

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Thursday, September 19, 2024; 4:30 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - 04.2024 Meeting Minutes
 - 07.2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - A. Staff Introduction-Alyssa Steward
 - B. Election of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members
- VI. Staff Reports
 - A. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report
 - B. Written Staff Reports
 - 1. 07.2024 Written Staff Report
 - C. Director's Report
- VII. Advisory Time/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
- VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location
 - A. October 17, 2024 City Hall Council Chambers at 4:30pm
- IX. Adjournment



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
March 21, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Coiner, Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Schertz, Shareef and Wittemeyer

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Billy Fisher, Becca Niles, Amanda Randerson and Theresa Hauman

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYd5Ww5yBvo>

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes presented by Schertz, seconded by Powell. Motion Passes 7-0

Public with Comment:

- **Kathy Dog Park Comments:**
 - Speeding and parking issues on Marquette Street.
 - Request speed bumps
 - Add parking in event area
 - Dog escaping through gap in the fence
 - Need more seating
 - Need More trees
 - Add picnic tables and benches
 - Water Fountain Clogged
 - Need small dog area with seating and water fountain

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- Project Update and Presentation- Chad Dyson (See attached)

Staff Report: (see video for details)

- See written staff report
- Director Report-Verbal
- RIC Report- Verbal

Adjournment: 5:58 pm Motion to adjourn by Schertz, seconded by Coiner. Motion Passes 7-0



Project Update

- ARPA
- Park Development Program
- CIP

04.18.2024



Fairmount Community Center

DAVENPORT
IOWA | USA

Cost: \$3,150,000

Description: Build a community center on the grounds of the Fairmount Library for classes, programs and residents to use.

Progress:

- Construction- In Progress

Anticipated Completion: June 2024



WORK IN PROGRESS

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Multi-Sports Court

DAVENPORT
IOWA | USA

Cost: \$430,444

Description: Installation of multi-sports courts and lighting at Corkhill, Van Burren, and Herrington Parks.

Progress:

- Contract- Awarded
- Site Prep- Done
- Installation- Starts May 2024

Anticipated Completion: July 2024



WORK IN PROGRESS

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Dohse Splash and Play

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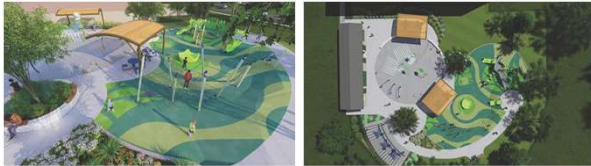
Cost: \$771,286

Description: Installation of a splash pad with playground features.

Progress:

- Construction in progress

Anticipated Completion: June 2024



Concept Illustrations
Dohse Park Splash and Play
Davenport, Iowa

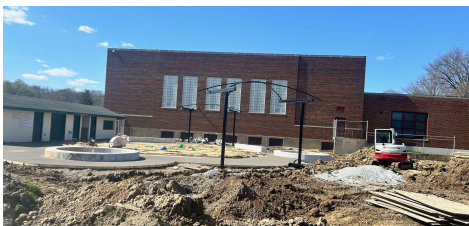
City of Davenport
Davenport, Iowa

WORK IN PROGRESS

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Dohse Under Construction

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WORK IN PROGRESS

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ARPA Playgrounds

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Lafayette



COMPLETED

Whalen



COMPLETED

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ARPA Playgrounds

DAVENPORT
IOWA | USA

Harbor Road



COMPLETED

Emeis



COMPLETED

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Main Street Landing

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Funding: \$ 16,000,000

Description: This project will install a customized, world class playground with additional unique amenities such as a flexible sports court and ice skating rink, hillside overlook, water feature, and sled hill.

Progress:

- A/E Services - Sasaki
- Plans and Specs- In Progress
- Bid Project – Summer 2024



ACTION PLAN

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2026

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Main Street Landing

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Main Street Landing

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Main Street Landing

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Main Street Landing

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Corkhill Splash Pad and Playground

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WORK IN PROGRESS



COMPLETED

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FY23 Project List

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FY 23 Park Development Fund Projects		
Division	Project	Cost
Ops	Skate Park Maintenance	\$55,000
Rev Fac - RE	The River's Edge Boiler Project	\$25,000 ✓
Ops	We Go Swing	\$50,000 ✓
Rec	Special Olympics Equipment	\$11,000 ✓
Ops	City Cem Building	\$45,000 ✓
Admin	Branding Initiative	\$20,900 ✓
Rec	Davenport Junior Theatre Tuckpointing	\$20,000 ✗
Rev Fac - Golf	DC & EM Restrooms	\$15,000 ✓
Rev Fac - Golf	Turf Tractor	\$25,000 ✓
Rec	Davenport Junior Theatre Porch Repairs	\$21,000 ✗
Ops	CI Lodge Floor	\$25,000
Rec	Fej Cougar House Roof	\$25,000 ✓
Total		\$337,900
Funded		\$350,000
Remaining Program Balance		\$12,100

FY24 Project List



FY 24 Park Development Fund Projects		
Division	Project	Cost
Ops	Cork Hill Park Playground	\$65,000 ✓
Ops	Monroe Park Playground	\$65,000 ✓
Ops	Park Amenities	\$50,000 ✓
Rec	Junior Theatre Dance Floor Replacement	\$7,500 ✓
Rec	Daycamp Improvements and Equipment	\$10,000 ✓
Ops	Shade Structures	\$70,000 ✓
Rev Fac- RE	Concession Remodel	\$25,000
Rev Fac - Golf	Range Tees at Duck Creek Golf Course	\$15,000 ✓
Ops	Education Room Remodel and Expansion	\$15,000
Admin	Centennial Dog Park Agility Equipment	\$19,000
Total		\$341,500
Funded		\$350,000
Remaining Program Balance		\$8,500

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Dog Park Equipment



Funding: \$19,000

Description: Installation of a dog agility equipment, shade structures, benches and trash cans.

Progress: Tunnel-Installed, Agility Equipment-Quotes, Shade Structures and General Amenities-Staff Review

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2024

ACTION PLAN



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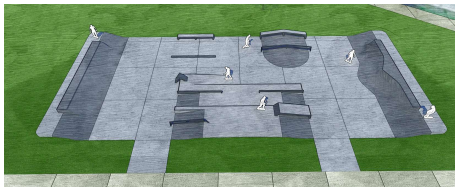
Skate Park Improvements DAVENPORT IOWA | USA

Funding: \$55,000 Park Development
\$300,000 CIP Funding

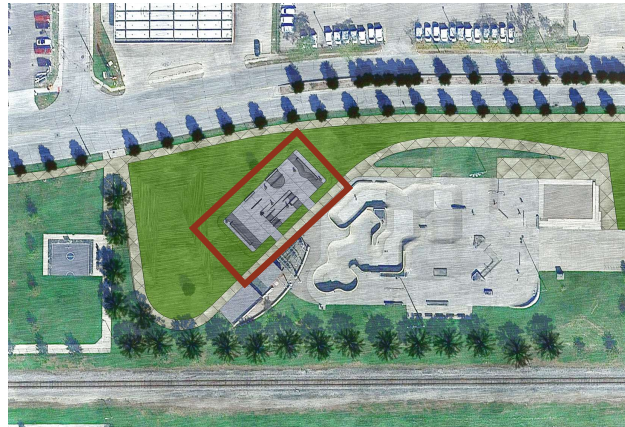
Description: Installation of a beginners area with in the skate park as well as maintenance to the current amenities.

Progress: Contract Awarded

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2025



ACTION PLAN



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CONCEPT DESIGN 12.2023

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River's Edge- Concession DAVENPORT IOWA | USA

Funding: \$25,000

Description: This project will purchase and install new concessions equipment

Progress:

- Sandwich Cooler-Installed
- Popcorn Maker Ordered
- Electrical Work-Schedule
- Additional Equipment- Staff Review

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2024



ACTION PLAN

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Credit Island Nature Play

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Nature Playground
Credit Island - Davenport Parks and Recreation
September 2023

SHIVE-HATTERY
ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Cost: \$241,724

Description: Installation of a nature themed playground at Credit Island Park

Progress:

- Site Work- In Progress
- Equipment Bid- Awarded
- Equipment Install April 2024

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2024

WORK IN PROGRESS

Vander Veer Fountain

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Funding: \$100,000 for Design FY24
\$1,000,000 Construction FY25

Description: The Vander Veer Fountain project includes removing the current fountain, reinstalling new mechanical components and rebuilding the fountain.

Progress: Draft RFP in process

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2026



ACTION PLAN

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Emeis Clubhouse

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EST Total Project Cost: \$2,500,000

Fundraising Goal: \$1,500,00

First Tee Investment: \$300,000

Funding Raising To Date: \$60,000

Description: Replacement of the current Clubhouse at Emeis Golf Course.

Progress:

- Clubhouse Committee-Created
- Concept Developed
- Planning and Fundraising Goal Setting

Anticipated Completion: 2026

ACTION PLAN

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Emeis Clubhouse

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ACTION PLAN



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Emeis Clubhouse

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IOWA | USA

ACTION PLAN



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Parks Security

DAVENPORT
IOWA | USA

Funding: \$30,000 per year for 3 years

Description: Installation of security cameras and enhanced lighting in high vandalism neighborhood park location, in addition to funding set aside for future vandalism repairs.

Progress:

- Staff Review-Locations
- Staff Review-Equipment Needs

Anticipated Completion: Ongoing



ACTION PLAN

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Questions





**Parks and Recreation Advisory
July 18, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Schertz, and Shareef

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Billy Fisher, Becca Niles, Amanda Randerson and Theresa Hauman

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYgrsprnu0M>

Meeting Minutes:

- None

Public with Comment:

- **None**

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- FY26 Park Development Program (See attached)

Staff Report: (see video for details)

- See written staff report
- Director Report-Verbal
- RIC Report- Verbal

Advisory Time: (see video for details)

Adjournment: 5:28 pm Motion to adjourn by Meyer, seconded by Kefauver. Motion Passes 5-0

DAVENPORT PARKS AND RECREATION PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED PROJECTS

**FY
26**

**PREPARED FOR
Park Advisory Board**

**PRESENTED
July 18, 2024**

INTRODUCTION

CHAD DYSON, DIRECTOR
Department of Parks and Recreation



PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROCESS

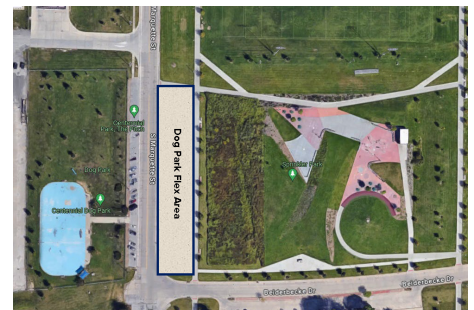
- PAB PRESENTATION
- SCORES DUE
- FINAL PROJECT SLATE PRESENTED TO PAB
- FINAL PROJECT SLATE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL
- FUNDING AVAILABLE
- PURCHASING & BID PROCESS BEGINS

Each year Davenport Parks and Recreation is awarded \$350,000 in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funding for the Park Development Program. This funding is used for projects, equipment, and special requests not typically covered by general funds or the operating budget.

Over the years this program has replaced playgrounds, enhanced park amenities, updated facilities, purchased equipment, created new program opportunities, and more.

FY 25 PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPROVED PROJECTS

PROJECT	DIVISION	COST
Aquatics Automated Cleaner	Recreation	\$10,000
Aquatics Slide Restoration	Recreation	\$50,000
Credit Island Restroom	Park Operations	\$50,000
Golf Building Cover Replacement	Golf	\$50,000
Golf Cart Path Replacement	Golf	\$55,000
Centennial Dog Park Flex Area	Park Operations	\$15,000
Golf Ventrac Boom Mower Attachments	Golf	\$21,000
Ice Skate Sharpening Machine	Recreation - River's Edge	\$35,000
Golf Turf Gator Vehicles	Golf	\$24,000
Overhead Door Replacement	Recreation - River's Edge	\$14,000
Red Hawk Business/Entrance Sign	Golf	\$20,000
Park Development Fund		\$350,000
Total Project Costs		\$344,000
Difference		\$6,000



FY 26 PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PROPOSED PROJECTS

PROJECT	DIVISION	COST
Baseball Field Improvements	Park Operations	\$15,000
Bocce Ball Court Renovations	Recreation	\$50,000
Digital Sign Upgrade and Replacement	Administrative Services	\$80,000
Emeis Golf Course Parking Lot Fence	Golf	\$38,000
Fairmount Community Center Golf Simulator	Recreation	\$30,000
Golf Beverage Carts	Golf	\$46,000
Green Acres Park Playground Replacement	Park Operations	\$65,000
Pickleball Court Improvements	Park Operations	\$80,000
Recreation Trail Safety Improvements	Recreation	\$20,000
Rugby Pitch Renovations	Park Operations	\$30,000
Sand Volleyball Court Improvements	Park Operations	\$20,000
Slattery Park Playground Replacement	Park Operations	\$85,000
Park Development Fund		\$350,000
Total Project Costs		\$559,000
Difference		-\$209,000



BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Install ag-lime warning tracks for 5 fields at the following parks: Emeis Park, Garfield Park, Northwest Park, and Prairie Heights Park.

JUSTIFICATION

A warning track is a strip of dirt or rubber that runs parallel to the outfield wall of a baseball field, closest to the fence. It is usually 10-14 feet wide and made of a different material than the outfield grass. The warning track's purpose is to warn fielders they are running out of room when trying to make a deep catch, as it can be difficult to keep track of their position relative to the wall while keeping their eye on the ball. It also serves as a safety feature to keep players from colliding with the fence. This is a much needed feature for our larger fields that host games for 13+ year old players.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$15,000



DIVISION

Park Operations

TARGET COMPLETION

Fall 2025

BOCCE BALL COURT RENOVATIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would replace the following elements in the bocce ball court area: Crushed Rock, Timber Edging, Fence, Instructional Sign.

JUSTIFICATION

The 5 Bocce Ball courts located at Red Hawk Golf Course play host to Special Olympics, Unified Olympics, Senior Olympics, and a weekly Bocce Ball League for the Quad Cities area. On average there are over 1,000 players that visit these court annually; some drive up to 3 hours. In addition, these courts are utilized by residents, local schools, and visitors to our area at no cost.

This unique Davenport amenity has been well loved and well used for 8+ years and is in need of a refresh. These improvements will pair with the already funded shade structures scheduled to be installed in the fall 2024.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$50,000



DIVISION

Recreation

TARGET COMPLETION

Summer 2026



DIGITAL SIGN UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Replacement and updating of two digital signs on west and east side of Davenport. West side location is on the west corner of Division and 12th Street. East side locations is in front of Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center on west side of Eastern Avenue. Both signs are double sided with high traffic views from pedestrian and car flow in either direction.

JUSTIFICATION

The life cycle of digital signs is 10-15 years due to updates in technology (software, equipment, control boards, digital resolution, etc.). The current signs are approximately 12 years old, operating with a radio transmitter requiring staff to be on-site to update/change messaging while using proprietary desktop software on laptops not supported by City IT. The display is 19mm light panels with limited resolution while current standards are 6-10mm achieving a tighter resolution display. Most sign equipment is now cellular-based and the software to update messages is cloud-based allowing for remote updating from anywhere.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$80,000



DIVISION

Administrative
Services

TARGET COMPLETION

Spring 2026

EMEIS GOLF COURSE PARKING LOT FENCE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Emeis Golf Course has a continuous fence surrounding the perimeter of the parking lot and pro shop to prevent any vehicles from entering and vandalizing the golf course grounds, as well as giving an aesthetically pleasing first impression when arriving at the golf course. This project would replace the aged fence.

JUSTIFICATION

The current fencing is very aged and after making minor repairs over the last few years, it has become apparent that most of the posts and rails are rotting at ground level. The replacement cedar rails are much sturdier and will last longer than the current treated 4x4s currently installed. Replacing this fence with a more modern version will improve that first impression that customers receive.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$38,000



DIVISION

Golf

TARGET COMPLETION

Summer 2025

FAIRMOUNT CC GOLF SIMULATOR

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Obtain a golf simulator to create an additional amenity for visitors and users of the Fairmount Community Center. A golf simulator will provide opportunity for rentals, drop-in, leagues, and lessons, expanding recreational programming offered at this new facility.

JUSTIFICATION

The continued growth of golf as a leisure activity creates an opportunity for the parks and recreation department to capitalize on the established client base while introducing new clients to the sport. In addition, this amenity would replace the winter, indoor driving range once located at The River's Edge filling a void in the current services offered to our residents and provide an additional revenue stream for the department.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$30,000



DIVISION

Recreation

TARGET COMPLETION

Spring 2026



GOLF BEVERAGE CARTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Emeis and Duck Creek golf courses each operate a golf beverage cart during the summer golf season, golf outings and leagues. These units have historically been leased per year by golf cart dealer. This request is to purchase 2 units for several years of service, rather than lease at a premium expense.

JUSTIFICATION

1. Current annual lease estimates are \$2,500 - \$4,000 per unit. Each 5 year lease period golf spends approximately the purchase price of a beverage cart. A new purchased cart would expect to last up to 10 years.
2. The GTX type of beverage cart proposed is a heavier duty vehicle than a traditional golf cart chassis. This would be a much better fit for Davenport courses that do not have 'hard-surfaced' cart path at this time.
3. These vehicles can also be electric drive, if preferred for quiet operation serving the course.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$46,000



DIVISION

Golf

TARGET COMPLETION

Summer 2025



GREEN ACRES PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Replacement of the current Green Acres Park playground.

JUSTIFICATION

Installed in the early 2000, this play ground is past the recommended life span of 15 years, requiring yearly repair to prevent safety issues. The current playground is past useful life and needs to be replaced.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$65,000



DIVISION

Park Operations

TARGET COMPLETION

Fall 2025



PICKLEBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would resurface 8 Pickle Ball courts, replace windscreen panels, and possibly add shade structures at Northwest Park.

JUSTIFICATION

The pickle ball courts at Northwest Park are used heavily, spring through fall, and are currently in need of resurfacing. These courts are full almost every day in the summer hosting private games, family events, and community tournaments.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$60,000



DIVISION

Park Operations

TARGET COMPLETION

Spring 2026



RECREATION TRAIL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Increase trail safety amenities and equipment which would include: Signs, Repairs, Speed Tracking, Trail Counters, and Safety Initiatives.

JUSTIFICATION

This funding would allow the recently formed Davenport Trails Committee an opportunity to identify and prioritize projects to increase the safety and user awareness on the recreation trails.

The Davenport Trails Committee is a city-led body of employees, business leaders, educators, and residents. The purpose of the Trails Committee is to advocate for the Davenport multi-use trails, to advise the Parks and Recreation Department on matters concerning recreation trails, bike lanes, and other similar enhancements within the City of Davenport and enhance safety and equity in the City of Davenport by prioritizing pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$20,000



DIVISION

Recreation

TARGET COMPLETION

Spring 2026

RUGBY PITCH RENOVATIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Raise and repair the existing irrigation system, fill in and re-grade the field with topsoil, and install sod at Davenport's only rugby field located in Centennial Park.

JUSTIFICATION

This rugby pitch is used by local college teams, private event rentals, and community residents for both rugby games and a practice soccer field. The field has not been renovated since its inception in the early 2010s. Over time the sprinkler system has sunk causing the jets to blow adjacent dirt away, leaving constant maintenance to repair holes. General use of this area, weather, repeated flood events and the sprinkler issue have caused the ground to become uneven and potentially dangerous for players.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$30,000



DIVISION
Park Operations

TARGET COMPLETION
Fall 2025



SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would refresh the sand volleyball courts at Junge Park and Garfield Park. Sand Volleyball Improvements: Additional Sand, New Nets, and Boundary Markers.

JUSTIFICATION

From general use and weather, the sand volleyball courts are in need of general maintenance. The 4 courts at Junge Park and 2 courts at Garfield Park are used by residents, local colleges, community groups, volleyball clubs, and local companies hosting employee appreciation events. To fit our programming needs, and those of the public, the nets and out-of-bounds markers need to be upgraded and additional sand added.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$20,000



DIVISION

Park Operations

TARGET COMPLETION

Spring 2025



SLATTERY PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Replace the current playground at Slattery Park.

JUSTIFICATION

Installed in the early 2005, this play ground is well past the recommended life span of 15 years. This funding would allow staff an opportunity to replace the current structure with updated equipment of similar size.

PROJECT BUDGET

\$85,000



DIVISION

Park Operations

TARGET COMPLETION

Fall 2025

HOW TO SCORE PROJECTS



Using this report, review each project and estimated budget.

1. Begin by...

Opening the link to the online survey (the link was emailed to you). You will enter your name for Question #1.



2. Then...

Rank each project in the order of **YOUR** priority, 1 being the highest and 15 being the lowest.

***You can prioritize projects by sorting/dragging your favorite to the top of the list with the least favorite at the bottom)**



3. Finally...

Submit your survey. Additional project feedback can be sent directly to Jessica or Chad via email.

Thank you!

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: Chad Dyson | 563-328-7275

Action / Date
9/19/2024

Subject:
Staff Introduction-Alyssa Steward

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:
None

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: Chad Dyson | 563-328-7275

Action / Date
9/19/2024

Subject:
Election of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

Recommendation:
Nominate and elect Board Positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Riverfront Improvement Commission
Liaison, and Secretary

Background:

Attachments:
None

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation

Contact Info: |

Action / Date

9/19/2024

Subject:

Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:

None

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: |

Action / Date
9/19/2024

Subject:
Written Staff Reports

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:
None

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: |

Action / Date
9/19/2024

Subject:
07.2024 Written Staff Report

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:
1. 09-2024

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
September 2024
Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Administrative Services

- AmeriCorps staff have onboarded 20 new members filling all but 5 of the available 25 positions who will serve at various host sites through the end of August 2025.
 - Recruitment efforts will continue through October.
- Two front desk clerks joined the team on Monday, September 16. With the addition of these two team members, the customer service hours at The River's Edge will shift to better support the needs of the department as well as The River's Edge public programming during its busy season.
- The newly created part-time Communication Assistant position has been filled. Hannah Cruz will start on September 30. This position will support all graphic design and social media needs of the department allowing growth in our digital spaces and ability to expand DPR's brand in the community.
- Administrative staff will be participating in a strategic planning session for 2025 planning on September 20.

Park Operations

- Staff continue flood debris clean up from areas along the riverfront
- Staff installed shade structures for bocce courts at Red Hawk Golf Course and learning Center
- Staff remain busy with special events: setting up and tearing down support items, along with post event cleanup after the QC Pops concert and Red, White, and Boom.
- Staff cleaned and mulched the playground at Credit Island Park.
- Staff worked with the City's Risk division on updating our safety policies and standard operating procedures for injuries and emergency criteria.
- Staff continues to address safety concerns with various park amenities.
- Multi-sport courts at Van Buren, Cork Hill, and Herington were completed.

Recreation

- Daniel Sheridan, the Performing Arts Supervisor for the last 16 years has taken a job with United way. Staff are very sad to see him go, but glad he will still be able to make a positive impact in the community. The process to recruit a new supervisor is underway.
- City staff are meeting to simultaneously develop an interim and permanent plan for the performing arts division.
- Fall soccer started with over 860 players, more than last year.
- Quad City Hockey Association signed a new 3-year agreement.
- The second sheet of ice has been installed; this was a difficult process to complete during the high humidity timeframe.
 - Staff are evaluating the feasibility to do so in August/September or return to October, which was the previous timeframe.
- Staff partnered with Nahant Marsh Education Center to host a Monarch Butterfly Party where 70 monarchs were tagged and released.
- Staff hosted the Country Hoedown for 150 participants; a great time was had by all.
- On September 12, staff facilitated Special Olympics Bocce and Golf Tournament at Red Hawk Golf Course.
- In August staff hosted the annual Back2School Bash giving out 150 backpacks filled with school supplies. Attendees also participated in activities from local agencies and city departments including Davenport Library, Davenport Midwest Writing Center, Wellpoint, Amani, Iowa State extension, and Community Health Center, Inc.
- For this year's Movie in the Park, nearly 150 people came out to watch *Kung Fu Panda 4* at Vander Veer Botanical Park. Despite some rain off and on all week and some light showers in the afternoon, it ended up being a perfect night and fun was had by all.

Golf Operations

- Golf Courses remain very busy and active through the start of the new school year.
- Golf has hired a few new high school-aged staff to replace summer staff who returned to their college campuses in August.
- Aerification of greens and tees are in progress throughout September. Red Hawk Golf Course was finished during the week of September 9 with Duck Creek Golf Course the week of

September 16 and Emeis Golf Course expected to be completed the week of September 23.

- Staff will be over-seeding as much turf as possible to use the warmer weather during the remainder of the fall seeding window.
- Duck Creek Golf Course - the contractor started the large wetland installation near hole #3. Staff are and will be re-purposing all soil and resources that become available through this excavation. Examples of use include building up mounds, filling holes, etc.

Communication Updates

- Community Events
 - Quinlan Court Fall Concert Series | Thursdays, 9/5-10/10 | 6:30-8:30PM | Quinlan Court
 - Fejervary Family Fun Days | Saturday, 9/21 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - Get Out and Trail | Saturday, 9/21 | 9AM-1PM | QC Area Recreation Trails
 - Halloween Parade | Sunday, 10/27 | 2PM | Downtown Davenport
 - City-wide Trick or Treating | Thursday, 10/31 | 5:30-7:30PM | throughout Davenport
 - Letters to the North Pole | Everyday, 11/30-12/15 | The River's Edge, Vander Veer Conservatory, Fejervary Learning Center
 - Fejervary Holiday Lights Display | Everyday, 11/30-1/5 | 5:30-9:30PM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - Vander Veer Poinsettia & Lights | Everyday, 11/30-1/12 | Vander Veer Conservatory
- Notable Dates
 - Closed for Veterans Day holiday
 - Monday, 11/11 | All Park Facilities/Offices (except The River's Edge and Golf Courses-weather permitting)
 - Vander Veer Conservatory fall/winter schedule
 - Normal Operating Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10AM-4PM (Closed on Mondays)
 - Closed for Poinsettia & Lights display: everyday 11/12-11/29
 - Special Extended Evening Hours: Saturdays, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21 | 10AM-7PM
 - Holiday Closures
 - Monday-Friday, 11/25-11/29
 - Wednesdays-Thursdays, 12/25-12/26 and 1/1-1/2
 - Early Closures: Tuesdays, 12/24 and 12/31 | 10AM-2PM

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Action / Date

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Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:

None