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## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Agenda**

**HOSPITALITY SUITE ~ Lincoln Park Tower**

**October 2, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

### **Call to Order**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes from September Meeting

### **Regular Agenda Topics**

Pricing for CRC Outdoor Amenities (action needed)

Fountain Conversion to Planters Update: City Hall and 400 Block

Stadium Open Plaza Concept Design

Org Chart Update (Item originally tabled in September)

Reschedule January 1, 2026 meeting. (Hospitality Suite tentatively reserved 1/8/26)

### **For the Good of the Community**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting Date**

November 6, 2025





Rob supervises the City Forestry staff, the Plant Health Care Team and Open Space staff. The City Forestry staff focus on maintaining street and park trees though maintenance activities are seasonally focused on planting in spring, pruning in summer, and removals and stumping in fall and winter. The street trees really function as an extension of the park system. Other division projects include Christmas Light installation, Watson Island renovation, Riverfront Trail corridor maintenance, and plant health care treatments. 21 percent of City canopy is ash trees. There is definitely a different feel on Grand Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> street where many mature ash trees have been lost. The change in canopy cover changes the feel of a neighborhood.

The Forestry Division was awarded a two-year \$200,000- IRA Grant. Due to some uncertainty surrounding federal funding at the beginning of the year, grant activities started and late summer and have been focused on installing irrigation in right of way areas to support street trees, and then planting trees in newly irrigated space. Eight properties have had systems installed in preparation for 29 trees, making use of \$50,000 of the grant funding. The work will be completed by the end of September (end of Federal fiscal year). Rob noted that the calculated increase to a water bill would be about \$6 per month until a new tree gets established.

### **Outdoor Facilities Update**

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that a Council Workshop next week will feature the plans for the Outdoor Facilities phase of the CRC. Staff are talking with a potential donor and additional funding would enable other amenities. Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that the water users association is requiring the current irrigation ditch be enclosed. For ideal development the line will also be relocated to the west. Those changes are about halfway funded at this time.

### **Organization Chart Review**

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

### **For the Good of the Community**

Bill Findlay shared that the Blackout Sports Fieldhouse had their Opening. It provides indoor turf and sports space.

Adjourn by acclamation at 1:16

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Respectfully submitted,  
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist