

Waterways and Parks Commission Agenda February 24, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the City Waterways and Parks Commission on Wednesday, February, 24 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via remote access only on the following agenda items:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Election of Officers
 - a. Vice Chair, Secretary
- 4. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, January 27, 2020
- 5. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda
- 7. Other Business Agenda items
 - a. Recommendation to approve a gas easement with Northern States Power, west of Forest Street, north of 910 Forest Street. (Leah Ness)
 - b. Recommendation to approve the proposed Riverview Drive Capital Improvement Project adjacent to Riverview Park. (Leah Ness)
 - a. Recommendation to approve the draft of the Carson Park Master Plan, including Half Moon Beach. (Steve Plaza)
 - b. 2021 Special Events list (Information only)
 - c. Director's Report (Information only)
- 8. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Future Agenda Items
 - b. Announcements
- 9. Adjournment

Ron Doering, Chairperson c: News Media

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CITY OF EAU CLAIRE WATERWAYS AND PARKS COMMISSION

(Meeting Minutes)

January 21, 2021

Members Present: Kate Beaton, John Bodkin, Kirk Dahl, Ron Doering, Megan Holmes,

Chris Johnson, John Lor, Joe Maurer

Members Absent: Meredith Ball, Ellen Faulkner, Jessica Schoen

Staff Present: Ryan Petrie, Steve Plaza, Renee Tyler, Dave Solberg, Tyler Fadness,

Scott Allen

The meeting was chaired by Steve Plaza, Ron Doering took over after his appointment, virtually and was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Election of Officers:

Chair – Ron Doering volunteered. All in favor no one opposed.

Vice Chair – no volunteers or nominations. This position will be addressed at next meeting on February 24, 2021.

Secretary – no volunteers or nominations. This position will be addressed at next meeting on February 24, 2021.

Minutes: The minutes of December 2, 2021 were approved with corrections made by Ron

Doering.

Action Taken:

Kirk Dahl made motion to approve.

John Lor seconded.

All in favor

Open Public: There were no comments

Business Agenda:

A.

New Commission Members approved by City Council:

Megan Holmes, Christopher Johnson, Joseph Maurer. Appointments are through December 31, 2023

- **B.** Reappointment of member Kirk Dahl. Appointment through 31, 2023.
- **C.** Site plan of L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library expansion project along the Eau Claire River located at 400 Eau Claire Street was given by Ryan Petrie. Site plan was presented to Waterways & Parks because the site is along the river and a trail will eventually be developed. Plans were included in packets.

Angi Goodwin and Chris Silewski, with Ayres & Associates gave brief overview. Lower level of library is outside of flood protection area. Trees along river will be lifted. Lower level will have drive—up book drop and pick up.

Joe Maurer had questions about the use of tree grates and tree health. Tree grates are being used because the trees will be in handicap areas and will make area wheel chair accessible. Ayres will also make effort to protect tree health in grates.

Ron Doering had questions about lawn area. Angi Goodwin clarified that that area on the plans is utility upgrades.

Kate Michaud with MSR Design. Their goal is to do a more open concept and take advantage of view of the river. Very few changes will be made to outside of building. (7,000 square ft addition on second level). More green space areas with plantings. They will also be increasing use of lower level meeting rooms. Bike parking, more lighting and easy charge stations will also be added in lower area.

Action Taken: Ron Doering moved to forward to Planning Commission, John Bodkin then motioned 2nd by Kirk Dahl. No one opposed.

Other Items:

Steve Plaza gave Director's Report:

Continuing to cross train staff to prevent loss of staff from COVID

Continuing to clean buildings frequently during the day. Air filter machines put in key staff areas.

Parks Department clearing trails for winter users. There are 7 rinks and 3 hockey rinks being maintained. Shelters are closed due to COVID. Benches have been put onsite for users. We have seen an increase in users with schools being out and temperatures being above normal. Recorded trail use at three main areas is up 14.8 % also due to weather. SW Dog Park is open.

Light poles are being installed. Grand opening will be held soon. Area will be muddy and wet until grass grows. We had a water main break under main playground at Carson Park. The area was 12' - 14' wide and 30' long. Repair is complete. Surface will be repaired in the spring 2021.

Forestry Department continues to remove Ash trees with some being removed in Owen Park. Chainsaw Safety Training was held for all staff. Merry Mulch was again offered to the public at Jeffers Brush Site.

Recreation Department:

Hobbs Ice Center was reopened to the public on January 21, 2021. Each player is allowed to have 2 spectators.

Recreation is staffing Pinehurst Park for equipment rentals.

Recreation is offering outdoor events to get the public outdoors.

Planning for summer events has begun.

2021 Primetime will be available on line soon.

Special Events

NHS held successful event for students in replacement of winter dance.

Special Olympics will be holding their event February 20, 2021. They will hold a sledding event instead of the Polar Plunge this year due to COVID.

Discussion and Direction

No Future Agenda Items. Ron Doering instructed members to contact Steve Plaza or Tiffany Weiss with items before next meeting.

No Announcements

The motion was made to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Kate Beaton and 2nd by John Lor, all in favor.

Submitted by,

Marybeth Berry, CS Administrative Assistant

MEMORANDUM

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Date: February 17, 2021

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

From: Kristine Basom, Budget Analyst (Presented by Leah Ness, Engineering)

Subject: Gas Easement – Forest Street

Northern States Power Company is requesting a utility easement.

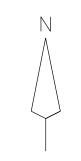
The easement is on the shop and trail property off Forest St. Most of this covers the existing gas line on the northern edge of the shop property. The area that juts out around "L6" is to allow them to replace and relocate an aging valve that is currently buried, but they want to replace above ground. The existing gas line generally follows the curve of the two parcels, being just south of the old RR property except on the very east end. The line is within the paved area and will continue to be, except for the new valve. Installation of the valve may involve some minor brushing, but that area is already fairly clear.

City staff recommends approval of the easement.

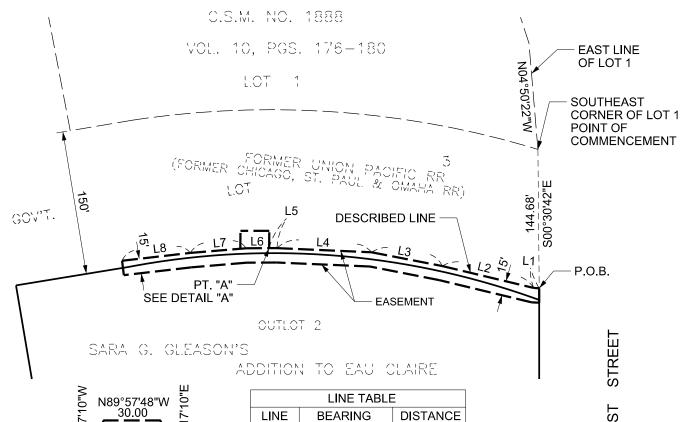


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See sheet 2 of 2 for descriptions.



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5-06-2020

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98.08' 75.05'

98.62'

8.16'

24.16' 58.30'

71.47'

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MICHAEL E. CANNON

DATE

LIC. NO. S-2571

Certificate of Survey Location: Eau Claire, WI Grantor: City of Eau Claire

"Property":

Outlot 2, Sara G. Gleason's Addition to the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, lying south of the former Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha Railrod right of way.

That part of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) former Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Omaha railroad right-of-way of varying widths within Government Lot 3, Section 17, T27N, R9W, beginning at M.P. 0+00 of the Eau Claire Industrial Lead thence northerly and westerly along the centerline of said abandoned UPRR right-of-way to the west line of Third Street, all in the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County. Wisconsin.

"Easement Area":

A 15.00 foot wide easement over, under and across the herein before described "Premises" which lies south of and abutting the following described line:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 1888, recorded in Volume 10 of Certified Survey Maps, pages 176-180; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds East (assuming the east line of said Lot 1 bears North 04 degrees 50 minutes 22 seconds West from said point of commencement) a distance of 144.68 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 87 degrees 22 minutes 08 seconds West 5.62 feet; thence North 76 degrees 29 minutes 09 seconds West 98.08 feet; thence North 78 degrees 59 minutes 16 seconds West 75.05 feet; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes 54 seconds West 98.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds West 8.16 feet to a point hereinafter referred to as Point "A"; thence continue South 89 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds West 24.16 feet; thence South 85 degrees 09 minutes 52 seconds West 58.30 feet; thence South 83 degrees 25 minutes 17 seconds West 71.47 feet and there terminating.

TOGETHER WITH

An easement over, under and across the herein before described "Premises" described as follows:

Beginning at the hereinbefore described Point "A"; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds East 17.98 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds West 30.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds West 18.55 feet to intersect the hereinbefore described line; thence easterly along said described line to said Point "A".

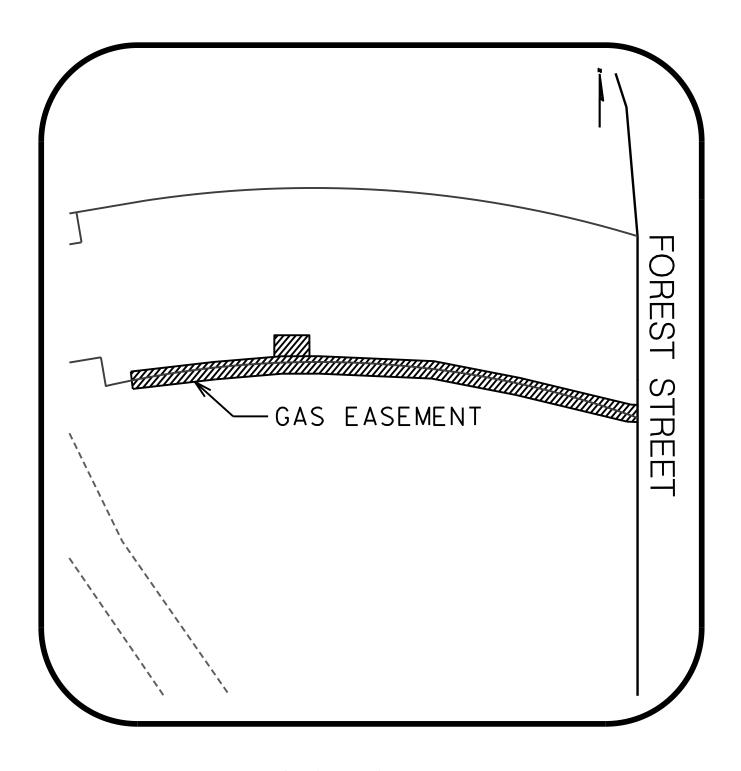
Containing 0.16 acres, more or less.

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CO.: Eau Claire



GAS EASEMENT FOREST STREET

Riverview Drive Public Outreach Meeting

2021 Capital Improvement Project Meeting #2 – February 11, 2021



Agenda

Riverview Drive - North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

- Project Limits
- Survey Results
- Proposed Design
- Neighborhood Input
- Next Meetings
- Discussion Questions/Feedback



Project Limits

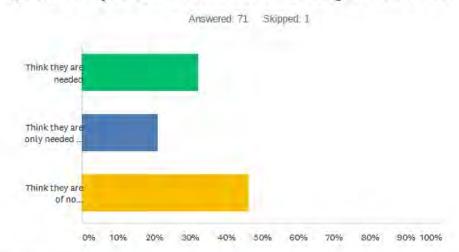
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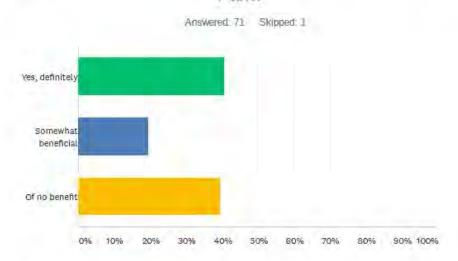
Q1 How do you feel about sidewalks along Riverview Drive?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Think they are needed	32.39%	23
Think they are only needed on one side of the street	21.13%	15
Think they are of no importance	46.48%	33
TOTAL		71

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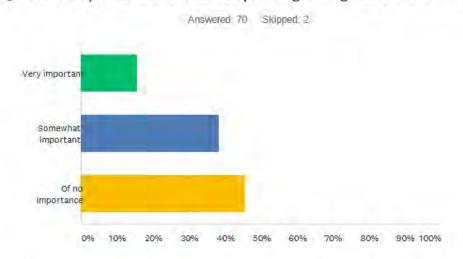
Q2 Do you feel sidewalks would be beneficial for access to Riverview Park?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, definitely	40.85%	29
Somewhat beneficial	19.72%	14
Of no benefit	39.44%	28
TOTAL		71

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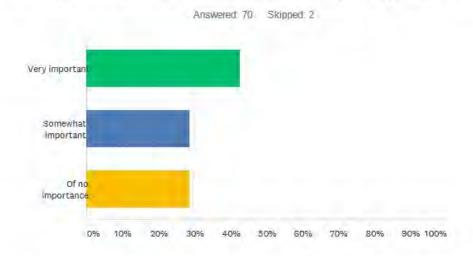
Q3 How important is on-street parking along Riverview Drive?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	15.71%	11
Somewhat important	38.57%	27
Of no importance	45.71%	32
TOTAL		70

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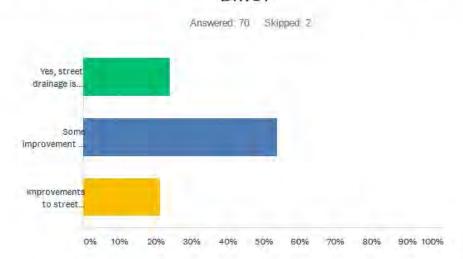
Q4 How important are bike facilities (bike lanes) along Riverview Drive?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	42.86%	30
Somewhat important	28.57%	20
Of no importance	28.57%	20
TOTAL		70

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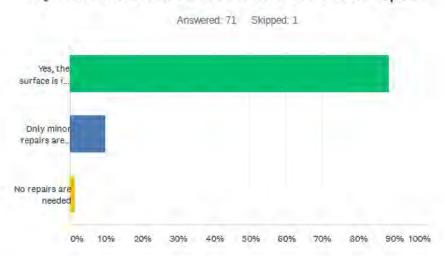
Q5 Do you feel street drainage is currently adequate along Riverview Drive?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, street drainage is currently adequate	24.29%	17
Some improvement to street drainage is needed	54.29%	38
Improvements to street drainage are definitely needed	21.43%	15
TOTAL		70

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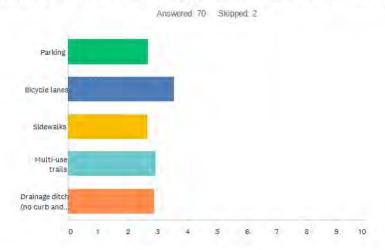
Q6 Is the current street surface in need of repair?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, the surface is in poor condition and needs repair	88.73%	63
Only minor repairs are needed at this time	9.86%	7
No repairs are needed	1.41%	1
TOTAL		71

Riverview Drive — North Boat Launch to 2.700 Feet West of Airport Road Q7 Travel lanes, parking, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, multi-use trails, and

Q7 Travel lanes, parking, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, multi-use trails, and drainage ditches all take up space within the right-of-way. Knowing this, how would you rank the importance of each item, 1 being most important?



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Parking	10.00% 6	21.67% 13	15.00% 9	35.00% 21	18.33% 11	60	2.70
Bicycle lanes	20.97% 13	35.48% 22	27.42% 17	12.90% 8	3.23% 2	62	3.58
Sidewalks	14.29% 9	23.81% 15	12.70% 8	12.70% 8	36.51% 23	63	2.67
Multi-use trails	17.65% 12	13,24% 9	30,88% 21	23.53% 16	14.71% 10	68	2.96
Drainage ditch (no curb and gutter)	34.78% 24	2.90%	14.49% 10	14.49% 10	33.33% 23	69	2.91

Riverview Drive - North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

Q8 What change(s) would most improve your neighborhood?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 14

Riverview Park space use smooth neighborhood many bike walking trees multipurpose trail traffic side Riverview Dr bike lanes Resurface SideWalk houses road city park road surface Curb north Riverview Dr need airport hill trail street area along walking safe



Riverview Drive - North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

Q9 Are there any specific questions that are not answered in the FAQs for construction that you would like the Engineering Department to address at the next meeting?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 21

3146 Riverview Dr biking time going berm provide north concern bike trailacross east side streets tree side Riverview Dr Sidewalks put road Riverview Dr Will North Pavilion Construction start needed access City bike lane trail

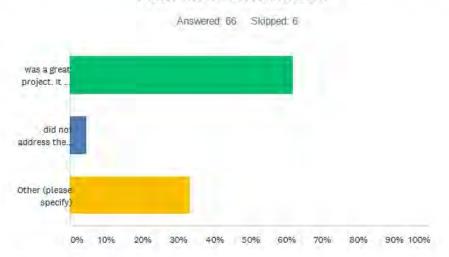
E3146 ft new parking lots extend Parking review street curb parking area



Riverview Drive - North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

Q10 Riverview Drive, south of the boat launch, was reconstructed in 2020.

I feel the reconstruction:



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
was a great project. It met the needs of the neighborhood and park users.	62.12%	41
did not address the existing issues of the neighborhood.	4.55%	3
Other (please specify)	33.33%	22
TOTAL		66

Riverview Drive – North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

- Neighborhood support for new asphalt
- Drainage a concern to majority of survey respondents
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations
 - SRTP
 - Survey feedback sidewalk on one side
 - Safety of pedestrians and bicycles
- Parking a concern near Riverview Park and park users





























Neighborhood Input

Riverview Drive – North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

• Engineering Department



Next Meetings

Riverview Drive – North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road

- February 11, 2021 Second Public Meeting
- February 26, 2021 Public Notice Publishes and Sent to Residents along with estimated assessments
- March 8, 2021 Public Hearing City Council
- March 9, 2021 City Council Decision



Discussion – Questions/Feedback

2021 Capital Improvement Program



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Engineering@eauclairewi.gov

https://www.eauclairewi.gov/our-city/construction-projects/future-projects/2021-construction-

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projects/riverview-drive

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY STAFF REPORT PROJECT NAME: Careon Bark Master Black

PROJECT NAME: Carson Park Master Plan

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: 2/24/2021

From: Steve Plaza - Parks, Forestry, Cemetery, Building & Grounds Manager

Description: Recommendation to approve the draft of the Carson Park Master Plan, including Half

Moon Beach.

Location: Carson Park and Half Moon Beach

Background: In 2020, the City of Eau Claire entered into an agreement with MSA Professional Services to conduct a Master Plan for Carson Park and Half Moon Beach. A major focus of the planning process was to engage the public through a community survey and stakeholder meetings with various groups who utilize the park. These meetings were conducted beginning in August of 2020 through February 2021. MSA Professional Services has provided us with a draft Master Plan for this project.

Justification: Carson Park is the cornerstone park within the City of Eau Claire Parks System, and we hope it will remain a cornerstone for future generations. As good stewards of the park, it is our responsibility to plan for the future. MSA Professional Service's Draft Master Plan is a representation of 2,077 community survey responses, 10 stakeholder meetings involving community groups, the general public, sport facility users, and city staff. This plan is a road map for future improvements to Carson Park and can be modified to fit the needs and budget of the city when actual development occurs.

Mission Statement: To support the beautification and awareness of local parks or trails while encouraging and recognizing neighborhood and community involvements.

Proposed Location: Carson Park and Half Moon Beach

Facilities Features: Master Plan for Carson Park and Half Moon Beach

Storm Water: No impact at this time

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: Goal "C" subsection 3: "Promote joint public-private ventures in developing park and waterway facilities"

City Comprehensive Plan: Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Financial: The City budgeted for the design plan in the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan.

LAWCON: There is a LAWCON restroom within the scope of work. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has indicated if we replace the restroom, the City will need to make a formal request to the DNR to demolish the existing restroom to build a new one.







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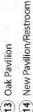




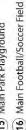


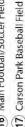


































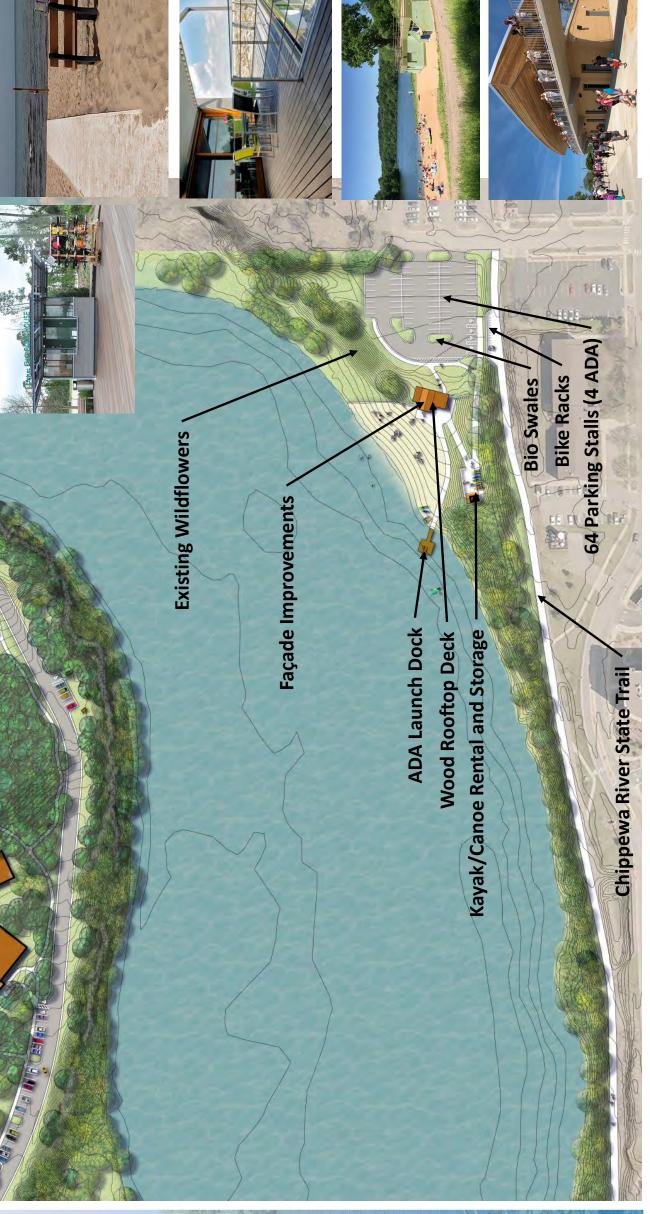




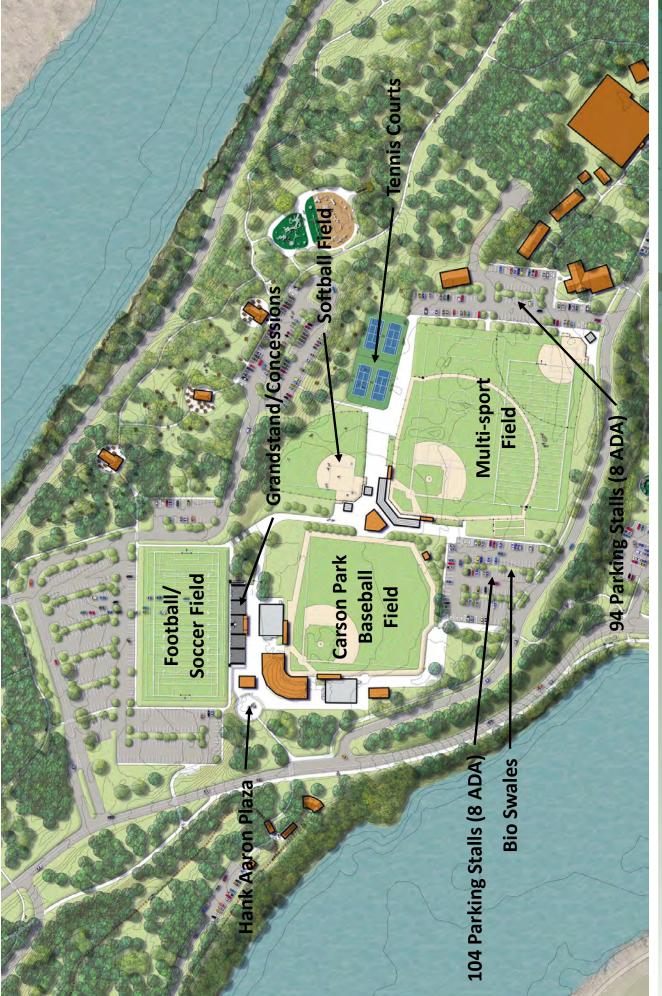


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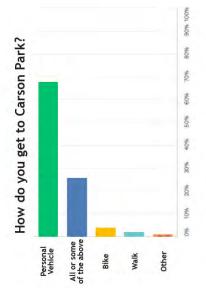


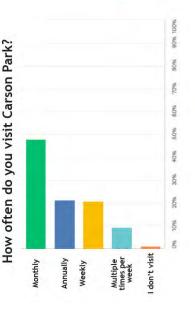


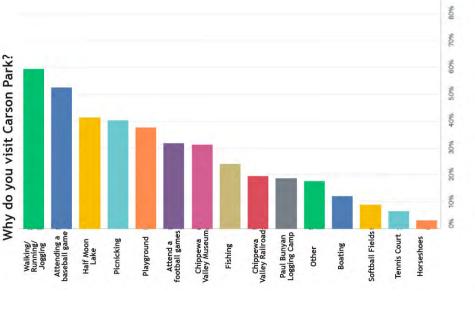


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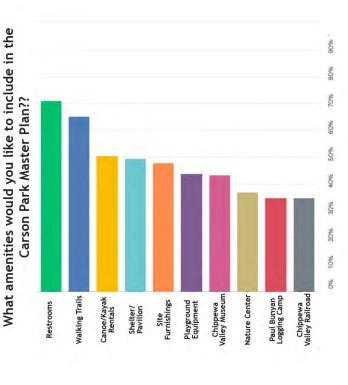
Onder 5 Years What is your age? 9009 40% 50% 55 To 64: 30% 20% 10% 20% Under 18 65 or older 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 18-24











golf course carson Park Walking trails restrooms Disc golf When visiting parks in different areas, what amenities have you seen that could be brought to Carson Park? water Splash pad kayak rental better none trails What is your favorite memory of time spent at Carson Park? football gameswatching baseball games Fireworks DICNICS Walking kid Express games 4th July criters park playground Playing family

Online Survey Summary - 2,077 Responses

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Carson Park

A Braun's Bay Boat Launch B Braun's Bay Fishing Pier C Braun's Bay Pavilion

(E) Chippewa Valley Railroad D Horseshoe Courts

F) Pine Pavilion

G Oak Pavilion

Carson Park Football Stadium

(L) Hobbs Softball Field

(M) Gelein Sofball Field

N Concessions

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Paul Bunyan Logging Camp

(P) Chippewa Valley Museum

Birch Pavilion
 Birch Playground

(T) 10th Ave. Boat Landing S Half Moon Beach

U Lakeshore Park Fishing Pier V Lakeshore Park

W Chippewa River State Trail

Parking (S)

Carson Park Dr

Master Plan 2020

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February/March 2021 Special Events		
Event	Date	Location
Polar Plunge for Special Olympics	2/20	Pinehurst

CITY OF EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARKS, FORESTRY, CEMETERY, AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION RECREATION DIVISION

FEBRUARY 2021 Report

Parks Division

- Parks crews groomed all cross country trails this week, citizens continue to be updated on the trails via our Parks and Recreation Facebook page.
- Buildings and Grounds crews are mobilizing at the Library to prepare for the expansion project.
- The seven outdoor rink sites for general skating and three outdoor boarded hockey rinks continue to be maintained for use by citizens. Parks staff have observed increased rink use this season likely due to mild winter conditions and adjusted school schedules for children.

Forestry Division

- Our Forestry Apprentices attended Mid-State College in Wisconsin Rapids as part the educational portion of their program.
- Matt Staudenmaier, our City Forester, presented to the North Carolina Urban Forestry Council seminar about our Urban Forestry program in Eau Claire.
- Forestry crew continues tagging, pruning, and removing Ash Trees throughout the City.

Recreation Division

- Hobbs Ice Arena spectator attended events continue to go well. UW Eau Claire men's and women's
 hockey teams began game play at Hobbs Ice Arena recently. The University does not allow
 spectators to attend their games due to COVID-19.
- Evening Open Skate, Lunch Break Skate, Freestyle Skate, Pickleball, and Cornhole have resumed at Hobbs Ice Arena with a limit of 30 skaters per session.
- As part of a collaborative partnership with the Wintermission initiative in Eau Claire, Gear Share continues to be available at Pinehurst Park. Due to bitter cold temperatures, Gear Share was temporarily suspended, but has now resumed.
- Winter Recreation Programming continues to focus on outdoor and "pop-up" activities. Activities
 include: "Paws" itively Fun Virtual Dog Show, snowboarding instruction, and other outdoor winter
 activities.
- The Parks and Recreation Divisions are working together on spring athletic operational details to include: scheduling, facility structural measurements and seating capacities, facility use guidelines, field layouts, field maintenance and preparations, water service restoration, and project planning.
- Recreation staff is preparing a proposal for opening Fairfax Pool in June. Data is being collected from
 pools that opened in 2020 to aid in planning. Staff is also involved in state-wide and local
 discussions regarding how pools plan to open safely in 2021.

Prime Times

Recreation is working 2021 Spring/Summer edition. Once it is published, the document can be found online at www.eauclairewi.gov/primetimes.

Special Events

The Special Events Committee continues to work with all the groups that conduct events within city parks and meets monthly. The group will also review alcohol license applications.