for pickleball to determine whether or not the potential concrete ice rink surface could be used in the summer months. Westover reported concrete provides the best surface durability, and the pickleball court itself can be used without any special finishes; therefore, pickleball could be played on concrete. Westover added most courts are finished with a (rough) colored surface to make it more enjoyable, easier to track the ball, and to provide good footing (less slipping).

Westover advised the Commission to make a motion to recommend to City Council to paint the tennis court at Pioneer Park with pickleball lines using yellow paint Public Works has in stock. This recommendation would go to the City Council Monday, June 15th, for their approval and Public Works could then proceed with painting the lines in order to have pickleball as an option yet this summer.

Klossner moved, seconded by Fuhol, to recommend to City Council to paint the tennis court at Pioneer Park with pickleball lines using yellow paint from Public Works. Motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Palmquist stated there are pitting and minute cracks in the court at Pioneer Park and, as for most courts, maintenance and upkeep are important. Westover stated she would speak to Public Works staff regarding this. Mr. Welch added he understands the budget limitations the City has but really would like to introduce pickleball to the Cambridge area and, in order to do that, donated equipment needs to be secured and yet available to the public when they want to play.

Tennis Court Replacement Location

Westover stated the City Council did approve the tennis court location in Central Green Park and that preliminary planning can begin so the court can be built in 2016. Westover explained work needs to be done with engineering, specification sheets completed, project sent out for bids and this process takes about 90 days. Westover stated this will more than likely be a 2016 project and will be bid with the 2016 Streets Improvement project for a lower cost.

Lowman asked if the possibility of two courts has ever been discussed. Westover stated the engineer has been asked to place the proposed single court in a strategic location to allow future courts to be added. Lowman added that tennis is a social sport and often, more than one court is needed for family members or several people to play together. Westover stated Commissioner Wendorf mentioned applying for an outdoor recreation grant which occurs once a year with an application deadline in March. Lowman also mentioned that she could talk to United States Tennis Association (USTA) and inquire about a possible grant for tennis courts. Lowman suggested two or more tennis courts would draw more people and would be a better choice for being used than just one court.

Allina Health Healthy Activity Grant

Westover stated she completed the application for the Allina Health Healthy Activity Grant. Westover stated the plan is to include free yoga in Central Green for six weeks, one night a week, July through September. Westover has secured an instructor and the focus will be on the residents in the Central Green and Heritage Green area. Letters of invitation will be sent to these residents and information will be in the newspapers as well. Westover stated the City should know if they are granted the funding by the end of June.

Ice Rink

Westover explained she had spoken with Administrator Woulfe about the cost and the school board's decision regarding continuing to use the rinks on school property. Westover stated Woulfe has not received a cost breakdown or a date from the school board.

Westover added all projects Council previously approved are still in the works, the parking lot is completed but the actual structures are on hold. Westover distributed information from Woulfe regarding keeping the budgeted money for Parks' bigger projects.

Fuhol inquired about the Curling Club. Westover stated Jeff Hensel is working on cost breakdown for both and clarified the Parks Commission involvement will be only with the ice rinks and the Curling Club is a City Council matter and a bonding issue. Westover explained Mr. Hensel, who has extensive experience building these types of facilities, is preparing the whole package as one because if the ice rinks and the Curling Club plans get done together, the cost is more efficient.

Klossner posed the question if the bond doesn't go through for the Curling Club, what happens to the ice rinks and would this cause significant delays because it is one joint project. Westover stated she believes this outcome would cause the numbers to be refigured and shouldn't cause significant delays in the ice rink project.

OTHER BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

City Council Update

Westover provided an update on the last Council meeting.

Commissioner Concerns

Ziebarth inquired about the new budgeting priorities the City Council has established. Westover reviewed the City Council priorities list. Westover explained the ice sheets/rinks was the number one priority last year; however, for 2015, these priorities have changed to: #1. City Park improvement, #2. Aquatics Community Center, and #3. Ice sheets.

Ziebarth confirmed the Legacy Grant funds the City received are being used for City Park improvements. Westover updated the Commissioners on the progress of City Park improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Klossner moved, seconded by Iverson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. Motion carried 5/0.

Kelli Klossner
Cambridge Parks, Trails, and Recreation
Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Westover, City Planner

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Background

Below is a list of park priorities that the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission has identified. The Commission is now tasked with setting up a long range plan for these items. The items should be placed in order of importance to the Commission for the next 5-10 years of planning. What would you like to see done first and how soon? After the long range plan is initially identified, staff will investigate the approximate costs of each item and bring back a table next month showing the long range plan with costs. The Commission can then modify the plan if needed. The goal is to complete the long range plan for Council to consider when they have their long range planning sessions.

Park priorities identified (in no particular order):

- Boiling Springs trail, behind the Waste Water Treatment plant
- Aquatics Center
- Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk trail connection into Cambridge trail system
- Pioneer Park-disc golf, parking issues, play equipment, etc.
- 1/2 court basketball at Brown Park
- Tennis Courts at Brown Park or another site
- Ice Rinks
- Swingset at Watertower Park
- WPA walls at City Park
- City Park future improvements as identified on the City Park Master Plan
- Sandquist Family Park future planning
- Programs in City Park (for children, etc.)

I have attached a copy of the Cambridge City Parks Survey that was conducted last fall to help with your prioritization. I have also attached copies of the City Park Concept Master Plans (A & B) to help with the City Park future improvements item listed above. In addition, the Park Directory is attached which lists the amenities in each of the City's parks.

Parks Commission Action

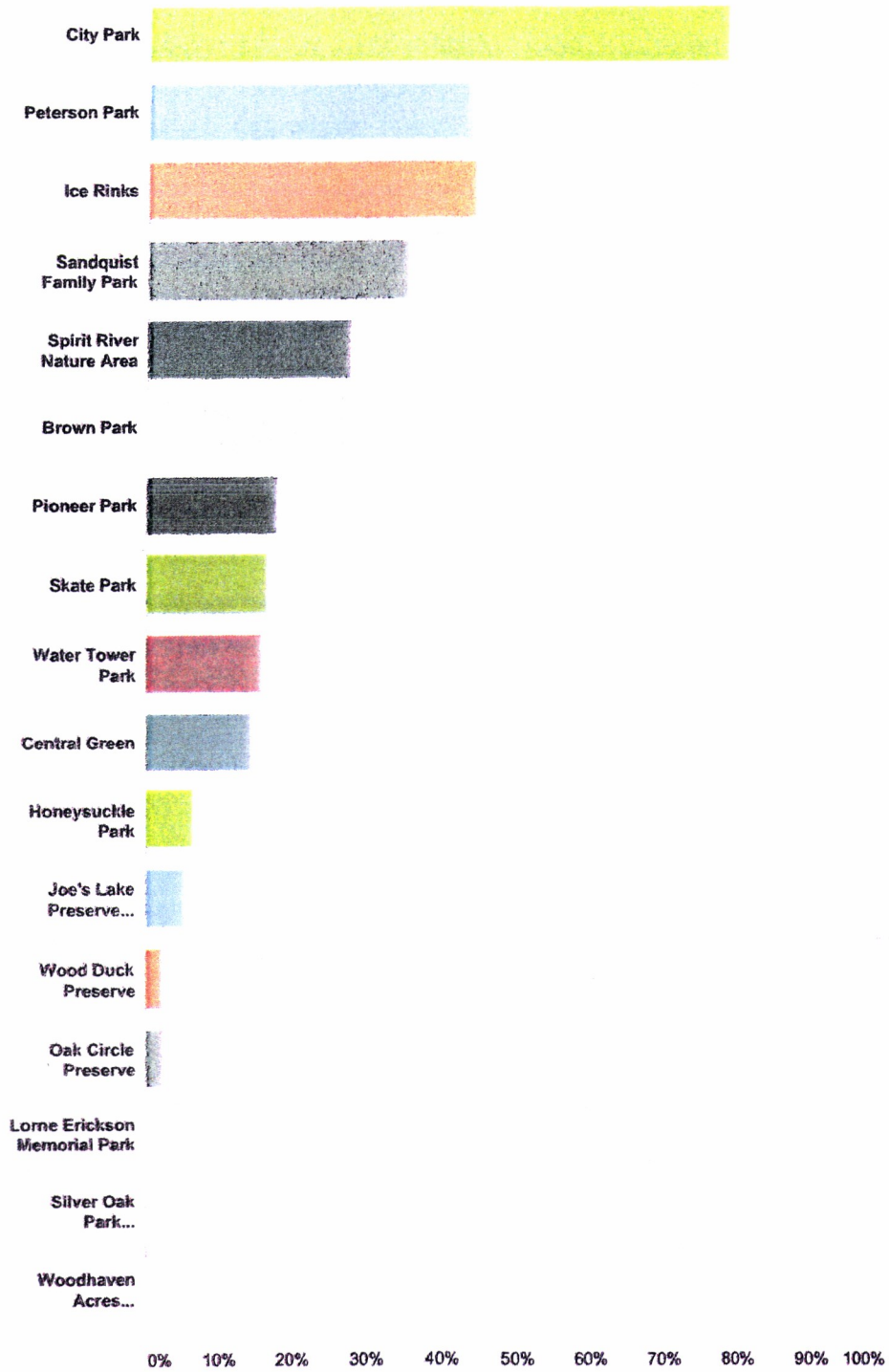
Prioritize the list for a long range park plan.

Attachments

Cambridge Parks Survey Results
City Park Master Plans-Concept A and Concept B
Park Directory

Q1 What City Parks have you used in the last year?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices

Responses

City Parks Survey

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City Park	78.89%	71
Peterson Park	44.44%	40
Ice Rinks	44.44%	40
Sandquist Family Park	35.56%	32
Spirit River Nature Area	27.78%	25
Brown Park	27.78%	25
Pioneer Park	17.78%	16
Skate Park	16.67%	15
Water Tower Park	15.56%	14
Central Green	14.44%	13
Honeysuckle Park	6.67%	6
Joe's Lake Preserve (undeveloped)	5.56%	5
Wood Duck Preserve	2.22%	2
Oak Circle Preserve	2.22%	2
Lome Erickson Memorial Park	0.00%	0
Silver Oak Park (undeveloped)	0.00%	0
Woodhaven Acres (undeveloped)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 90		

Q2 What park amenities are important to you? (some ideas include, playgrounds, trails, fishing, tennis, basketball, skating, skiing, etc.)

Answered: 86 Skipped: 5

#	Responses	Date
1	Walking	12/18/2014 4:52 PM
2	Tennis, skiing, playgrounds	12/12/2014 3:16 PM
3	Benches along the walking routes - they have 10 suggestions Trails along river in East Park need improvement A trail loop from behind waste treatment plant, down to the river following utility easements to state power plant south along the river to the trail leading to rum river Drive by the water tower and garden	12/10/2014 10:38 AM
4	Additional trails in the area not necessarily paved	12/10/2014 10:33 AM
5	Playgrounds, restrooms, & walking trails	12/9/2014 2:38 PM
6	hiking biking and cross country ski trails, basketball, baseball, and volleyball Playgrounds improvements for all ages	12/9/2014 2:06 PM
7	Skating, x-country skiing, broomball, ice hockey. Provide opportunities for people to stay active during the Winter months!	12/9/2014 1:38 PM
8	Better Playgrounds, Fishing, Downhill Winter Sledding/Tubing, BMX Biking, Mountain Biking Trails.	12/9/2014 1:10 PM
9	Hockey rink, Playgrounds & trails	12/9/2014 1:07 PM
10	single track trails	12/9/2014 10:28 AM
11	Scenic walking trails Biking trails Grill for cooking Picnic areas	12/9/2014 6:35 AM
12	hiking trails	12/8/2014 10:47 AM
13	Sporting amenities for youth. Ice Hockey in the winter - I spent 20+ hours a week at the outdoor rinks growing up in this area.	12/5/2014 9:40 AM
14	fishing, playgrounds, picnicing, walking trails, biking trails, sledding, swimming pool(s)	12/3/2014 7:47 PM
15	Skating, running trails	12/3/2014 2:41 PM
16	Maintained playgrounds, benches, picnic tables, tennis courts, basketball courts	12/3/2014 7:52 AM
17	Ice skating rink	12/2/2014 3:18 PM
18	Skating, Playgrounds, and Trials	12/2/2014 2:52 PM
19	All parks are important. Feel its important to have a winter activity with our long winters. Ice skating rinks very important. We have also enjoyed using the hill at the city park for sledding. a tow rope or magic carpet would be great for small kids to get up and down hill	12/2/2014 2:40 PM
20	Skating, picnic areas, clean waterfront	12/1/2014 6:54 PM
21	Trails, playgrounds	12/1/2014 5:00 PM
22	Ice skating . Fishing	12/1/2014 3:45 PM
23	Trails, skating, tennis, playground, ball fields	12/1/2014 3:37 PM
24	I would love to see a nicer outdoor skating facility and a aquatic center like Mora or Pine city	12/1/2014 2:14 PM
25	Skating rink and hockey rink.	12/1/2014 2:06 PM
26	Skating is very important to me as ice time is limited to the children in the community.	12/1/2014 2:01 PM

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27	fishing and skating	12/1/2014 1:51 PM
28	skating baseball	12/1/2014 1:41 PM
29	The outdoor rink is a staple to our family in the winter!	12/1/2014 1:33 PM
30	playgrounds picnic area trails fishing skating	12/1/2014 1:24 PM
31	All. Quality of life is a very important factor in attracting and retaining residents. This is money well spent.	12/1/2014 9:56 AM
32	Tennis, hockey rink, bike trails, open space (for football, soccer)	11/29/2014 10:23 AM
33	Ice rink	11/27/2014 7:17 PM
34	Playgrounds and fishing	11/27/2014 10:36 AM
35	Hiking trails, bike trails, wildlife viewing	11/27/2014 10:18 AM
36	walking trails	11/27/2014 9:52 AM
37	Skating, playgrounds, and trails	11/27/2014 9:47 AM
38	I have 2 girls in hockey and 1 that will start next year. I would like to take the family out skating but with all the outdoor hockey practices for other teams it hard to find open ice. A new rink would be huge to our family and many others.	11/27/2014 9:41 AM
39	Cambridge sure could use a new Ice Skating rink. The old one is falling apart and becoming dangerous to the people/kids playing ther.	11/26/2014 4:19 PM
40	Trails: Hiking/Mountain Biking, Skiing, Tennis, Outdoor Fitness, playground equipment	11/26/2014 3:39 PM
41	skating, baseball/softball, playgrounds	11/26/2014 1:20 PM
42	Skating, swimming	11/26/2014 12:54 PM
43	Spaceport	11/26/2014 11:07 AM
44	Hockey rink, parks	11/26/2014 10:54 AM
45	Trails and playgrounds and basketball court and baseball fields	11/26/2014 9:49 AM
46	Being able to reserve shelters and sports areas	11/26/2014 9:43 AM
47	Playgrounds, Basketball, Baseball, Fishing, Trails, and Shelters to use at these facilities for birthday parties and events.	11/26/2014 9:17 AM
48	Cross Country skiing, playgrounds	11/25/2014 10:28 PM
49	Skating/hockey rinks	11/25/2014 9:47 PM
50	Skating rinks	11/25/2014 2:50 PM
51	trails	11/25/2014 2:45 PM
52	clean level walking surface trails, picnic benches, outdoor ice skating, snow sledding hill	11/25/2014 9:10 AM
53	Tennis, bike trails, hiking trails, scenic overlooks for picnics, playgrounds, sledding,	11/24/2014 1:17 PM
54	Playgrounds, trails, fishing, tennis, picnic areas, shelter areas	11/24/2014 10:34 AM
55	Playground, trails, skating, fishing, g	11/22/2014 3:21 PM
56	Play ground, skating	11/22/2014 9:21 AM
57	sports, hiking	11/22/2014 8:21 AM
58	Tennis	11/19/2014 7:35 PM
59	Tennis courts in our neighborhood park, Brown park.	11/19/2014 7:14 PM
60	Playground sandbox splash pad would be an awesome addition. We go to neighboring cities for this.	11/16/2014 7:05 AM
61	playgrounds, trails	11/14/2014 10:11 PM
62	Mt bike trails	11/14/2014 7:52 PM

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63	Tennis, playgrounds, park shelters, BBQ stands, fire pits, walking paths, scenic overlooks....bike trails.	11/14/2014 7:03 PM
64	Trails, tennis, basketball	11/14/2014 7:40 AM
65	Basketball, trails	11/14/2014 5:10 AM
66	Trails, fishing, playgrounds	11/13/2014 10:03 PM
67	Skating, skating, skating	11/13/2014 8:43 PM
68	Trails.	11/13/2014 8:13 PM
69	Playgrounds, trails ice skating would be really nice!	11/13/2014 5:47 PM
70	We like your more wildlife parks...sorry I don't know all the names of them. Hiking biking and running are our activities. Along with playgrounds but our kids like to go to the school for that.	11/13/2014 5:46 PM
71	Swimming pool and more bike trails	11/13/2014 5:39 PM
72	Playgrounds	11/13/2014 4:31 PM
73	Playgrounds, fishing, beach, trails, basketball, baseball	11/13/2014 3:49 PM
74	Basketball playgrounds	11/13/2014 2:16 PM
75	Playgrounds, movies in the parks, community events in the parks	11/13/2014 1:40 PM
76	playgrounds - for toddlers walking/hiking trails	11/13/2014 1:32 PM
77	Place to picnic	11/13/2014 1:19 PM
78	Trails, restroom, picnic shelter, tennis court, disc golf	11/13/2014 1:17 PM
79	Fishing and snowmobiling	11/13/2014 12:35 PM
80	Fishing and would like Camping	11/13/2014 12:31 PM
81	trails	11/13/2014 12:27 PM
82	Playground and a restroom	11/13/2014 12:27 PM
83	Ski, skate, splash pad	11/13/2014 10:46 AM
84	Trails, disc golf, tennis, playground	11/13/2014 10:43 AM
85	Playground equipment that makes the child "work" for fun, love the one's in Wyoming and Forest Lake Hill for sledding in the winter. Hiking trails that are wheelchair accessible for the summer. Would LOVE to see a swingset that include a wheelchair accessible swing (again, love the one by Wyoming!)	11/13/2014 10:41 AM
86	playgrounds hiking skating	11/13/2014 9:46 AM

Q3 What is the age range of your family?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 1

#	Response	Date
1	64-65	12/18/2014 4:52 PM
2	4-50	12/12/2014 3:16 PM
3	77-46	12/10/2014 10:38 AM
4	16-58	12/10/2014 10:33 AM
5	6-35	12/9/2014 2:38 PM
6	1yr to 33yrs old	12/9/2014 2:06 PM
7	Ages 39, 38, 12, 10, 8, 6	12/9/2014 1:38 PM
8	Children 6, 8, 8, 11. Adults 33, 33.	12/9/2014 1:10 PM
9	44 , 42 & 10	12/9/2014 1:07 PM
10	35-60	12/9/2014 10:28 AM
11	21-80yrs - (multi-generation in our household)	12/9/2014 6:35 AM
12	2 adults, one dog, no children	12/8/2014 10:47 AM
13	10-46	12/5/2014 9:40 AM
14	2 - 63	12/3/2014 7:47 PM
15	6-30	12/3/2014 4:27 PM
16	27	12/3/2014 2:41 PM
17	10-48	12/3/2014 7:52 AM
18	6 and 10 years of age	12/2/2014 3:18 PM
19	6 yrs to 14 yrs	12/2/2014 2:52 PM
20	6 - 10 year old kids. 4 kids	12/2/2014 2:40 PM
21	Newborn, 9, 11, and parents!	12/1/2014 8:21 PM
22	37, 37, 16, 14, 12, 10	12/1/2014 6:54 PM
23	30-91	12/1/2014 5:00 PM
24	8-47	12/1/2014 4:34 PM
25	7-35	12/1/2014 3:45 PM
26	Kids are 6, 8, and 14	12/1/2014 3:37 PM
27	10, 16, 19 to 49	12/1/2014 2:14 PM
28	8-42	12/1/2014 2:06 PM
29	17 months to 33 years of age.	12/1/2014 2:01 PM
30	adult	12/1/2014 1:51 PM
31	10 to 41	12/1/2014 1:41 PM
32	6, 8, 9, 10, 33, 36	12/1/2014 1:33 PM
33	Age 5 to 40	12/1/2014 1:24 PM

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34	9-44	12/1/2014 12:46 PM
35	8-42	12/1/2014 8:56 AM
36	9-14 years	11/28/2014 10:23 AM
37	7 to 33	11/27/2014 7:17 PM
38	3-27	11/27/2014 10:36 AM
39	9 years old - 38 years old	11/27/2014 10:18 AM
40	14-58	11/27/2014 9:52 AM
41	Kids are 6 and 10 I'm 40	11/27/2014 9:47 AM
42	Kids Age starting at 3 up to 7 Adults 30 to 33	11/27/2014 9:41 AM
43	42-8	11/26/2014 4:19 PM
44	2 1/2 up to 32	11/26/2014 3:39 PM
45	3-12	11/26/2014 1:20 PM
46	6 yrs-48 yrs	11/26/2014 12:54 PM
47	8-44	11/26/2014 11:07 AM
48	Our children are from 3 years to 13 years old	11/26/2014 10:54 AM
49	6-37	11/26/2014 9:49 AM
50	4-39	11/26/2014 9:43 AM
51	8 months to 32	11/26/2014 9:17 AM
52	62-65	11/25/2014 10:28 PM
53	Both seniors/Grandparents	11/25/2014 9:47 PM
54	8-22 (kids)	11/25/2014 2:50 PM
55	56	11/25/2014 2:45 PM
56	3-55	11/25/2014 9:10 AM
57	1, 5, 13, 16. I bring my nieces and nephews.	11/24/2014 1:17 PM
58	35 to 3 1/2	11/24/2014 10:34 AM
59	2 y/old to 45y/old	11/22/2014 3:21 PM
60	1 year end 27	11/22/2014 9:21 AM
61	2 years to 66 years	11/22/2014 8:21 AM
62	11-48	11/19/2014 7:35 PM
63	Ages, ten, thirteen, thirty eight and forty eight	11/19/2014 7:14 PM
64	2-32	11/16/2014 7:05 AM
65	1-5 , 52-56	11/14/2014 10:11 PM
66	10-45	11/14/2014 7:52 PM
67	15 - 28 (kids) 2-3 (grandkids) we are 44/45.	11/14/2014 7:03 PM
68	42-43	11/14/2014 7:40 AM
69	Adults	11/14/2014 5:10 AM
70	15months-28yrs old	11/13/2014 10:03 PM
71	2 years to 44 years	11/13/2014 8:43 PM

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72	32-33	11/13/2014 6:13 PM
73	10 to 40	11/13/2014 5:47 PM
74	6 8 36 and 37	11/13/2014 5:46 PM
75	25 to 50	11/13/2014 5:39 PM
76	4-7	11/13/2014 4:31 PM
77	Kids: 1-4 Parents: 29	11/13/2014 3:49 PM
78	7-47	11/13/2014 2:16 PM
79	5 - 38	11/13/2014 1:40 PM
80	2 toddlers 1 teenager mom & dad	11/13/2014 1:32 PM
81	16	11/13/2014 1:19 PM
82	Just me (age 28)	11/13/2014 1:17 PM
83	8-29	11/13/2014 12:35 PM
84	13-51	11/13/2014 12:31 PM
85	17-54 years old	11/13/2014 12:27 PM
86	5-30	11/13/2014 12:27 PM
87	8-41	11/13/2014 10:46 AM
88	33	11/13/2014 10:43 AM
89	2, 3, 5, and 7	11/13/2014 10:41 AM
90	6 to 43	11/13/2014 9:46 AM

Q4 What additions or changes would you like to see for existing parks?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 22

#	Responses	Date
1	More walking trails	12/18/2014 4:52 PM
2	Swings that are high for adult enjoyment	12/10/2014 10:38 AM
3	Trail expansion	12/10/2014 10:33 AM
4	I would like to see the damaged bridges through the woods at City Park repaired.	12/9/2014 2:38 PM
5	Management program for invasive species, especially in Spirit River and City park. Education/Conservation projects to improve runoff and water quality to local lakes and streams.	12/9/2014 2:06 PM
6	Although it is a challenge, I would like to see the City of Cambridge invest in facilities that residents can use year round; not just during the summer months.	12/9/2014 1:38 PM
7	Fishing Docks - Many Families cannot afford boats to take their children Fishing. Build some Gaga pits. Gaga -- or Ga-Ga -- Ball is a fun game that kids love to play. It is played with a ball in an circular court; some companies sell octagonal walls in which to play the game. Any ball that is about the size of a soccer ball can be used. The goal is to avoid being hit below the knees as other players knock the ball toward you. According to Playworks, the game helps young students develop hand-eye coordination and critical thinking skills.	12/9/2014 1:10 PM
8	More trails and maintained ice rink	12/9/2014 1:07 PM
9	more single track trails	12/9/2014 10:28 AM
10	More park developed along the Rum River	12/9/2014 6:35 AM
11	More hiking trails that are dog friendly.	12/8/2014 10:47 AM
12	More sporting activities for youth.	12/5/2014 9:40 AM
13	swimming pools - for adults and young children; splash pads	12/3/2014 7:47 PM
14	Pioneer Park could really use a couple of picnic tables. It is a well used park. I offer community education classes there sometimes, and there are only two benches. There were also lots of weeds/bushes growing up by the tennis court this year.	12/3/2014 7:52 AM
15	Better tennis courts. bathroom facilities	12/2/2014 3:18 PM
16	It would be great to have someone supervising parks, tennis courts, basketball, etc to ensure it is not mis treated.	12/2/2014 2:40 PM
17	More options closer together	12/1/2014 8:21 PM
18	More advertising, I haven't even heard of a lot of the parks. Cleaner, more options, crowd and safety control	12/1/2014 6:54 PM
19	Plumbed rest rooms and more water fountains.	12/1/2014 5:00 PM
20	INDOOR recreation activities for families in the winter. There are ample outdoor activities in the area between city and county/township parks. Money should be spent on something that is an actual amenity for the city.	12/1/2014 3:37 PM
21	More walking or bike paths, fishing pier, and new playground equipment	12/1/2014 2:14 PM
22	We need a new skating rink. The old rink is falling apart and is in just as bad of shape as the old warming house was.	12/1/2014 2:06 PM
23	More benches, ice rinks, and a warming area that is well kept.	12/1/2014 2:01 PM
24	Outdoor and indoor ice rinks in Cambridge. City run activity center for all ages, especially youth.	12/1/2014 1:41 PM
25	Replacement of the soon to be removed outdoor hockey rink. Improvement of Brown Park for athletic activities, such as tennis and basketball. City park improvements, such as a restroom, basketball court, access to potable water, removal of (dangerous) bench on west side of sledding hill.	12/1/2014 12:46 PM

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26	Basketball & tennis court at Brown Park. No sports park in goldenwood.	11/29/2014 10:23 AM
27	Better facilities	11/27/2014 10:36 AM
28	Porta-potty at the sledding hill through the winter months, or an established bathroom near the sledding hill.	11/27/2014 10:18 AM
29	New Skating rink that has a decent base surface so it can be used for inline hockey in the summer time.	11/26/2014 4:19 PM
30	Better shore fishing access on the Rurn River. Maybe a fishing pier. Locations for overnight camping. More mountain biking trails	11/26/2014 3:39 PM
31	I have heard the ice skating rink is going to be closed by the bus garage. we need to have a place for our kids to play/skate and do winter sports.	11/26/2014 1:20 PM
32	Refrigerated ice rink	11/26/2014 12:54 PM
33	more rockets	11/26/2014 11:07 AM
34	I would love to see a nice outdoor hockey rink. We love to use them.	11/26/2014 10:54 AM
35	Better playground equipment	11/26/2014 9:49 AM
36	Programming	11/28/2014 9:43 AM
37	It would be great if there were higher quality shelters that could be utilized for family gathering and parties.	11/26/2014 9:17 AM
38	We are not interested in tennis courts at Brown Park. We appreciate the big open area to play games with our family.	11/25/2014 10:28 PM
39	Skating/hockey rinks especially if the existing one is going to be taken away. That provides recreation for many kids and adults.	11/25/2014 9:47 PM
40	Larger skateboarding parks	11/25/2014 2:50 PM
41	swings at Water Tower Park. More cross country ski trails	11/25/2014 9:10 AM
42	Porta potty and tennis lights at honeysuckle.	11/24/2014 1:17 PM
43	A bandshell/amphitheater area in city park would be great, a fishing dock in City park on the river also would be great.	11/24/2014 10:34 AM
44	More accessible trails for strollers and snow removal on said trail in the winter time	11/22/2014 3:21 PM
45	Id like too see the parks maintained.	11/22/2014 9:21 AM
46	more, better tennis courts, amphitheater, larger picnic area, reservation system	11/22/2014 8:21 AM
47	Tennis courts in Brown Park	11/19/2014 7:35 PM
48	Adding tennis courts to replace the the court that is going to be removed from city park.	11/19/2014 7:14 PM
49	As mentioned above, a splash pad would be awesome! It's a most for the summer and Cambridge families travel to other cities for this. A trail around joes lake would be awesome Too! Such beautiful land and serene setting with the lake-what a way to draw people into the city. I've always thought it's a perfect lake to offer canoe and paddle boat rentals for residence. The open land on opportunity blvd is perfect spot to set this up. People travel to lake George in st cloud and to Minneapolis from all over the metro to utilize this. Awesome attraction that's cheap and bring in some extra money!	11/16/2014 7:05 AM
50	it would be nice if Cambrige had some kind of water park..... like a splash park for young children	11/14/2014 10:11 PM
51	PUBLICIZE where they are. Make a Good map to print and share online.	11/14/2014 7:03 PM
52	Cleaner, refurbishings	11/14/2014 7:40 AM
53	Music added to the city park	11/14/2014 5:10 AM
54	well kept and security after certain hours	11/13/2014 10:03 PM
55	more ice rinks	11/13/2014 8:43 PM

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56	They should do a walking trail around the lake south of the liquor store. Then the city could use the old Sonic building as a place to rent canoes and sell ice cream in the summer, and rent snowshoes and cross-country skis in the winter. It could be a real showcase spot for the city, with it so close to all of the new commercial development, and a place for families to actively enjoy the outdoors.	11/13/2014 6:13 PM
57	We are in springvale twp. Paved trails for biking would be great.	11/13/2014 5:46 PM
58	add swimming pool or aquatic center	11/13/2014 5:39 PM
59	Bigger Parks and more variety. 3, if not more, of the parks in town are the exact same playground just different colors. Add some sort of designated fishing spot like a pier on the run or Paul's lake	11/13/2014 3:49 PM
60	Older kids stuff - obstacle course etc	11/13/2014 2:16 PM
61	Indoor and Outdoor Waterpark	11/13/2014 1:40 PM
62	more "little" kid stuff - something like what the Cambridge primary school has. my kids love it but can't always visit there when school is in session	11/13/2014 1:32 PM
63	I like to do a lot of rollerblading in the summer. I usually have to drive down to Bunker Hills in Blaine though since there aren't any trails that are suitable for it (that I know of). More paved trails would be great to see as long as they aren't the rough pavement. The Cambridge-Isanti trail (with the exception of the bridge) is a perfect example for smooth blading.	11/13/2014 1:17 PM
64	better area for people with animals better restrooms	11/13/2014 12:35 PM
65	camping, fishing and hunting parks., Hunting where you can camp as well.	11/13/2014 12:31 PM
66	Better bathrooms, cleaner. Better trails.	11/13/2014 12:27 PM
67	ice rink in bridge water.	11/13/2014 10:46 AM
68	More picnic tables with some under shelter. Would love to have something in the park every Friday night in the summer like so many surrounding cities (art in the park, music, local clogging show, possibilities are endless!) Family games would be great like horseshoe pits, volleyball net, frisbee golf. Would also love to see an outdoor ice skating rink back in this town for kids!	11/13/2014 10:41 AM
69	more programs/events featured at our parks to bring the community together	11/13/2014 9:46 AM

Q5 Is there other information you would like to provide regarding parks, trails, and recreation within the City of Cambridge?

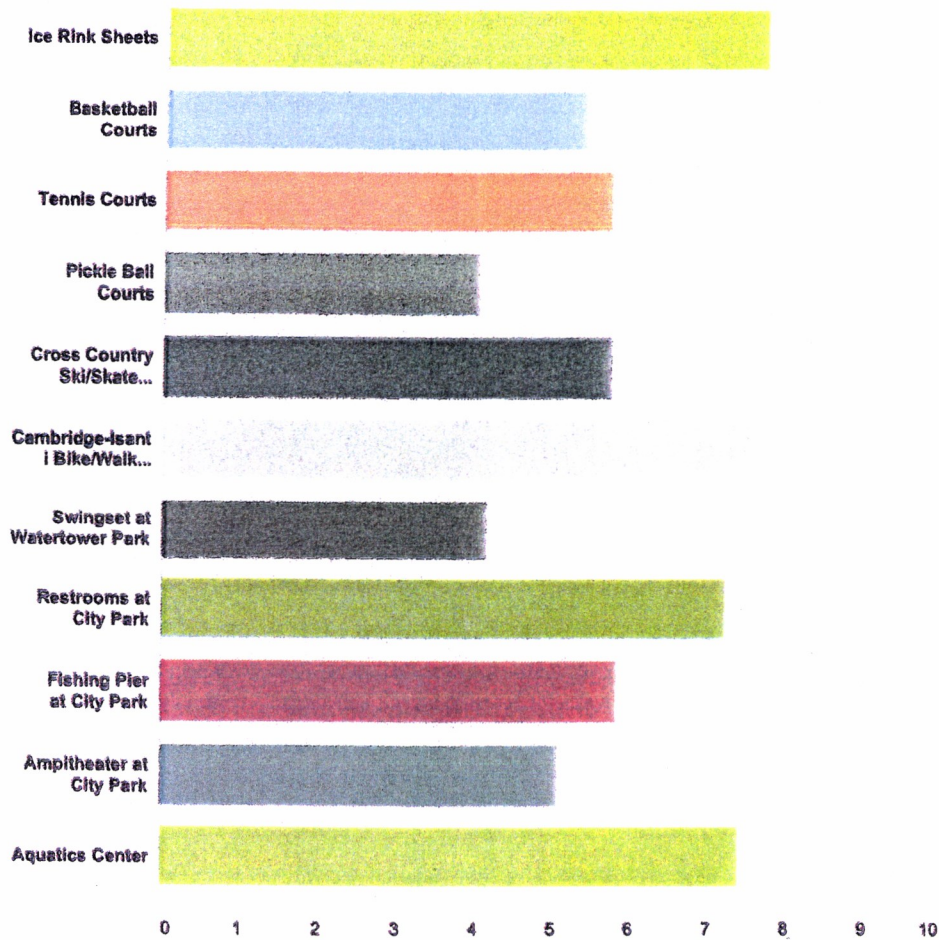
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#	Responses	Date
1	We appreciate the many public areas in Cambridge that make this city a great place to live.	12/18/2014 4:52 PM
2	I understand that the one and only skating facility will be gone in 2015. I would like to see the Park and Rec Commission support the development of a new one. Thank you for your commitment.	12/9/2014 1:38 PM
3	We usually drive to Isanti Blue Bird Park to use their Playground etc.	12/9/2014 1:10 PM
4	need more single track mountain bike trails	12/9/2014 10:28 AM
5	The City and Isanti County have made significant improvements of our parks resulting in increased value and use. It is much appreciated. This is a great platform to continually improve and develop.	12/9/2014 6:35 AM
6	We were very sad to see that we cannot walk in Cambridge City park in the winter because of snowmobiles. The winter is long and we were looking forward to being able to snow shoe with our dog in that park during the winter.	12/8/2014 10:47 AM
7	We appreciate how well maintained Pioneer Park is, especially as it is right behind our house.	12/3/2014 7:52 AM
8	The outdoor rinks and skate park are an amazing idea!	12/1/2014 6:54 PM
9	Cambridge is in dire need of an INDOOR rec/event center. Indoor play land, trampoline park, community swimming pool, ice rink, banquet center. Enough with ball fields and walking "paths" (routes) that benefit a tiny fraction of the population and NOBODY in the winter, which has recently been 6 months out of the year.	12/1/2014 3:37 PM
10	Lets not let "other" needs cloud the fact that we still NEED a new skating rink. yes there are 'other' needs. There always will be. Lets do the right thing and address the skating rink issue now.	12/1/2014 2:08 PM
11	I think the City of Cambridge has done a great job in providing for the members of the community in the past, and their hard work is appreciated.	12/1/2014 2:01 PM
12	It is very important to INVEST IN OUR YOUTH by keeping them active and healthy. The city of Cambridge does not offer anything for our youth.	12/1/2014 1:41 PM
13	Concerned with the safety on the west in the Spirit River Nature Area.	12/1/2014 12:46 PM
14	I am hopeful that the two refrigerated ice rinks will be built along with the other proposed items in that project.	12/1/2014 9:56 AM
15	Please refrigerate at least one of the new planned outdoor rinks. I'm very concerned about losing our only outdoor ice sheet. You could use same heat pump to cool the rink and heat a warming house/building.	11/29/2014 10:23 AM
16	We have great baseball fields, Excellent football fields, plenty of tennis courts already, its time for Hockey to get some attention. Cambridge has seen rinks disappear slowly over the years. We Only have ONE left and its in bad shape...at best. Please refrigerate the outdoor rinks and making them usable for 7- 8 months instead of 3-4 months.	11/26/2014 4:19 PM
17	Equipment rental "bikes, skis, canoe, sports equipment" Co-op with local company or offer annual membership for access	11/26/2014 3:39 PM
18	they are nice...	11/26/2014 1:20 PM
19	Need stuff for kids and families to do in the winter. We already have lots of options in the summer need more cold weather options.	11/26/2014 12:54 PM
20	I like turtles	11/26/2014 11:07 AM
21	It would be great to have additional family centered events throughout the year that are affordable for families.	11/26/2014 9:17 AM
22	There is provision for most all recreation in our community, which has improved a great deal in the last few years and adding the proposed ice rink facility would be a huge plus.	11/25/2014 9:47 PM

23	It would be a shame to lose our outdoor skating rink	11/25/2014 2:50 PM
24	please find a way to link the cambridge-isanti bike trail to the down town area of cambridge	11/25/2014 9:10 AM
25	I'm very pleased with the development of the city park. We bought discs for Fritsbee golf.	11/24/2014 1:17 PM
26	My number 1 important addition that the City of Cambridge NEEDS is an aquatics center (YMCA is preferred) where a family can all go together to excoercise, swim and meet up with friends to participate in those activities together. I do not believe that City Park needs a pedestrian bridge from the middle of the park to the Spirit River Trail as there is already an adequate sidewalk to that area in place. I think money could be better spent on other improvements that are not already present at the park.	11/24/2014 10:34 AM
27	A safe sledding hill for young children free of trees and play equipment to run into. A water park would be Fantastic.	11/22/2014 3:21 PM
28	We need a family fitness center.	11/22/2014 8:21 AM
29	more bathroom facilities at the parks.	11/19/2014 7:35 PM
30	Yes, I have met with many residents of cambridge and there is an overwhelming desire to have tennis court(s) constructed in Brown park.I have a petition showing this support.	11/19/2014 7:14 PM
31	The selection is great. It's a huge reason we moved here this past summer. I think my suggestions above would attract even more!	11/16/2014 7:05 AM
32	Add a list of "to-do"s w/ the map? USE the GIS system more.	11/14/2014 7:03 PM
33	Walking trails in parks are wonderful.	11/14/2014 5:10 AM
34	water park. It will give high schoolers a job in the summer	11/13/2014 10:03 PM
35	we need a community pool!	11/13/2014 8:43 PM
36	none	11/13/2014 5:46 PM
37	A lake George type park would be well used	11/13/2014 2:16 PM
38	Waterpark like Rush City but indoor also	11/13/2014 1:40 PM
39	Cambridge needs a water park. I think a lot of people would use it.	11/13/2014 1:32 PM
40	The tennis court at the City Park could use a lot of work. We usually have to use the high school's or Isanti's tennis courts. It's not really in the best place either since it always collects debris from surrounding trees.	11/13/2014 1:17 PM
41	atv trails	11/13/2014 12:35 PM
42	4 Wheeling parks	11/13/2014 12:31 PM

Q6 The City Council and the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Commission have been discussing ideas for park improvements. We would like your input. Please rank the following items from 1 to 11 in order of importance to you, with 1 being the MOST IMPORTANT and 11 being the LEAST IMPORTANT.

Answered: 89 Skipped: 2



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Score
Ice Rink Sheets	38.20% 34	7.87% 7	6.74% 6	4.49% 4	6.74% 6	10.11% 9	5.62% 5	3.37% 3	4.49% 4	5.62% 5	6.74% 6	89	7.76
Basketball Courts	1.12% 1	8.99% 8	5.62% 5	7.87% 7	11.24% 10	11.24% 10	15.73% 14	12.36% 11	5.62% 5	14.61% 13	5.62% 5	89	5.42
Tennis Courts	6.74% 6	5.62% 5	10.11% 9	4.49% 4	10.11% 9	17.98% 16	8.99% 8	11.24% 10	7.87% 7	8.99% 8	7.87% 7	89	5.75

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Pickle Ball Courts	0.00%	3.37%	3.37%	5.62%	6.74%	6.74%	11.24%	14.61%	15.73%	11.24%	21.35%	89	4.02
	0	3	3	5	6	6	10	13	14	10	19		
Cross Country Ski/Skate Trails and grooming	3.37%	4.49%	12.36%	10.11%	10.11%	10.11%	13.48%	12.36%	10.11%	8.99%	4.49%	89	5.75
	3	4	11	9	9	9	12	11	9	8	4		
Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail extension	14.77%	18.18%	11.36%	12.50%	9.09%	11.36%	10.23%	0.00%	6.82%	3.41%	2.27%	88	7.59
	13	16	10	11	8	10	9	0	6	3	2		
Swingset at Watertower Park	0.00%	1.12%	2.25%	5.62%	8.99%	10.11%	14.61%	14.61%	14.61%	11.24%	16.85%	89	4.15
	0	1	2	5	8	9	13	13	13	10	15		
Restrooms at City Park	8.99%	6.74%	17.98%	25.84%	8.99%	5.62%	5.62%	8.99%	6.74%	3.37%	1.12%	89	7.24
	8	6	16	23	8	5	5	8	6	3	1		
Fishing Pier at City Park	2.25%	7.87%	12.36%	12.36%	12.36%	6.74%	7.87%	10.11%	14.61%	7.87%	5.62%	89	5.85
	2	7	11	11	11	6	7	9	13	7	5		
Ampitheater at City Park	1.12%	12.36%	6.74%	5.62%	12.36%	8.99%	3.37%	10.11%	7.87%	15.73%	15.73%	89	5.10
	1	11	6	5	11	8	3	9	7	14	14		
Aquatics Center	23.60%	23.60%	11.24%	5.62%	3.37%	1.12%	3.37%	2.25%	5.62%	8.99%	11.24%	89	7.44
	21	21	10	5	3	1	3	2	5	8	10		



2ND AVENUE

ex. wpa stonework entry gate

ex. parking

restroom

amphitheatre

open lawn

ex. picnic area

ex. wpa stonework/lock

open view/retreat w/low growing native vegetation

ex. wpa stonework

ex. picnic shelter and table

potential park land acquisition - 26 parking spaces w expansion action

3RD AVENUE SW

ex. bituminous trail (typ)

long view open lawn

ex. council typ

historical marker at trail intersection

expanded play area w all shade canopies

open lawn

picnic shelter

natural area

shedding hill

disc golf course

seating area

5TH AVENUE SW

rum river

fishing pier

interpretive signs/rails

fern street



scale 1" = 60' ±



RUM RIVER

2ND AVENUE

3RD AVENUE SW

FRENCH STREET

5TH AVENUE SW

interpretive sign/rain

pedestrian bridge

ex. wpa stonework entry gate

ex. parking

ex. play area

ex. picnic area

ex. wpa stonework/blank

open lawn

open view/restore w/low growing native vegetation

ex. garden

restroom

ex. sound pipe

open lawn

open lawn

wedding hill

disc golf course

ex. wpa overlook stonework/with pergola and garden

potential park land acquisition - 60 parking spaces

amphitheatre

open lawn

picnic area

seating area

natural area

ex. bituminous trail (CYP)



scale 1"=40' 0"

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1. Spirit River Nature Area

1055 2nd Avenue SW

Amenities Include:

- Paved and unpaved trails
- Single Track Mountain Bike/Snowshoe Trails
- Benches
- Campsite
- Interpretive signage
- Groomed Cross-country ski trails

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2. City Park

810 Second Avenue SW

Amenities Include:

- Tennis Court
- Volleyball court
- Two sets of playground equipment, ages 2-5 & 5-12
- Picnic shelters, and benches
- Works Progress Administration (WPA) period park structures
- Scenic Overlook

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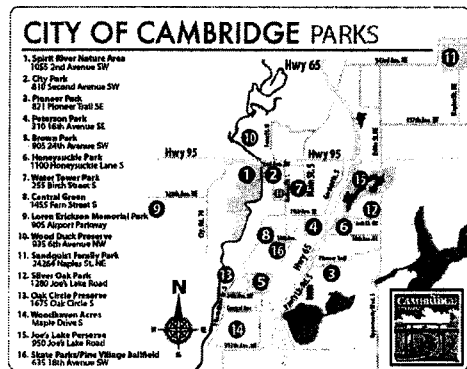
3. Pioneer Park

821 Pioneer Trail SE

Amenities Include:

- Baseball backstop
- Playground Equipment, ages 5-12
- Basketball court
- Tennis court
- Paved Trails

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4. Peterson Park

310 16th Avenue SE

Amenities Include:

- Softball field
- Playground Equipment, ages 5-12
- Paved Trails

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905 24th Avenue SW

Amenities Include:

- Playground Equipment, ages 5-12
- Paved trails
- Park Benches and Picnic tables

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1100 Honeysuckle Lane S

Amenities Include:

- Tennis court
- Basketball court
- Playground Equipment, ages 5-12
- Paved trails
- Benches

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255 Birch Street S

Amenities Include:

- Playground equipment, ages 2-5
- Two picnic table sun shelters and benches

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1455 Fern Street S

Amenities Include:

- Playground equipment, ages 2-5
- Gazebo with picnic tables
- Benches
- Paved Trails

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905 Airport Parkway

Amenities Include:

- Picnic tables
- Memorial plaque

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935 6th Avenue Northwest

Amenities Include:

- Unpaved Trail

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Amenities Include:

- 2 Soccer/Football Fields - 34422 Naples Street NE
- 4 Softball Fields with Restroom Facility - 34264 Naples Street NE
- 2 Baseball Field - 3504 345th Avenue NE
- Dog Park

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1280 Joes Lake Road

- Undeveloped

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Amenities Include:

- Access and overlook

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Maple Drive South

- Undeveloped

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950 Joes Lake Road

- Undeveloped

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16. Skate Parks

635 18th Ave. SW

Amenities Include:

- Lighted hockey rink and open skating area
- Warming house
- Skateboard Park
- Playground equipment, ages 2-5

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