



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tim Murray, City Administrator
MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Resolution 2021-047 Create a Viaduct Area Park Improvements Planning Task Force and Approve Appointments to the Task Force

Background:

The recently approved Downtown Master Plan and the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan include the development of a key recreational area on the property north of and under the TH 60/Viaduct bridge, between 1st Avenue NE and the UPRR/Straight River. This is a highly visible location and this park has the potential to be a significant gathering place and event space within the community. A copy of the page from the Downtown Master Plan is attached.

The recommendation to create a Task Force and appoint several members was reviewed at the March 2, 2021 Council Work Session, with the Council in support. The Task Force will consider, evaluate, and recommended the features and amenities to be programmed for inclusion in the park, and report those recommendations back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as the City Council.

Based upon the discussion at the work session, following are the proposed members of this Task Force:

Kevin Voracek	(City Council)
Janna Viscomi	(City Council)
Sally Kramer	(Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)
Elsie Slinger	(Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)
Kymn Anderson	(Faribault Foundation)
Dr. Michael Richie	(Vision 2040/Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee)
Kelly Nygaard	(Faribault Main Street/Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism)

Several City Staff members will also be assigned to provide input and support, to include the Parks and Recreation Director, the City Planner, and the City Administrator.

Upon formal creation of the Task Force and appointment of members (per the attached Resolution 2021-047), an initial kick-off discussion will be scheduled with the members of the Task Force. This, and all other meetings, will be noticed and conducted as a public meeting, with agendas prepared and posted on the City website, along with any packet materials. Each meeting would include an agenda item for public comment, for those people that would like to provide input on the project that are not part of the Task Force.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2021-047

Attachments:

- Resolution 2021-047
- Page from Downtown Master Plan

CITY OF FARIBAULT

RESOLUTION #2021-047

CREATE A VIADUCT AREA PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING TASK FORCE AND APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the adopted Downtown Master Plan for the City of Faribault includes development of a key recreational area (hereinafter referred to as the "Park") on the property north of and under the TH 60/Viaduct bridge, between 1st Avenue NE and the UPRR/Straight River; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the creation of and appointment of members to a task force can help in the process of planning for the improvements to be included in the Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this task force should serve to consider, evaluate, and recommended the features and amenities to be programmed for inclusion in the Park and to report those recommendations back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the meetings of this task force should be conducted with opportunities for the public to provide input and feedback, with meeting agendas published in accordance with the notice requirements for public meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Faribault hereby approves the creation of a Viaduct Area Park Improvements Planning Task Force (the "Planning Task Force") for the purpose of recommending features and amenities to be programmed for inclusion in the Viaduct Area Park.

ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Task Force shall serve as an advisory body to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council, and shall commence activities upon its creation and the appointment of the members by the City Council via this resolution, and shall dissolve upon presenting the Planning Task Force's final recommendations to the City Council, which is anticipated to occur no later than October 31, 2021.

ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby appoints the following people to serve on the Planning Task Force:

Kevin Voracek	(City Council)
Janna Viscomi	(City Council)
Sally Kramer	(Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)
Elsie Slinger	(Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)
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ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council grants the City Administrator the authority to appoint alternate or additional members to serve on the Planning Task Force as needed to meet the role and purpose of the committee.

ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council authorizes City Staff to provide organization and technical assistance to the Planning Task Force— at a minimum, the City Parks and Recreation Director, the City Planner, and the City Administrator shall assist the Planning Task Force, with the City Administrator directing others to provide assistance as needed.

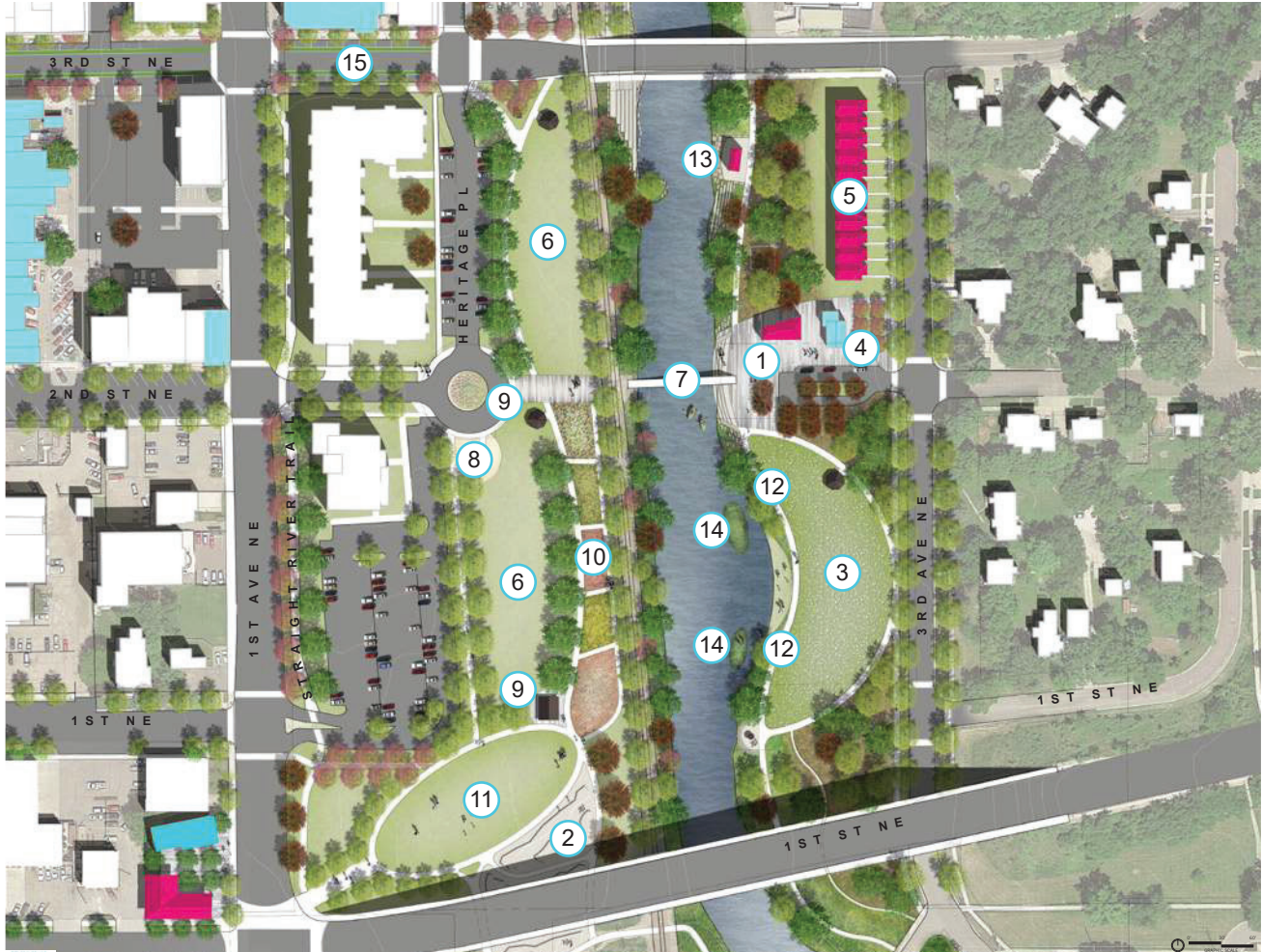
Date Adopted: March 9, 2021

Faribault City Council

Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Timothy C. Murray, City Administrator



RIVER DEVELOPMENT FOCUS AREA

- ① Recreation Pavilion
 - Event Plaza
 - Bike/Canoe Rental Facility
 - Boat/Canoe Launch
- ② Adventure Park
 - Skate Park
 - Climbing Wall
 - Zip Line
 - Splash Pad
- ③ Bee Lawn
- ④ Existing Historic House
- ⑤ Townhomes
- ⑥ Informal Play/Open Lawn
- ⑦ Existing Pedestrian Bridge
- ⑧ Play Area
- ⑨ Picnic Shelter
- ⑩ Peony Walk
- ⑪ Skating Trail/Ice Rink
 - Open Lawn
 - Large Gathering Space
- ⑫ River Walk
- ⑬ River Overlook
- ⑭ "River Islands"
- ⑮ On-Street Bicycle Lanes

**This is a concept sketch outlining a vision for Downtown and is not considered to be a specific recommendation or proposal*