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WORKSHOP SESSION

This will be considered a workshop session. No formal decisions will be made. The purpose of this workshop format is to focus on problem definition and desired outcomes. Each commissioner will have an opportunity to share their perspective and thoughts on problems and possible solutions. Citizens will have an opportunity to make public comment at the end of the workshop meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scott D. Moore, Mayor

II. ROLL CALL

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Park Project Priority Discussion

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ADJOURN

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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: September 10, 2014

TO: Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Park Project Priority Documents

At the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 9, 2014 the following list of park priority items was created by the Parks and Recreation Board for purposes of the joint workshop session with the City Commission on September 15, 2014. They are listed in no particular order.

Improvements to recreational assets:

- Manor Park – Evaluate and consider alternate entrance location to relieve neighborhood impacts and increase usage.
- Poppleton Park – Evaluate additional parking options and alternate entrance to relieve neighborhood impacts and accommodate baseball/soccer users.
- St. James – Field improvements for baseball/soccer users.
- Adams Park – Site improvements in consultation with Roeper School and neighborhood groups.
- Linn Smith/Linden Park – Consideration of linking bridge.
- Soccer Sites - Review all park spaces for opportunity for field improvements and to create additional field space.
- Trail Improvements – Review and consider existing master plan options.
- Universally Accessible Playground – Inclusive equipment and surface.

Working with donor community partners:

- Booth Park - Consideration of Phase 3 corner plaza development.
- Barnum Park – Consideration of remaining plan elements.
- Kenning Park – Consideration of next phase review including walking path addition.

Other issues:

- Improve enforcement of park rules - off leash dogs and dog waste.
- Mechanisms to enhance advertising and marketing efforts for all parks/properties – increase awareness.

City of Birmingham
Schedule of Proposed Capital Improvements ('12 - '16)

	Status Update	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Estimated Total Over Five Years (\$\$\$\$)	Proposed Funding Source(s)	Basis For Action
General Park Enhancements									
Continue general landscape and beautification	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	25,000	Donations/General Fund	Administration
General Baseball/Softball Field Maintenance	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	25,000	ASA Grant/General Fund	Administration
General Tennis Court Maintenance	On-Going	●		●		●	45,000	General Fund	Public Input, Administration
Installation of Bike Racks	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	10,000	General Fund	Public Input Administration
Installation of Drinking Fountains	On-Going		●		●		35,000	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Installation of Electric Outlets	Not Done			●		●	TBD	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Installation of Park Benches and Picnic Tables	On-Going	●		●			40,000	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Installation of Park Shelters (Location TBD)	Not Done					●	20,000	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Installation of Park Signage	Beginning July, 2014		●	●	●	●	100,000	Donations/General Fund	Administration
Land acquisition opportunities	As Needed	●	●	●	●	●	TBD	Donations/General Fund	Administration
Open Space Maintenance, i.e., seeding, drainage and grading at various Parks	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	80,000	Donations/General Fund	Parks & Recreation Board
Playground Equipment Maintenance (i.e., ADA Replacement Equipment)	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	50,000	Donations/MDNR/Access Grant/General Fund	Administration
Reforestation of Public Property	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	25,000	Donations/Grants/General Fund	Administration
Site Furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, tables)	On-Going	●	●	●	●	●	80,000	Donations/Grants/General Fund	Administration
Adams Park									
Develop Adams Park Master Plan	Not Done			●			15,000	Donations/MDNR/General Fund	Public Input
Implementation of Park Master Plan	Not Done				●		TBD	Donations/MDNR/General Fund	Public Input
Barnum Park									
Implementation Phase 2	Done	●	●				150,000	Donations/General Fund	Public Input
Booth Park									
Re-evaluate Phase 3-Entrance Plaza	Not Done			●			TBD	Donations/General Fund	Public Input
Fairway Park									
Bank Stabilization	Done		●				25,000	MDNR/General Fund	Parks Board Master Plan Committee
Kenning Park									
Develop Kenning Park Master Plan	Done		●	●			40,000	Donations/MDNR/ASA Grant/General Fund	Public Input
Implementation of Kenning Park Master Plan	Begin Phase I			●	●	●	TBD	Donations/MDNR/ASA Grant/General Fund	Public Input
Parking Lot Re-Construction	Beginning July, 2014				●	●	600,000	General Fund	Administration

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Lincoln Hills Golf Course									
Access to Dog Park from Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center	Not Done				●	●	40,000	Collection of Usage Fee for Dog Park/General Fund	Parks Board Master Plan Committee
Lincoln Well Site									
Improve Parking lot	Not Done		●				13,000	General Fund	Administration
Linn Smith Park									
Feasibility and Installation of pedestrian bridge	Not Done			●			95,000	Donations/MDNR/General Fund	Public Input
Pembroke Park									
Improve Athletic Areas (<i>Athletic Fields, Soccer Areas</i>)	Underway	●	●				25,000	General Fund	Parks and Recreation Board Administration Public Input
Poppleton Park									
Analyze Athletic Fields(Maintenance/Improvements)	Not Done			●			6,000	General Fund	Administration
Analyze Parking (Expansion)	Not Done				●		6,000	General Fund	Parks and Recreation Board Master Plan Committee Administration
Crown Baseball Diamond	Underway				●		6,000	General Fund	Administration
Installation of Basketball Courts	Not Done					●	12,000	Donations/MDNR/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Update Playground Equipment	Not Done			●			25,000	Donations/MDNR/Access Grant/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Rouge River Corridor									
Removal of Woody debris and riverbank stabilization	On-Going			●	●	●	TBD	General Fund	Parks & Recreation Board
Trail System Improvements	Not Done	●	●	●	●	●	TBD	Donations/MDNR/Grants/General Fund	Administration
St. James Park									
Investigate Private/Public Partnerships	Initial Review Concluded		●				TBD	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Develop St. James Park Master Plan	Not Done			●			35,000	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration
Implementation of St. James Park Master Plan	Not Done				●		TBD	Donations/General Fund	Public Input Administration

City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Workshop Summary – February 15, 2011

Approximately 37 people attended a Public Workshop held to discuss and gather input for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Birmingham. Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator, opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and thanked them for their attendance. Connie indicated the City is working on a new 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and are looking for input to use to develop an action plan for the next 5 years.

Leah Groya, Wade Trim, reviewed the agenda and discussed the goals for the meeting. Leah briefly reviewed the Master Planning process and timeline the City is undertaking. Leah described why the City was developing the 5-year plan as well as the MDNR guidelines and what the plan will include. The room was set up with attendees around one of five tables. Each group was asked to brainstorm their desires and concerns for the next 5 years. After 30 minutes, each group reported back to the large group. The ideas were noted on flip chart sheets and put around the room. At the end of the meeting, attendees were given 3 sticker dots and were asked to place them next to the items they felt should be highest priority.

All of the ideas are documented on the following pages. Where ideas were similar, they were combined into one entry. The number in the parenthesis indicates the number of votes (sticker dots) that were placed next to each item. Comments were categorized as either related to a facility, maintenance, coordination, program or other.

Facilities

- Kenning Park Master Plan (10)
 - Lighting
 - Trail
 - Playground
 - Water
 - Restrooms
 - Picnic/Shelter
 - Signage
 - Baseball vs. Tennis
 - Parking
- Adams Park Master Plan (9)
 - Need Formal Plan
 - Visual Barrier
 - Playground
 - Soccer Goals
 - Tennis
- Develop Continuous Trail System(5)
- Barnum Park Improvements (4)
 - Soccer Field improvements
 - Restrooms
 - Ice Skating
- Lynn Smith Bridge over Rouge (4)
- Add Platform Tennis (\$50k each- metal platform- big table tennis paddles) (4)
- Trees/Landscaping at all parks (3)
- Plaza at Booth Park (2)
- Master Plan for Golf Courses (2)
- Maple Area Bridge Over Rouge(1)
- Booth Park Amphitheater (1)
- Basketball at Kenning/Poppleton (1)
- Jogging Paths (1)

- Dog Park #2 (1)
- Restrooms at Park_(1)
- Pembroke Park
 - Electrical
 - Movies
 - Gazebo(1)
 - Repairs
- Trail on property next to Greenwood Cemetery (1)
- Allen House Trail Connection
- Pavilions at parks
- Manor Park Underutilized/Add Trail or Track
- Outdoor Basketball Courts
- Tennis Back Boards
- Lincoln Park Winter Sports
- New Tennis Bubble
- Expand Greenwood Cemetery
- Install Emergency call buttons at parks
- Porta-johns

Maintenance

- All parks need field improvements (5)
 - Grading & drainage
- Fence repairs

Coordination

- Plan for Art/Sculpture at parks (5)
- Partner for grants & outside funding – how to package – what are the tipping points? How much matching funds are needed? (1)
- Public/Private Partnerships and programs need to be easier to facilitate and accommodate – Kenning, etc. (1)
- Coordinate w/Schools regarding Tennis Courts, Athletic Facilities, etc
- Planning Board should review all proposals
- Coordinate with Arts Board regarding public art at parks. Coordinate location, lights to illuminate, sprinkler locations, etc.
- Partnerships, Partnerships –funding

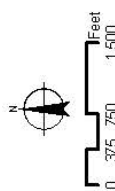
Programs

- Shakespeare in Park at Booth (5)
 - Involve Schools, Library, Residents, Community House
- Children's activity programs at select parks (2)
- Winter Activities at all parks (1)
- Art Programs/SNAP
- Teen Programming - summer, relevant, supervision, hours extended

Other

- Maintain open space – grass is good (4)
- More Trees and Landscaping (4)
- Funding, funding, funding is key to everything (2)
- Electricity (2)
- Funds without raising taxes (1)
- Limit permitted length of dog leashes at parks (1)
- Open Space is good – not everything needs facilities/developed
- No Lights at Night
- Lights at Night
- Change rule that limits number of Dogs at park
- Sell Names of Parks for Funds
- Parking Challenging at Booth Park
- Use resident experts for Ecology Overlay at all parks (1)
- Love outdoor ice skating at Barnum
- Rental policies need posted and better communicated
- Scheduling of Little Leagues – Birmingham resident teams should have 1st pick
- Events at Golf Courses – leasing, revenue generator
- Safety/Security at parks
- Look at Golf Courses closer – financial impacts. Do we need two? Use one for other uses?
- Signage

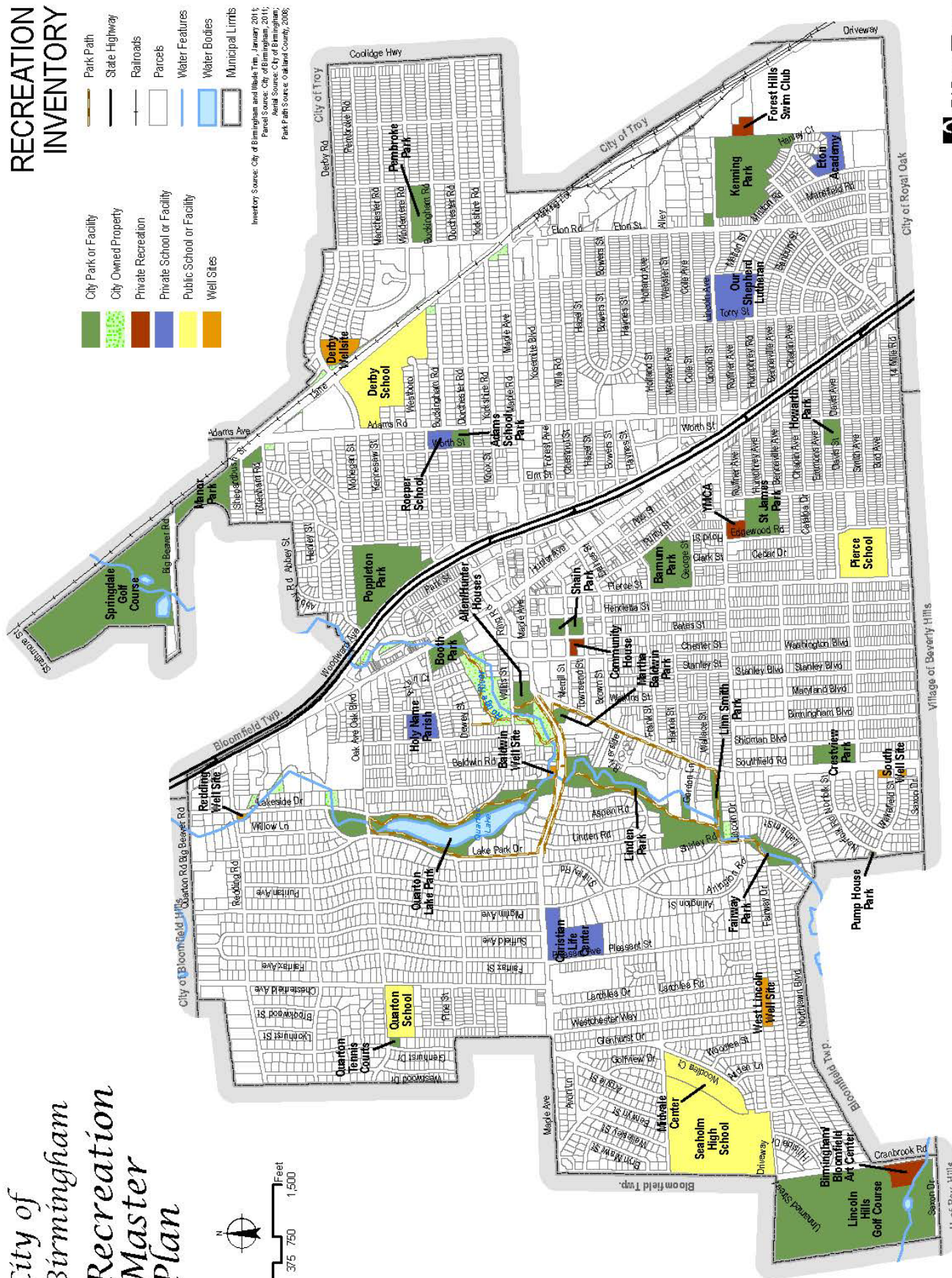
City of Birmingham Recreation Master Plan



RECREATION INVENTORY

- City Park or Facility
- City Owned Property
- Private Recreation
- Private School or Facility
- Public School or Facility
- Well Sites
- Park Path
- State Highway
- Railroads
- Parcels
- Water Features
- Water Bodies
- Municipal Limits

Inventory Source: City of Birmingham and Wade Trim, January 2011;
Parcel Source: City of Birmingham, 2011;
Aerial Source: City of Birmingham;
Park Path Source: Oakland County, 2008;







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KENNING PARK
MASTER PLAN

January 2014

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