

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019

1. Call to Order

The October meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chairman Roan at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. Roll Call

Present: Roan, Downs, Gutierrez, Wittrock, Branch, Kim, Udermann, Barth

Absent: Ives, Mihajlov, Olsen

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Udermann, second by Downs to adopt the October 14th, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

None in attendance.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Wittrock, second by Branch to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of August 12th, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

6A. Bike Friendly Community Updates

Grange-City staff recently made the trip out to Willmar to meet with the key people who were a part of putting together the plan for submitting their application for the Bicycle Friendly designation. Good discussion surrounding what worked well for them as well as some of the things that didn't. Some key take aways were:

The importance of a bike trail and pedestrian master plan to help guide communities through various planning projects.

The importance of partnering with local business's, chambers, visitor centers.

The availability throughout the community of up-to-date printed maps with routes and trails.

Creation of a bike share program-hubs throughout the community for those without bikes or those visiting, to rent a bike. Could utilize recovered bikes that were either lost or stolen. Also

providing adequate locations throughout the community for locking bikes up so bikers can grab a bite to eat, shop, etc.

All good examples for us to consider as we move forward. Willmar was and will continue to be a good resource for us. We also have multiple examples of bike friendly applications that have been submitted and awarded to draw ideas from.

Grange recently registered the city with the League of American Bicyclists, which is a national advocacy organization that provides information, certification, and promotion to create safer roads, stronger communities, and a more bicycle friendly America.

Grange gave an update on the recent family bike event held on Sept. 29th. A first-time community event, unfortunately the poor weather played a big part with low attendance. Staff will regroup and brainstorm ideas for next year.

Interest in the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) has been good. Individuals from internal city departments as well as external partners have responded. The first meeting is to be planned for in October. Discussions pursued on when the bike friendly application is due, the suggestions mentioned in the community assessment, and “bikeability” in and around Chaska.

6B. Mountain Bike Trail Update

Grange brought the board up to date on the mountain bike trails. We have an executed permit from MnDOT! The board reviewed the site map and saw where the right of way concern is. This small piece of land in the right of way area, will still need to be addressed. Hoping to get before the Chanhassen City Council at the end of the month. Grange is still hopeful there will be a spring start to construction of the trails.

The City was a recent recipient of a bike fix it station from Scheels Sporting Goods. It will be installed on the trails later this month.

6C. Trail Wayfinding Pilot Project Update

Grange shared visuals of the signage recently installed on the local trails; layout for the orange loop trail as well as the linier trail (green). The WSB consulting company Carver County has partnered with has been getting out and surveying various user groups on what they think of the trail signs. We have put the survey out on FB as well as the Community Center webpage. We will email you the survey link, deadline is the end of this week.

7. Receive Council and Planning Meeting Minutes

7A. Received Council Meeting Minutes from July 15th-Downs mentioned he watched the presentation for the Nick Mason Scholarship; it was really well done. Would be nice if we could receive on-going updates as that moves forward.

7B. Received Council Meeting Minutes from August 5th

7C. Received Council Meeting Minutes from August 19th-Nice to see the Council approved the Park Naming Policy.

7D. Received Council Meeting Minutes from September 16th-Downs watched the Learning Links presentation on the Par 30. Thought it was very interesting. Nice to see the Council moved forward with a Letter of Intent.

7E. Received Council Meeting Minutes from September 30th

7F. Received Panning Meeting Minutes from June 12th

7G. Received Panning Meeting Minutes from August 14th

8. Other Business

8A. Staff Reports

8A1. Department Happenings-Grange spoke of the many various happenings and programming going on with the Parks and Recreation department.

8B. Round Table:

- Barth-Nothing to share
- Ruiz Gutierrez-Nothing to share
- Kim-Nice to see the good in our community lately. The homecoming parade had lots of people there and it looked like everyone was having a good time.
- Downs-His grandson had fun recently at the pump track by the dog park. No one else was there, is there a way to notify the public? Mountain Bike group does use it frequently.
- Wittrock-Asked about events at the Chaska Event Center, are there more than just weddings? Could some of the events currently at the CCC be held there? Like fitness classes? The ones for the AOA's are crowded, parking can be a challenge. Also asked about staff wearing lanyards to better help identify staff in the building, especially when a medical emergency. There are corporate events, birthday parties, other events going on. Quietest time is daytime hours. Fishing with Friends will be there on the 16th. Wittrock asked if staff could line up a time with Marshall to meet the AOA's in The Lodge?
- Udermann-Recognized Doc Zieglers recent passing, many babies in this community were delivered by him. The August park board meeting had 133 on-line views, the most ever! The Trail of Fun is coming up, always a big crowd, an amazing event! Recently attended the SW Metro Manufacturing Forum; talk surrounding the "last mile" which is a transit gap for employees getting from the bus stop to the place of employment. Maybe all the conversation surrounding bike friendly and trail improvements could help with this. First time basketball coach for his daughter's mini mites' basketball team!
- Roan-Upcoming events at the CCC, Halloween Live on Oct. 26th, he remembers bringing his kids to this each year, they loved it. Hats off to the staff.
- Branch-Love for Chaska, Dunkin Donuts opened!

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the October Park Board meeting by Udermann, second by Kim. Motion Carried. Next regular meeting date in November falls on Veteran's Day, so will be looking at another meeting date. May be a good time for another work session. Will let you know when decided.

**- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2019**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Huang at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Grau, and Mayor Pro Tem Huang. Absent: Mayor Windschitl.

Also Present: Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

There was no one present for visitor presentation.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve Consent Agenda Item A:

A. West Creek Tap Easement for Line 5556 (R 23, T116, Sec. 31)

Motion to grant the easement to Northern States Power Company for the line that enters the West Creek Substation.

Motion carried.

7. Action Items

7.A. Adopt Resolution 2019-108, Public Assessment Hearing: Adopt Resolution Approving the Imposition of Service Charges for the 2020 Chaska Downtown Special Services District.

Assistant Administrator Kabat presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang inquired about the difference in the operating budget for 2020 versus the previous three years.

Jen Angel, Downtown Chaska Special Services District Administrator, provided further information regarding the difference.

Dan Keyport, Downtown Business Alliance President, explained the difference between the Downtown Chaska Special Services District and Downtown Business Alliance and presented budget information.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired about the distribution of tax on the businesses.

Assistant Administrator Kabat and Mr. Keyport gave further clarity regarding business tax.

Councilmember Hubbard asked how the businesses under this district are responding to the charges.

Mr. Keyport and Ms. Angel explained their perception of the business owners' responses.

Councilmember Grau asked if other cities have charges like these.

Mr. Keyport and City Administrator Podhradsky stated that there are other cities and/or districts doing this.

Councilmember Grau inquired about the service charge approval process.

Assistant Administrator Kabat explained the timeline and details of the approval process.

Councilmember Hubbard looked to clarify that this applies only to the downtown area.

Mr. Keyport confirmed that was so and Assistant Administrator Kabat explained the boundaries.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang opened the public hearing at 7:23 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang closed the public hearing at 7:24 pm.

The Council and Staff discussed the benefits of the services and/or opportunities provided by the Special Services District.

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Resolution 2019-108 Resolution Imposing Service Charges and Setting the 2020 Operating Budget and Plan for the Chaska Downtown Special Service District. Motion carried.

7.B. Adopt Resolution 2019-105 and Resolution 2019-106, Issuance and Sale of Bonds: Series 2019B and Series 2019C

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

David MacGillivray with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP presented the item to the Council.

City Attorney Melchert inquired about the short-term interest rate being higher than the long term.

Mr. MacGillivray explained the pricing mechanism further.

Councilmember Hubbard asked if the rates would differ much if this was done tomorrow.

Mr. MacGillivray stated that they would not be much different and went into further detail regarding basis point.

City Attorney Melchert inquired if the federal market affects the municipal market.

Mr. MacGillivray explained that it does.

Councilmember Hubbard asked if the bond reading snapshot looks at the economy at present or future.

Mr. MacGillivray stated it is a mix.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang asked if something equivalent to earnings calls is found within the bond market.

Mr. MacGillivray gave further detail regarding the bond market.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt resolution 2019-105 authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$5.68 million General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2019B. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt resolution 2019-106 authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$2.135 million General Obligation Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2019C. Motion carried.

7.C. Adopt Resolution 2019-107, Authorize Call of GO Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

Mr. MacGillivray presented the item to the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt resolution 2019-107 authorizing call of certain outstanding General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2009B. Motion carried.

8. Bills

Accounts Payable Council Roster 10-7-19

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 1, 3, 11, and 13.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Grau and Mayor Pro Tem Huang. Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

9. Other Business

9.A. City Administrator's Report

9.A.i. Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report 10/7/2019

9.B. Other Reports

9.B.i. Financial Reports – August 2019

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Commented that Dunkin Donuts opened today.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Noted the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women has a Benefit and Brew event on Saturday, October 12 from 1-4pm at Schram's Brewery.
- Noted the Treehouse Tap into Hope event at Inky Brewery in Victoria is October 12 from 6-10 pm.
- Noted the Human Rights Commission has their film on Thursday, October 10 at 6pm.
- Noted the Referendum information session is Wednesday, October 9.

Councilmember Grau:

- Noted the Trail of Fun event is on October 18 at Athletic Park from 5-8:30pm.
- Commented that Halloween Live at Chaska Community Center is October 26 from 4-6 pm.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Noted the City Square West work session will be rescheduled to October 21, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang:

- Noted the Chaska History Center Exhibit is going on through November 15, 2019.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Motion carried.

**CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau, and Mayor Windschitl. Absent: None.

Also Present: Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; and Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

None.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Huang to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019 and October 7, 2019 City Council meetings.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Windschitl requested Item 7D be removed from the Consent Agenda until further detail is obtained.

Mayor Windschitl also requested for clarification on Item 7F.

Assistant Administrator Kabat provided further detail for Item 7F.

Councilmember Grau asked for more information regarding Item 7B.

Assistant Administrator Kabat explained the item in more detail.

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the amended Consent Agenda Items A through G:

- A. Adopt Resolution 2019-109, Accepting Gifts and Donations July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-109 acknowledging and accepting gifts to the City of Chaska received during the period July 01, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

B. Adopt Resolution 2019-110, Artist's Lofts Market Study - LCDA Predevelopment Grant

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-110, supporting an application for LCDA Pre Development funds (\$50,000) to prepare a Market Study for the inclusion of Artist's Lofts in Downtown Chaska.

C. Adopt Resolution 2019-111, Approving the Amended Assessment Roll for the 2019 Street and Utility Reconstruction Project

Motion to Approve a Resolution 2019-111 Adopting the Amended Special Assessment Roll for the 2019 Downtown Street and Utility Reconstruction Project.

~~D. Bluff Creek Substation - Xcel Energy Meter Reader Pole Site Plan Permit #2019-07, Chanhasen —~~

E. Adopt Resolution 2019-112, City Bridge 10J51 Replacement for Creek Road

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-112, approving the request to the State to secure bridge bond funds for replacement of Bridge 10J51.

F. Adopt Ordinance 969, Approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance No. 833 (PRD-57) Brickyard Villas Rear Setback/DDK Construction/PC #2019-18

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 969 approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance No. 833 (PRD-57), amending the rear setback from 30 feet to 20 feet for Lots 1-6, Block 3, The Klein Brickyard Thirteenth Addition (aka Outlot C, The Klein Brickyard 5th Addition Preliminary Plat).

G. Adopt Resolution 2019-113 and Resolution 2019-114 Establish Date of Sale for Issuance of Bonds: Series 2019D and 2019E

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-113 authorizing issuance and sale of \$4,630,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019D.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-114 authorizing issuance and sale of \$1,965,000 General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2019E.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

There were no action items.

9. Bills

Accounts Payable Council Roster 10-21-19

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 1, 15, 16, 19, 31.

Staff provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.B. Other Reports

10.B.i. 3rd-Qtr. 2019 Investment Report dated October 21, 2019.

10.C. Other Meeting Minutes

10.C.i. Receive the Draft Minutes of the Oct 9, 2019 Planning Commission

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Noted the Human Rights Commission is hosting the second video in the Race: Power of Illusion series at 6pm on Thursday at the Chaska Community Center.
- Commented that the Trail of Fun was a fabulous event.
- Noted Halloween Live is on Saturday, October 26 at the Community Center.
- Reported that the Chalk Talks presentation was very interesting.

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted Dunkin Donuts is now open.
- Congratulated FormaCoat on their grand opening.
- Noted Fall Clean-up Day is this weekend at Athletic Park from 8am to 2pm.
- Stated voting is available now for the District 112 Referendum at the District Headquarters.
- Noted the Chaska History Center's WWII exhibit runs through November 15.

Councilmember Grau:

- Agreed that the Trail of Fun was a great event.
- Encouraged residents to vote on the referendum.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Encouraged residents to drive safely on Halloween.
- Noted the next meeting is November 4th.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Motion carried.

**CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau, and Mayor Windschitl. Absent: None.

Also Present: Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Huang to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

None.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through B:

- A. Adopt Resolution 2019-115, MnDOT Maintenance Agreement – TH 41 Expansion Project from Trunk Highway 212 to Pioneer Trail

Motion Adopt Resolution No. 2019-115, approving the Maintenance Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Trunk Highway 41 Expansion Project.

- B. Adopt Resolution 2019-116, Supporting the 2020 County Assessment Agreement

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-116 supporting the 2020 County Assessment Agreement and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk/Administrator to sign the 2020 Assessment Agreement with Carver County.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Resolution 2019-117, Public Hearing: Consider Certification of Delinquent Utilities and Miscellaneous Unpaid Fees

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

The Council discussed the smaller unpaid fee total compared to previous years.

Mayor Windschitl opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

Mayor Windschitl closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt a resolution 2019-117 approving certification of delinquent utilities and miscellaneous unpaid charges to Carver County for collection with the payable 2020 property taxes. Motion carried.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2019-118 and Resolution 2019-119, Issuance and Sale of Bonds: Series 2019D and Series 2019E

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

Administrative Services Director Graczyk introduced Anton Voinov with Baker Tilly, who reviewed the bid results and final sale results to the Council.

City Administrator Podhradsky spoke further regarding the rates for the taxable bonds.

City Attorney Melchert inquired about the 1.4 yield bond price.

Mr. Voinov gave further information regarding the price.

Mayor Windschitl inquired why the amounts for the bonds were so different.

Administrative Services Director Graczyk clarified the difference between the two bonds.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt a resolution 2019-118 authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details, and providing for the payment of \$4,630,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019D. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt a resolution 2019-119 authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details, and providing for the payment of \$1,730,000.00 General Obligation Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2019E. Motion carried.

8.C. Bluff Creek Substation - Xcel Energy Meter Reader Pole Site Plan Permit #2019-07, Chanhassen

Assistant Administrator Kabat introduced the item to the Council.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided more detail on Xcel Energy's right to install within requirements of the City.

The Council discussed the joint usage agreement between the City and Xcel Energy as well as the service range of the tower.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to authorize the Mayor to sign the Consent statement within the City of Chanhassen conditional use permit, Site Plan Permit #2019-07 Xcel Energy Meter Reader Pole Special Provisions. Motion carried.

9. Bills

Accounts Payable Council Roster 11-4-19

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 5, 8, and 13.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report 11/4/2019

10.B. Financial Rpts – September 2019

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Commented that downtown Chaska has lots to offer and will have shops open November 7 and Hometown Holiday is November 30, as well as Small Business Saturday.
- Noted that the Race: Power of Illusion will replay the film from last week along with the third film on Thursday, November 7.
- Noted the Equity training was very well done.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Noted voting for the referendum for the schools is tomorrow, November 5.

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted Southwest Transit received two recognitions, a Government Technology award and recognition for high standards toward passenger safety from the Department of Homeland Security.
- Also noted the Equity training was well done.
- Commented that the Chaska History Center's WWII exhibit ends mid-November.
- Noted the Marnita's Table event will be next month. City Administrator Podhradsky asked that names of individuals to invite should be given to Staff this week.
- Noted there is a Veteran's Day program at Chaska Middle School West.
- Noted the Fireman's Park tree lighting is December 1 at 6pm.

Councilmember Grau:

- Commented that Halloween Live was an excellent event.
- Asked for an update on the 212 interchange. City Administrator Podhradsky explained that an update will be provided from Staff.
- Asked if there was any update on the vandalism done at Lion's Park. Assistant Administrator Kabat provided an update. Councilmember Huang asked if there were a police blotter the Council could have access to. City Administrator Podhradsky stated that Staff could provide something.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Noted there are work sessions on the 18th of November and 2nd of December.
- Commented that His House Foundation has an event on Saturday, November 16 at Fireman's Park.

Assistant City Administrator Kabat:

- Noted the Police Department presented a couple of rewards recently, including the Citizen of the Year award to the Brakemeiers, the Business of the Year to Arista, and Officer Janke received an award recognizing her work in crime prevention.

Mayor Windschitl

- Noted the Veteran's Day program at the middle school is a great event and encouraged folks to attend.
- Provided an update on fire calls.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Motion carried.

**- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau, and Mayor Windschitl. Absent: None.

Also Present: Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

None.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 City Council meeting.
Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Grau inquired how the polling locations are determined.

City Administrator Podhradsky gave more information about how those locations are determined.

Mayor Windschitl pointed out a typo in item 7.B.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through E:

A. Adopt Resolution 2019-120, Approve the Lot Split for Shepherd of the Hill

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-120, approving the Lot Split.

B. Adopt Resolution 2019-125, Approve the Final Plat for Shepherd of the Hill for 8 Lots/Habitat for Humanity/PC #2019-21

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-125 approving the Final Plat for Shepherd of the Hill for 8 lots (PC #2019-21).

C. Adopt Ordinance 970, Amend Chapter 6 Code of Ordinances - Building Regulations

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 970, amending Chapter 6, Article 1 of the Code of Ordinances.

D. Adopt Resolution 2019-121, Authorize Call of GO Bonds, Series 2011B

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-121 authorizing call of certain outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011B.
of Garage Floor Coating of MN, 5100 US 169, New Hope, Minnesota, 55428, effective June 3, 2019, through December 31, 2019.

E. Adopt Resolution 2019-122, Designating Polling Locations for 2020 Elections

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-122 Designating Polling Place Locations for 2020 Elections.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Ordinance 968, Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article V Related to Motorized Golf Carts

Assistant Administrator Kabat presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired what the annual fee would be.

The Council directed Staff to state fee language in the ordinance and noted that all the changes look good.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Ordinance No. 968 amending Chapter 14, Article V, Section 96 through 105 by repealing Article V and adopting a new Article V related to motorized golf carts of the Chaska Code of Ordinances with the addition of where the fee amount would be located. Motion carried.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2019-123, Approve the Preliminary Site & Building Plan for Lot 2, Block 1 Shadow Wood Third Addition/Dr. Aaron Swingdorf DDS/PC #2019-20

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Planner Hanson presented the item to the Council.

The Council expressed their thoughts regarding proposed parking and traffic flow.

Aaron Swingdorf, applicant, said a few words regarding the proposed building.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Resolution No. 2019-123 approving the Preliminary Site & Building Plan for Lot 2, Block 1 Shadow Wood Third Addition (PC #2019-20). Motion carried.

8.C. Adopt Resolution 2019-124, Approve the Concept Plan for the Peavey Road Industrial Building/Steve Anderson/PC #2019-19

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Planner Hanson presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if this plan would use up all the building ability of the site.

City Planner Hanson stated it would and continued her presentation of the item.

Mayor Windschitl asked if this will be set up for a single user or multi-user.

City Planner Hanson explained it would likely be one-user.

Councilmember Huang inquired if there were any prospects the developer is marketing to at this point and if there will be an easement agreement attached to the deed for truck access.

City Planner Hanson provided further detail regarding the easement and noted there is not a named prospect yet.

Councilmember Huang also asked if an easement existed over the current Century Link building on the site.

City Planner Hanson confirmed that there is.

Councilmember Huang inquired if there are plans to sell the property once the building is completed.

Jennifer Kaplan with Mohagen Hansen Architecture explained that the applicant's goal is to sell the property as a whole once the project is completed.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2019-124 approving the Concept Plan for Peavey Road Industrial Building (PC #2019-19). Motion carried.

9. Bills

Accounts Payable Council Roster 11-18-19

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 2, 5, 9, and 12.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report

10.B. Other Meeting Minutes

10.B.i. Receive the minutes of the 10-14-19 Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilmember Grau:

- Commented that he is pleased with the opening of the interchange.
- Noted the Veteran's event at the middle school was an excellent event.
- Reminded citizens of the coat and winter clothes drive that goes through the 22nd.
- Inquired about hunting guidelines and regulations within Chaska. Community Development Director Ringwald gave details regarding those regulations.

Councilmember Huang:

- Thanked citizens who cast ballots regarding the referendum vote.
- Congratulated the Chaska football team for making it to State.
- Noted the His House sleep out was last weekend and was an encouraging event.
- Noted the Chaska High School Theater has upcoming shows this week.
- Stated the tree lighting at Fireman's Park is on December 1st at 6pm.
- Noted the Marnita's Table event is on December 5 from 6-9pm.
- Noted Santa is visiting the Community Center on December 6.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Stated she also was very impressed by the Veteran's Day event at the middle school.
- Noted the Race: Power of Illusion event was really encouraging.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Noted Hometown Holiday, City Square Park Lighting, and Small Business Saturday is coming up on November 30.
- Noted the Downtown Sip and Shop event will be on Saturday, December 7.
- Commented that the downtown street paving will be happening in the next week.
- Inquired about plans for the roads at 6th and Maple. City Administrator Podhradsky stated he would look into it.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Noted the City's new American flags look great.
- Noted there will be new City Christmas decorations this year raised by the Chaska 100 Club.
- Noted the tree lighting at Fireman's Park is a family event with Santa present.

- Gave more details about activities occurring during Hometown Holiday.
- Commented that County Road 61 toward Eden Prairie will open up the week of the 25th.
- Noted the Mayor's Lunch is on Wednesday and that Councilmember Huang will do a presentation.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Motion carried.

**CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 11, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dahlke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Members present: Commissioners Bowe, Pfeiffer, Urbanski, Sailer, Lacey, Brass, Olson, and Chairperson Dahlke.

Members absent: Commissioner Cross

Also present: Liz Hanson, City Planner

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Pfeiffer, second by Commissioner Urbanski, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

There were no visitors.

5. Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Urbanski, second by Commissioner Sailer, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion carried.

6. Consent Items -none

7.A. Approve the Preliminary Plat and Conditional Use Permit for Shepherd of the Hill
Twinhomes/Habitat for Humanity /PC# 2019-17

City Planner Liz Hanson presented the item to the Commission. She noted that she neglected to make the notation that this is a Public Hearing on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Pfeiffer stated that the aerial view shows the width of the cul-de-sac at 32 feet and asked what the length of the cul-de-sac will be.

City Planner Hanson stated that she believes the length will be close to 50 or 60 feet before the bulb.

Commissioner Olson stated that the packet information stated that this will not have a negative impact to the value of the nearby homes and asked if there had been any property value studies done in the area.

City Planner Hanson stated that there had not been any recent studies. She explained that the City has seen this type of application before in other parts of the community. She stated that the City does not have any specific data that says it will impair the property values in the area. She stated that usually when residential is put in next door to other residential it stays consistent.

Commissioner Brass asked if the homeowner to the south with the drainage issue had spoken with the developer.

City Planner Hanson stated that she was unsure if the developer had communicated with the southern property owner. She stated that the homeowner was not present at tonight's meeting but suggested inviting the applicant up to answer some questions.

Chad Dipman, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, stated that he has not yet spoken with the neighbors to the south because they have been working through staff comments as well as the comments from Stantec on the drainage issue. He stated that they are taking a look at the possibility of a berm to assist with rate control.

Chair Dahlke opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Jeff Felmlee 1561 Crest Drive, stated that he bought this home one month ago and it is located directly across the street from where the cul-de-sac will be located. He thanked Mr. Dipman for taking the time to stop by and try to find a solution for the headlight issue. He stated that this issue effects not only his quality of life, but the neighbor's quality of life. He stated that a large reason behind his choosing this home was the front yard. He stated that his understanding is that one unit per year will be built over the next 4 years, which means construction traffic and noise for the whole time. He stated that his bedroom window is directly across from the cul-de-sac entrance. He stated that his biggest fear with this whole project is that he will never get to enjoy his front yard again because of parking, noise and construction. He stated that he is not opposed to the project, just the location of the entrance. He stated that he also has concerns about the increased traffic from this development for the safety of children on the road. He reiterated that his main concern is with parking in front of his home, lights flashing the front side of his property and the increased traffic.

Chair Dahlke asked about the conversations with the developer and what has been suggested as possible ways to address his concerns.

Mr. Felmless stated that Mr. Dipman offered him some options like blinds, shrubbery and the possibility of shifting the cul-de-sac. He stated that his concern with shifting the cul-de-sac is that it will then create a problem for a different neighbor.

Commissioner Brass stated that looking through the correspondence, it appears as though one of the options was to move the cul-de-sac to align more closely with his driveway. He asked why Mr. Felmlee was not in favor of that option.

Mr. Felmlee stated that he has only owned the home for a month so this whole situation has shocked him. He stated that he is reassured a bit by the amount of research and planning that is being put into this project. He stated that the ideal situation in his mind is that this development would simply mirror his side of the street and there would be 4 single-family homes right across the road, with individual driveways.

Commissioner Brass asked if there had been any discussion about a barrier with something like pine trees.

Mr. Felmlee stated that was discussed and there was talk about meeting with landscapers. He stated that he feels it is unfortunate that he has to change how he uses his property because of this project. He stated that although it is a good cause, he bought this home because of the way it looks, especially the front yard. He stated that he doesn't have the money or the drive to make this change.

Commissioner Brass stated that he meant for the applicant to provide pine trees as a way to screen his property from the traffic.

Mr. Felmlee stated that would help his property, but noted that he would be worried about his neighbors.

Commissioner Brass stated that this is an allowed and permitted use of the property and they have to have access to the property.

Commissioner Bowe asked if the homeowner had evaluated blinds for the situation.

Mr. Felmlee stated that he has considered it but loves looking out his windows.

Commissioner Brass stated that the twinhomes homes have 2 car garages, so that should alleviate some of the parking concerns that Mr. Felmlee had.

Chair Dahlke asked if Mr. Felmlee was aware of this project before he purchased his home.

Mr. Felmlee stated that the previous owners were transparent and did disclose that there would be some project on this property, but not where the driveway would be located.

Commissioner Lacey asked if Mr. Felmlee felt that installation of pine trees would solve the majority of his problem with the headlights.

Mr. Felmlee stated that he wasn't sure at this point.

Commissioner Brass stated that he feels that the combination of the cul-de-sac shifting to align with his driveway and installation of pine trees would solve the problem. He stated that he would like to see the applicant assist with some sort of reasonable solution to this issue.

Chair Dahlke encouraged Mr. Felmlee to continue speaking with the developer to try to find a solution.

Commissioner Pfeiffer asked if anyone had looked at the possibility of changing the angle of the cul-de-sac to put in an arch or hill so the amount of time the lights may be shining on the opposite property would be shorter.

Commissioner Brass asked if Mr. Felmlee was opposed to the applicant providing a few decent sized pine trees in this front yard for screening purposes.

Mr. Felmlee expressed concern about having to remove the existing large trees in his front yard for their to be room for the pine trees.

Commissioner Brass asked how Mr. Felmlee felt about arbor vitae, which are the skinnier type of pine trees.

Mr. Felmlee stated that he is planning to meet with a landscaper sometime this week to get an idea of what things could be done.

Commissioner Olson stated that with the mature trees that are already there, he agrees that there will be difficulty with putting in pine trees. He stated that it will help mitigate the headlight issues but may cause difficulty with the existing large trees that are already established in his front yard.

Commissioner Urbanski stated that it appears that the Commission is on the same page and the talks are continuing with the developer and the property owner.

Commissioner Olson stated that he believes it will require a combination of approaches to resolve the issue and not just one solution.

Chair Dahlke encouraged Mr. Felmlee to continue working with City staff on a resolution.

Dwight Hemme, 1547 Crest Drive, he stated that he and the other neighbors are being asked to modify their lives and their yards to accommodate this development. He stated that this development will impact them and their quality of life. He stated that shifting the driveway will just shine the lights on someone else's home. He stated that the drainage plans appear to be good and should alleviate the problems that the neighbor immediately to the south was having. He stated that, however, now that the water and snow melt won't be in that yard, he was concerned that it will go to the street and curb and the one storm drain on Crest Drive which is already overwhelmed.

Commissioner Bowe noted that there is a memo from the City Engineer regarding this issue and they do not believe an additional storm drain is necessary.

Mr. Hemme stated that they don't live in the neighborhood.

City Planner Hanson stated that this falls below the minimum requirements to meet County and City standards, but the engineers have noted that it should be evaluated further in the next stage of the development. She clarified that it is not a requirement but they have asked the developer to look into this a little further.

Mr. Hemme stated that he is asking the Commission to use their heart and their gut when they vote on this proposal rather than just follow specifications and rules, because it is impacting the neighbors.

Audrey Hemme, 1547 Crest Drive, stated that when Habitat for Humanity was contacted by the church, the neighbors were never given notification that this was going to happen nor were they asked for their feelings on the proposal.

Mr. Dipman explained that they were approached by the church and they discussed a variety of ideas and negotiated a purchase agreement. He stated that they did not want to commit any funds to an engineer for site drawings until they secured the purchase agreement. He stated that once they purchased the property, they engaged the services of an engineer to work on site plans with this concept of a cul-de-sac and twinhomes. He explained that one of the goals of the church was to sell as much property to Habitat for Humanity as they could. He stated that there was a public meeting held at the church in February and notices were hand delivered to the neighborhood.

Ms. Hemme stated that she and Mr. Hemme had attended the meeting at the church in February. She stated that she felt the neighbors were never asked for their opinion or thoughts on this kind of a development. She stated that she heard that the church was getting tired of paying for someone to mow this land that was gifted to them. She stated that being a friendly neighbor, she would have liked the church to come to the neighborhood and ask their thoughts. She stated that would have given them an opportunity to express the fact that they don't care for this particular layout. She stated that she always thought that eventually the land would be sold off and individual homes would have been built parallel to the existing homes. She stated that she feels the problem the church had with a gifted, expensive piece of property has now become the neighborhood's problem. She stated that she would support having individual lots with Habitat for Humanity homes built on them. She reiterated that she does not support this particular design in this location. She asked if there was a benefit to the City to approve this layout versus ones that had individual lots with homes on them.

Commissioner Brass stated that there is no benefit to the City to approve one way or the other, but noted that the developer has legal right based upon zoning to develop the property. He explained that anyone who purchases property has legal rights to develop based on the zoning and does not have to consult with the neighbors on their plans, outside of the public notice process which it sounds like they did back in February. He stated that he understands that she

is not in favor of this development, but it conforms with what is legally published in the City of what you can do.

Commissioner Olson stated that the connection with this process to the Commission is that they are able to hear the residents' concerns and see if there are ways to minimize or mitigate the concerns.

Mr. Hemme stated that if the developer and owner of the property have the legal right to use their property and it conforms with all the zoning then why does the Planning Commission even need to have a vote on the issue. He stated that he believes the Commission has the responsibility to do what is right, even if everything falls into place.

Ms. Hemme stated that there are a lot of homeowners in the neighborhood that are not able to attend these meetings and express their concerns. She stated that one of the Commissioners asked about the home values and basically City Planner Hanson's answer was that they can neither confirm or deny that they will go up or down. She stated that when it comes time for them to decide to sell, then it will just be their problem to deal with.

Chair Dahlke stated that as long as everyone in the City is following the zoning laws, this is part of living in a city.

Commissioner Olson stated that he was in a similar situation as the Hemmes about a year ago with a project happening in his backyard. He stated that the Commission and the developer listened to the concerns of he and his neighbors and it all worked out. He stated that it wasn't perfect, because the development is still in his backyard, but the developer and the City took steps to minimize the negative impact. He stated that he wanted to assure Ms. Hemme that the process works and the Commission does serve a purpose.

Commissioner Brass stated that he had a similar situation when he lived in Clover Ridge when the data center moved in. He explained that at the time, he appeared in front of the Commission and asked for pine trees along a berm which helped mitigate the situation. He stated that he understands the neighbor's frustrations, but change does happen. He stated that part of the Commission's job is to listen to the residents and recommend solutions.

Ms. Hemme stated that they expected change, but were not expecting a cul-de-sac with so many homes on it.

Commissioner Urbanski stated that any development that goes into a city faces these kinds of problems. He stated that the Commission is here to try to fine-tune things as much as they can, according to law.

Mr. Dipman stated that regarding the possible shift of the cul-de-sac, he stated that they are happy to do that if necessary, but they are constrained on all sides by setbacks, which means they would need some cooperation from the City to allow some variance in either a front yard or rear yard setback.

Chair Dahlke suggested that Mr. Dipman continue to work with the City and the residents because staff will make sure that whatever works out best for everyone will still fall within the legal boundaries. He stated that if it was determined a variance would be needed, there will be a public hearing.

Commissioner Pfeiffer asked if the developer had ever considered doing some sort of hill, as she mentioned earlier, in order to cut down on the time headlights would

be shining on the neighboring properties.

Mr. Dipman stated that they are on a bit of a hill already. He stated that he believes there is about a 4-foot drop from the cul-de-sac to the street, but feels that making it more of a hill would exacerbate their water management problems.

Commissioner Olson asked whether they were seriously considering extending the storm sewer into the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Dipman stated that it is low on their preference list because it would be expensive. He stated that their preference would be to see if they can put in a berm on the south side and look at infiltration on the lots themselves.

Commissioner Sailer asked for a clarification of the construction timeline and whether it will be done one unit at a time over 4 years.

Mr. Dipman stated that they are shooting for site work and infrastructure for spring of 2020 and starting construction of the first twinhome in the summer of 2020 which would probably run through the winter. He stated that then they would plan to begin two additional twin home buildings in the spring and summer of 2021.

Commissioner Sailer asked if the construction of each building lasted about 6 to 8 months.

Mr. Dipman stated that would be a reasonable assumption. He stated that they are hoping to construct the fourth and final twinhome in 2022, so the goal is for the entire project to only last 3 years.

Commissioner Brass asked how much of the construction timeline was inside the homes.

Mr. Dipman stated that typically excavation and foundation work will last about 3 weeks, framing would last about 4 weeks and exterior work would be another 4 weeks. He explained that inside work would start around this time.

Chair Dahlke closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Commission Brass encouraged the developer to continue to work with the homeowners to come up with a solution that they can see at the final plan stage. He stated that he thinks there should be a reasonable solution for both parties that addresses the headlight issue.

Commissioner Bowe stated that she would like to see more information about berming at the final plat stage as a way to help with the drainage.

Motion by Commissioner Lacey, second by Commissioner Bowe, to recommend to City Council approval of a Preliminary Plat and Conditional Use Permit for Shepherd of the Hill Twinhomes/Habitat for Humanity (PC #2019-17); subject to the following conditions:

1. Approvals shall be based on the following graphic exhibits:
 - a. Headlight Glare Analysis (pgs 1-4), prepared by Chad Dipman
 - b. Narrative (pgs 1-4), prepared by Chad Dipman
 - c. Project Location & Sheet Index (G-01), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 5, 2019
 - d. Existing Conditions and Survey (C-01), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 5, 2019
 - e. Site Plan (C-03), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 5, 2019
 - f. Grading Plan (C-04), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 5, 2019
 - g. Utility Plan (C-05), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 5, 2019
 - h. Utility Sections (C-06), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 26, 2019
 - i. Utility Details (C-07), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 26, 2019
 - j. Landscape Plan (L-01), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 22, 2019
 - k. Existing Conditions Watersheds (H-01), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 22, 2019
 - l. Proposed Conditions Watersheds (H-02), prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 22, 2019
 - m. Preliminary Plat, prepared by Sambatek, undated
 - n. North Units Elevation Drawings
 - o. Two-Story House Rendering & Floor Plan, prepared by Habitat for Humanity
 - p. South Units Elevation Drawings
 - q. One-Story House Rendering & Floor Plan, prepared by Habitat for Humanity
 - r. Traffic Analysis for Shepherd of the Hill Development, prepared by BARR Engineering Co., dated August 23, 2019
2. Adherence with the City Engineers Memo dated August 30, 2019.
3. Provision of a 60 feet Right of Way width for all local streets.
4. Adherence to the City's Boulevard Tree Policy and local street section design.
5. Provision that boulevard trees are at least 2.5-inch caliper or more and to be shown on the landscape plan at final submittal.
6. Provision that an easterly parking lot access is available on Crest Drive for the Church site.
7. Adherence to the following building setbacks:
 - a. Front: 30 feet
 - b. Rear: 30 feet
 - c. Side: 10 feet house/ 7 feet garage
 - d. Side (corner): 15 feet
8. Prior to final plat approval, developer shall enter into an agreement with the City for the provision of necessary infrastructure and associated development costs.
9. Provision of a storm water management plan meeting City and Carver County WMO standards.
10. Provision to further evaluate the grading options for a berm along the south edge of the development or an extension of the existing storm sewer that would collect overland drainage directed towards the south abutting properties to be addressed by final submittal.

Motion carried.

8. Other Business

8.A. Receive Other Meeting Minutes

8. A.i Receive the Minutes of the Aug 5th and draft Minutes of the August 12th 2019 City Council Meetings.

8. A. ii Receive the Draft Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Park Board Meeting.

Commissioner Pfeiffer

- Thanked the fire department for hanging such a beautiful American Flag in honor of Patriot Day.

Commissioner Dahlke

- Stated that he had attended the wake for Dr. Edgar Ziegler. He stated that he was mayor from 1968 to 1974 and part of the force to put in the dike system in the City. He stated that he was a very important and influential man and he will be greatly missed.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Olson, second by Commissioner Brass to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion carried.

CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES October 9, 2019

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dahlke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Members present: Chairperson Dahlke, Vice Chairperson Bowe, Commissioner Brass, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Lacey, Commissioner Pfeiffer, Commissioner Sailer, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Urbanski.

Members absent: None

Also present: Liz Hanson, City Planner

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Urbanski, second by Commissioner Pfeiffer, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

There were none.

5. Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Sailer, second by Commissioner Lacey, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion carried.

6. Consent Items: None

7. A. Action Items: PUBLIC HEARING: Recommend Approval of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to PRD-57 Brickyard Villas Rear Setbacks/DDK Construction/PC#2019-18.

City Planner Liz Hanson presented the item to the Commission

Chair Dahlke asked if there were any plans to do anything with the large ditch space.

City Planner Hanson stated that it is City owned land and believes that it is preserved as open space.

Dave Pokorney, a representative from DDK Construction, stated that they may put in trees along the whole back line of the property and will leave the area to the north alone.

Chair Dahlke opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. There being no one present, Chair Dahlke closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Commissioner Cross stated that the townhomes to the east have an extremely steep grade into a ditch which is on City owned land. She stated that it shows on the aerial that 3 large cottonwoods were laid down, humped, and shoved onto City land on the north edge. She stated that she considers this a problem and doesn't fit her definition of letting the area go back to nature. She stated that she wanted to remind the Commission that on collector-type roads, the City discourages having individual driveways. She stated that she understands that this cannot be changed for this development but hopes the Commission keeps this in mind for future projects. She cautioned the developer to be cautious of what type of trees are chosen to put along the back side because there is already a pool of water at the upper end. She stated that this water is because of the run off situation and some trees, such as evergreens, will not tolerate the moisture.

Commissioner Sailer stated that he agrees with Commissioner Cross's concerns about the driveway access onto the road.

The representative from DDK stated that it is not a collector street, but an apartment street. He stated that where the townhomes are located was originally planned to be a 100-unit apartment building. He stated that because of the side loading garages, nobody ever backs out into this road. He noted that he understands that there are some dead trees in the area and they plan on going back in and clearing up a fair amount of them before the building begins.

Motion by Commissioner Urbanski, second by Commissioner Sailer, to recommend the City Council approve a ZOA to the rear setback requirements for the 6 vacant brickyard villa lots on the east side of Yellow Brick Road, reducing the setback from 30 feet to 20 feet, to accommodate future single-family home sites (PC# 2019-18).

Motion carried.

8. Other Business

8.a. Receive Other Meeting Minutes

8.a.i. Receive the Minutes of the September 16th, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Cross

- Asked about change in alignment of Lyman Boulevard at Highway 41 at 82nd. She stated that there is a large traffic study in this area and she is hoping it will be considered.

City Planner Hanson stated that she does not know what is happening with the plans, but knows that the right-of-way has been platted to extend. She stated that she believes it has always been a budgetary issue with the County so she isn't sure when they will be ready to move forward.

Commissioner Brass

- He stated that he feels the common area in City Hall could use some fresh carpet.

City Planner Hanson stated that it is something that is on the radar and is being discussed.

Chair Dahlke

- He stated that he is happy to say that for the first time in a year there are no road closed signs, orange barrels or yellow flags at Highway 41 and Pioneer Trail and it looks great.

Commissioner Urbanski

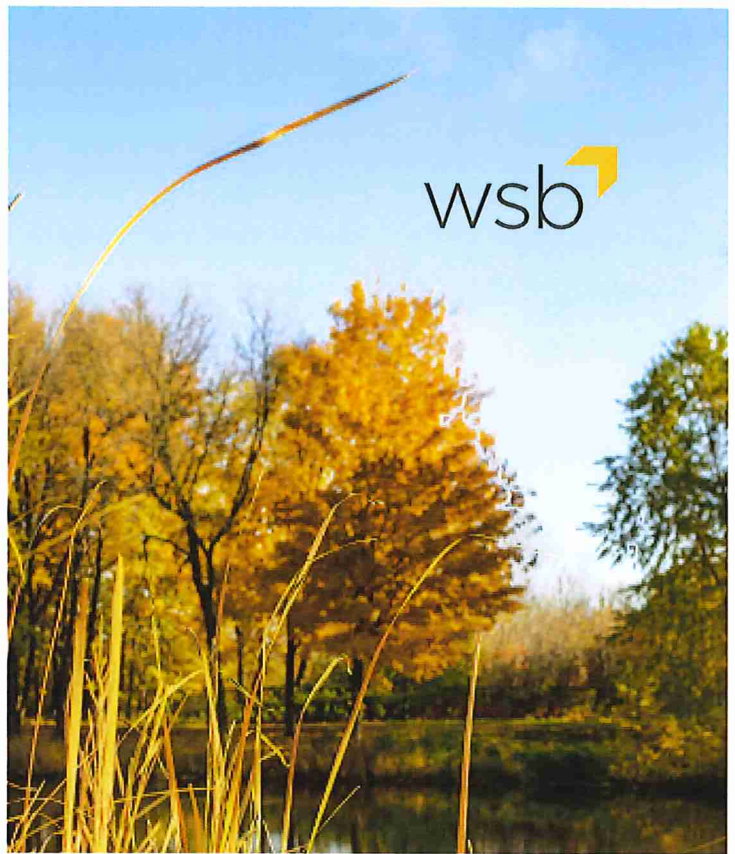
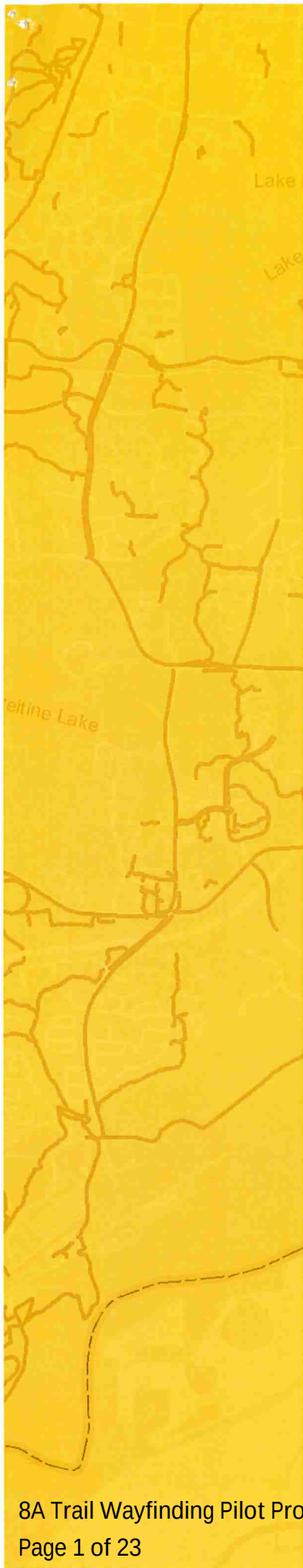
- Dunkin' Donuts has finally opened

City Planner Hanson stated that the Planning Commission will be involved in the City bus tour on October 16, 2019 that will include some of the recently completed buildings. She asked Commissioners to meet in City Hall parking lot at 5:30 p.m., or earlier, if possible.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Cross, second by Commissioner Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Motion carried.



Evaluation of Pilot Trail Signage System

FOR CARVER COUNTY, CITY OF CHASKA, AND CITY OF VICTORIA





Acknowledgments

This project is the culmination of the hard work and dedication of staff members from multiple organizations, across a variety of departments. A special thanks to those who participated in the project.



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THE COMMUNITIES OF CARVER COUNTY

This project is not possible without the support, feedback, and efforts of the people of Carver County. We appreciate the time and resources dedicated to improving wayfinding signs within the county. Thank you to all those who participated in the evaluation project, whether in-person, online, or out on the trails.



STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (SHIP)

The Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living. The pilot signs and evaluation program were made possible through the financial support of SHIP funding.

Project Overview

People of all backgrounds deserve opportunities to live healthy and active lifestyles regardless of income, ability, age, and race. Trails provide an excellent opportunity for people to be active, enjoy nature, socialize, explore, run errands, commute to work or school, and improve mental health.

Components a successful trail system

While trail use is growing in popularity, there can be barriers to trail use – barriers which may be different depending on one's circumstances, perspectives, and abilities. For trail systems to meet the needs of all users, the community must have:





Building awareness of and access to opportunities for physical activity are critical to the success and use of any trail system.

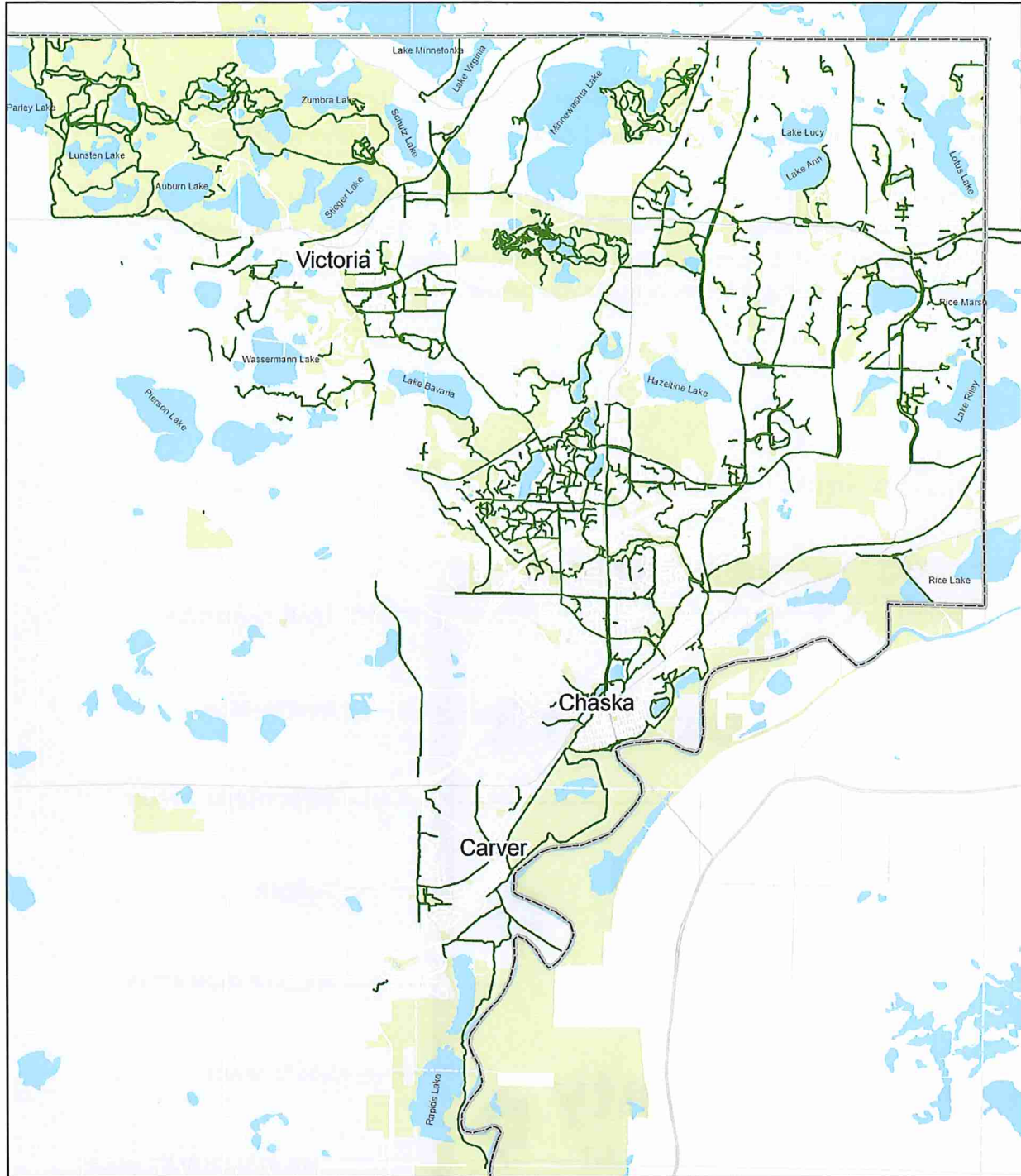
Recognizing the need for improved wayfinding and navigation of area trails, Carver County and its partners undertook a project which installed temporary trail system signs across three jurisdictions (City of Chaska, City of Victoria, and Carver County). The signs are intended to help trail users easily navigate the system across jurisdictions, to destinations, and in making connections to other railway systems.

In the summer of 2019, temporary signs were installed along two trail routes in Chaska and Victoria as a pilot project. The pilot project is intended to test and evaluate the temporary signs for usability and comprehension prior to the selection of final design and installation of permanent signs.

Carver County partnered with WSB to engage with community members, across populations, to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot signs. This report outlines WSB's findings and recommendations.



The pilot project is intended to inform the broader goal of the project team; to have trail systems in Carver County that provide an attractive, safe, and enjoyable experience for people of all ages and abilities.



Carver-Chaska-Victoria Area Trails



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— Trail

— Park

— Water

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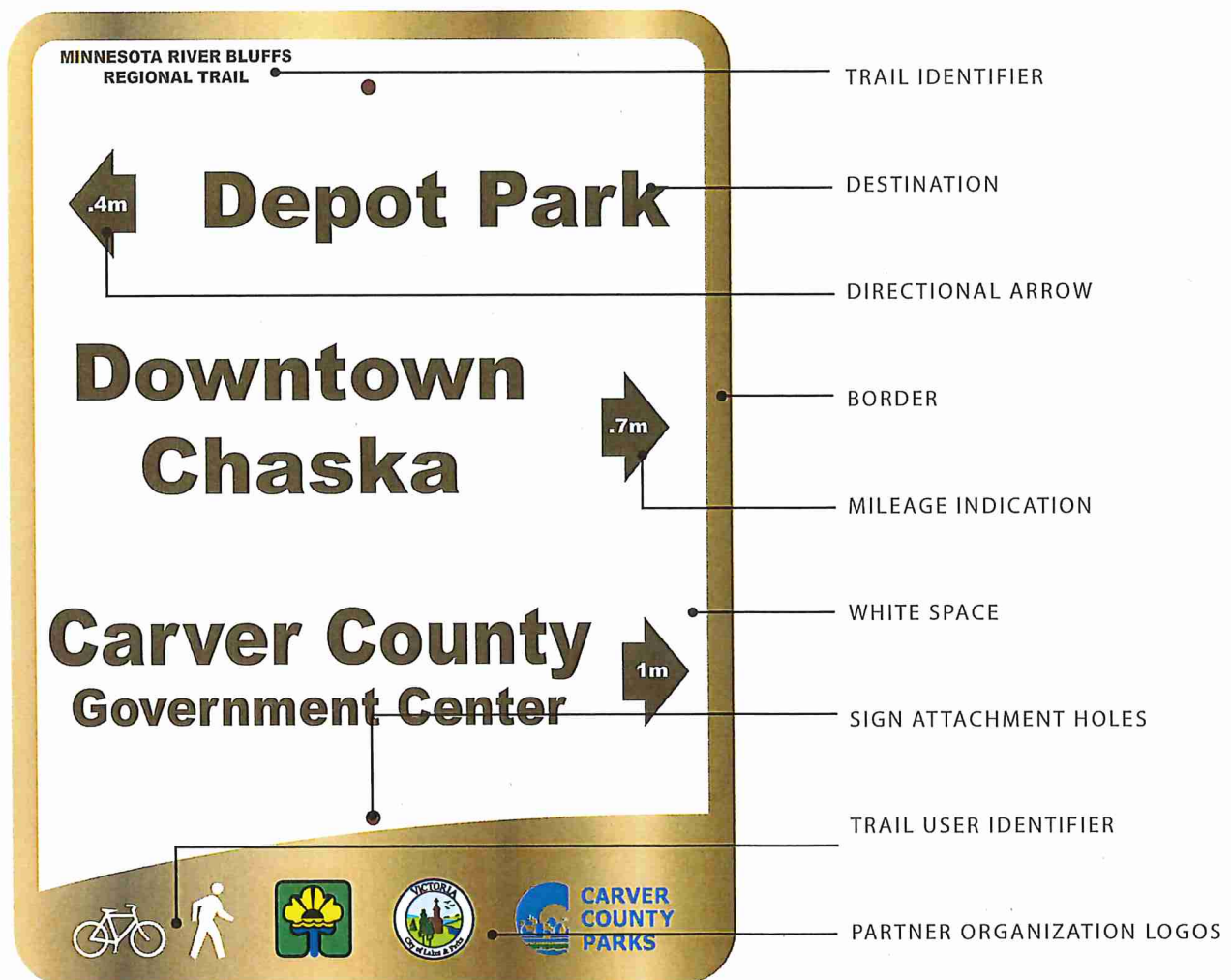
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Pilot Signage

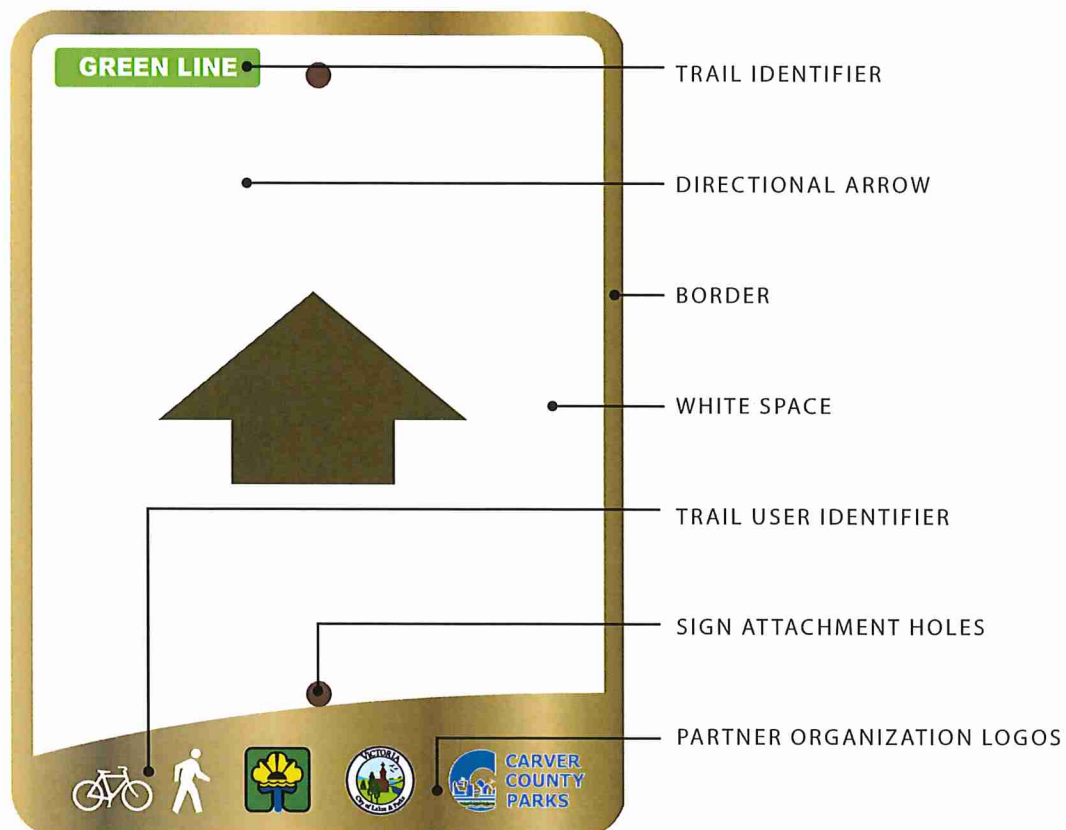
The pilot signs were collaboratively designed by team members from Carver County, City of Chaska, and City of Victoria. Signs were produced in-house by Carver County's sign shop.

Two basic signs designs were created. The first and larger signs provide key information such as trail identification, destination points, directional arrows, distance indicators in miles, trail user identification, and the identification of partner agencies. The larger of the signs measure 12" by 16", are printed on metal, and attached to existing poles. The smaller of the signs measure 6" by 8" and provide a directional arrow along key decision points and in between locations of the larger signs.

Destination Signs



Directional Arrow Signs



Sign Locations

The pilot signs were installed along two trail routes in Carver County: the Green Line and the Orange Line.

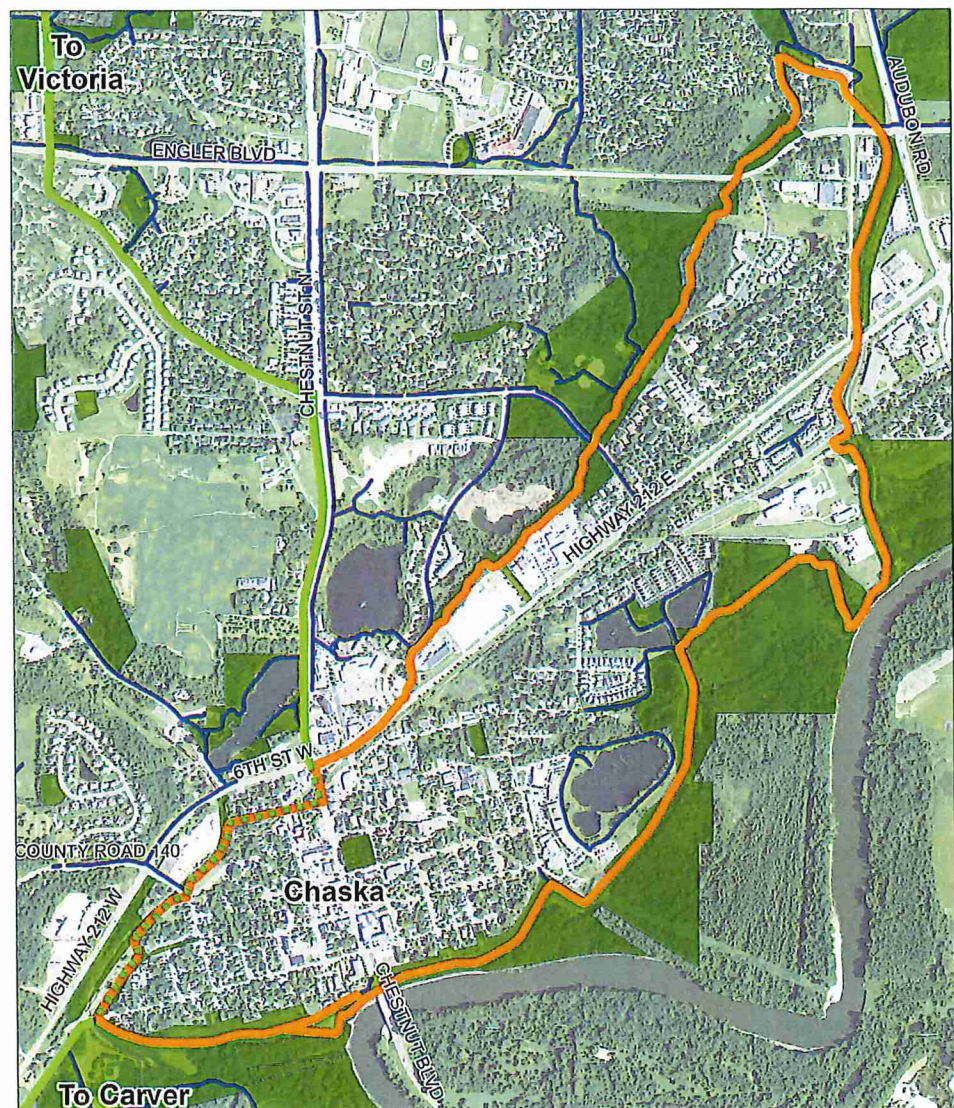


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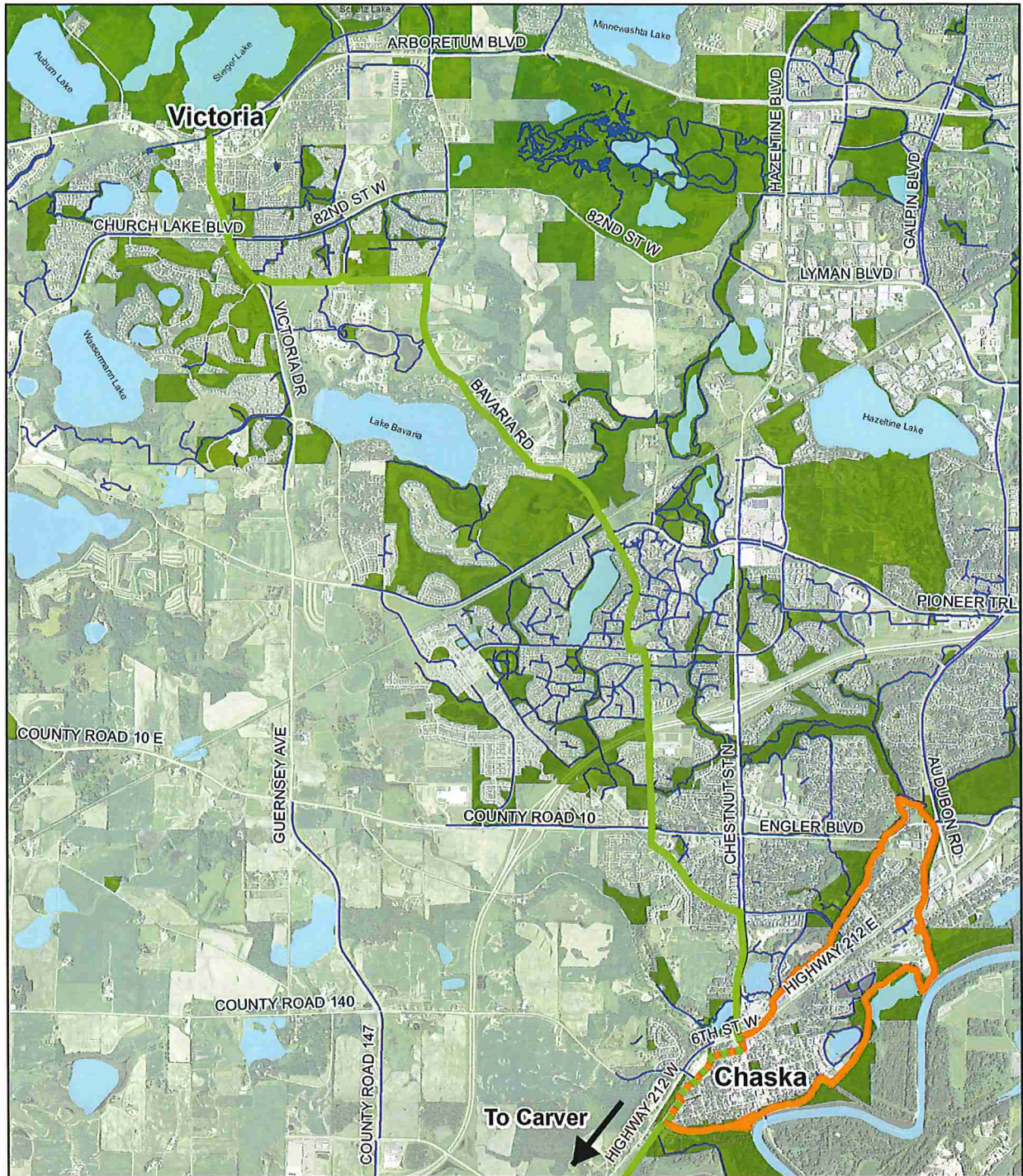
Connects Downtown Victoria, Downtown Chaska, and Downtown Carver, with points in between

ORANGE LOOP

Provides a circular route connecting Downtown Chaska, the Minnesota River, Lions Park and points in between



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Named Trails for Permanent Signage

- Orange Loop
- Green Line
- Other Trails
- Park

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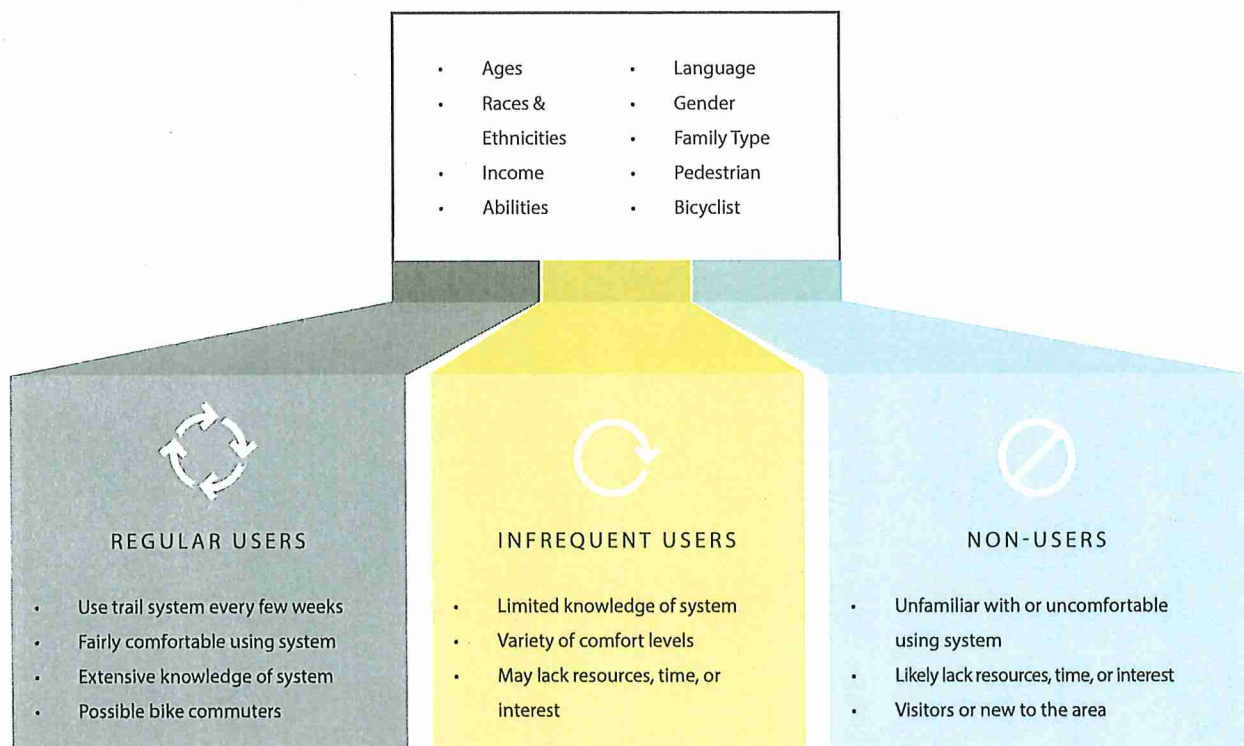
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Public Engagement and Sign Evaluation

To successfully measure the effectiveness of the pilot signs, the project team worked to engage across user groups and demographics. This required a layered approach to evaluation and engagement through the use of multiple tools, mediums, and timelines.

Population and User Identification and Segmentation

The project team identified three main user groups: regular users, infrequent users, and non-users.



ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

163

TOTAL
PEOPLE
ENGAGED

17

PEOPLE
INTERVIEWED AT
FARMER'S MARKET

86

ONLINE
SURVEYS
COMPLETED



Tools and Strategies

To hear from a cross-section of the community, WSB utilized a mix of engagement tools. To reach people where they're at, and to respect differences in culture, habits, and available time/resources, we used pop-up events, intercept surveys, an online survey, and focus groups. Additionally, the WSB team conducted a walking audit of the Orange Loop.

1. Pop-Up Events

The Chaska Farmers Market and Cycle Chaska event presented great opportunities to hear from a mix of community – regular, infrequent, and non-users, different genders, ages, races, and family makeup – in a space in which people were already gathered.

2. Intercept Surveys

An intercept survey is a research method to gather on-site feedback from an audience. Our team used intercept surveys to reach those out on the trails.

3. Online Survey

Thanks to the marketing efforts of the staff from the Carver County, City of Chaska, and City of Victoria, we were able to hear from 86 people through an online survey.

4. Focus Groups

The project team met with small groups of residents to discuss the effectiveness of the pilot project. Focus groups allow for a targeted approach, engage champion groups, and allow for interesting and dynamic conversations. Two focus groups were conducted as part of the evaluation.

On October 9, our team met with approximately 30 seniors at the Chaska Community Center. An amazingly fun and forthcoming group provided really helpful feedback from a unique user's perspective.

Working in partnership with the Riverview Terrace Mobile Home Park and staff from Eastern Carver County Schools, we were able to hear from members of the Latinx community on October 30.

5 LATINX COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ENGAGED AT
RIVERSIDE TERRACE

30 SENIORS
ENGAGED AT
FOCUS GROUP



17 PEOPLE SURVEYED
ALONG THE TRAILS



8 PEOPLE
ENGAGED AT
CYCLE CHASKA

Community Input

General Input

THINGS PEOPLE LIKED	THINGS PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE	OTHER PIECES OF INFORMATION
• People love the area trails • Were appreciative of additional wayfinding signs • Approved of the pilot project and were thankful to be engaged • Are supportive of additional wayfinding signs	• People weren't too excited about the sign's brown color • A few people mentioned they were concerned the signs would encourage too many trail users and worried about the loss of their "hidden trails." But most that held those concerns understood the community benefit of having more people out on the trails.	• A few people mentioned unique user groups – notably snowmobiles and horseback riding – and wondered about the impact of the project and long-term access to the trails • Some people had questions about the re-opening of the Minnesota Bluffs LRT Regional Trail in Eden Prairie



An Equitable Lens

LATINX

THINGS PEOPLE LIKED	THINGS PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE	OTHER PIECES OF INFORMATION
- General positive feedback for adding signage to local trails - The signs will encourage exploration of trails - Using miles-to-destination over minutes-to-destination - Cell phone reception along parts of the trail is poor, so the signs (and more frequent signage) is helpful	- The brown color blends in with surroundings - signs should be more "attention-catching" - Sign and font is too small - Suggested color-coordinating the signs with the trail - Symbols and logos at the bottom are confusing and unnecessary - Would like to see map with "you are here" symbol	- Consider adding Spanish-language signs - Other amenities along the trail would be nice: bathrooms, trash cans, lighting - Add destinations such as local businesses to the signs - Unfamiliar with some destinations identified on the signs

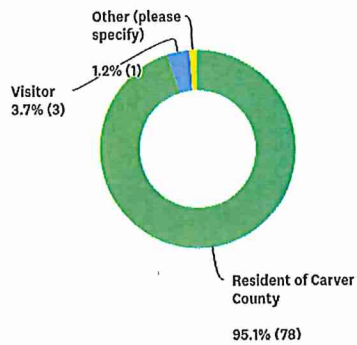
WOMEN

THINGS PEOPLE LIKED	THINGS PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE	OTHER PIECES OF INFORMATION
- Women, more than men, were supportive of the existing design - More women than men felt more safe and/or comfortable knowing there are wayfinding signs on some trails (73% to 56%)	- Fewer women than men used the trails for bicycling - Women mentioned trail gaps, weather, maintenance, and safety as barriers to more trail use, while men mentioned a lack of time	Men and women were likely to access trail information in similar fashions

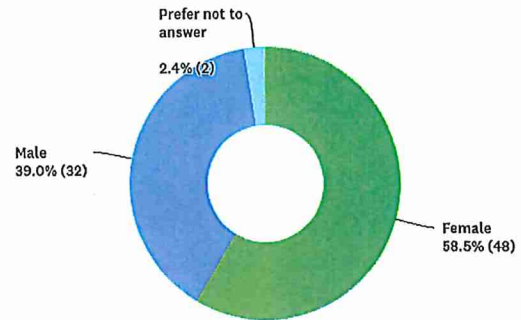
SENIORS

THINGS PEOPLE LIKED	THINGS PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE	OTHER PIECES OF INFORMATION
- In navigating distance to a destination, seniors preferred mileage over time, recognizing they may travel at a slower pace than the general public - Identifying the trails using a color-scheme versus a named trail convention was preferred – and make the sign's color coordinate with the trail	- Many seniors mentioned using a different color scheme instead of brown, to catch peoples' attention - The small-sized mile indicators inside the arrows were hard to read/see - The signs are too busy/cluttered (didn't like the logos at the bottom) – keep to 3-4 destinations maximum per sign. - Some of the destinations are unclear to non-residents	- Emphasized the importance of having maps paired with signs - Additional trail amenities that interested seniors: benches, kiosk at the beginning/end of trail, trash cans, lighting for safety reasons

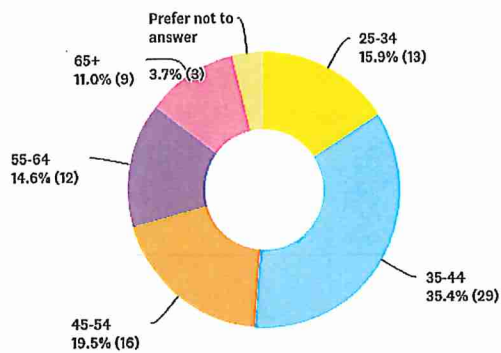
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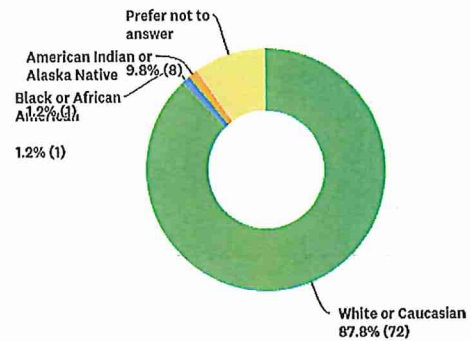
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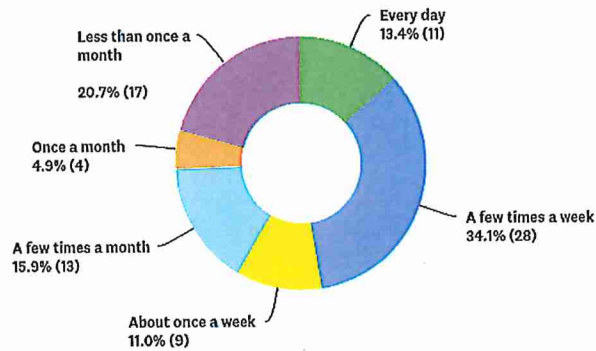
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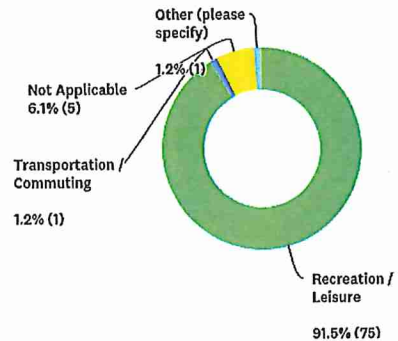
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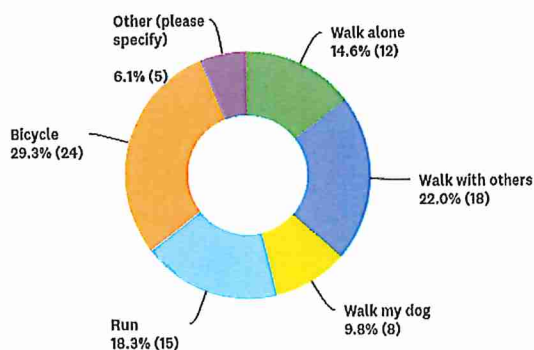
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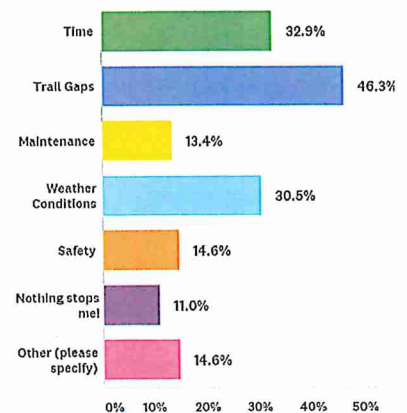
I MAINLY USE THE TRAILS FOR:



I MAINLY USE THE TRAILS TO:



WHAT IS THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO USING CARVER COUNTY TRAILS?





Online Feedback

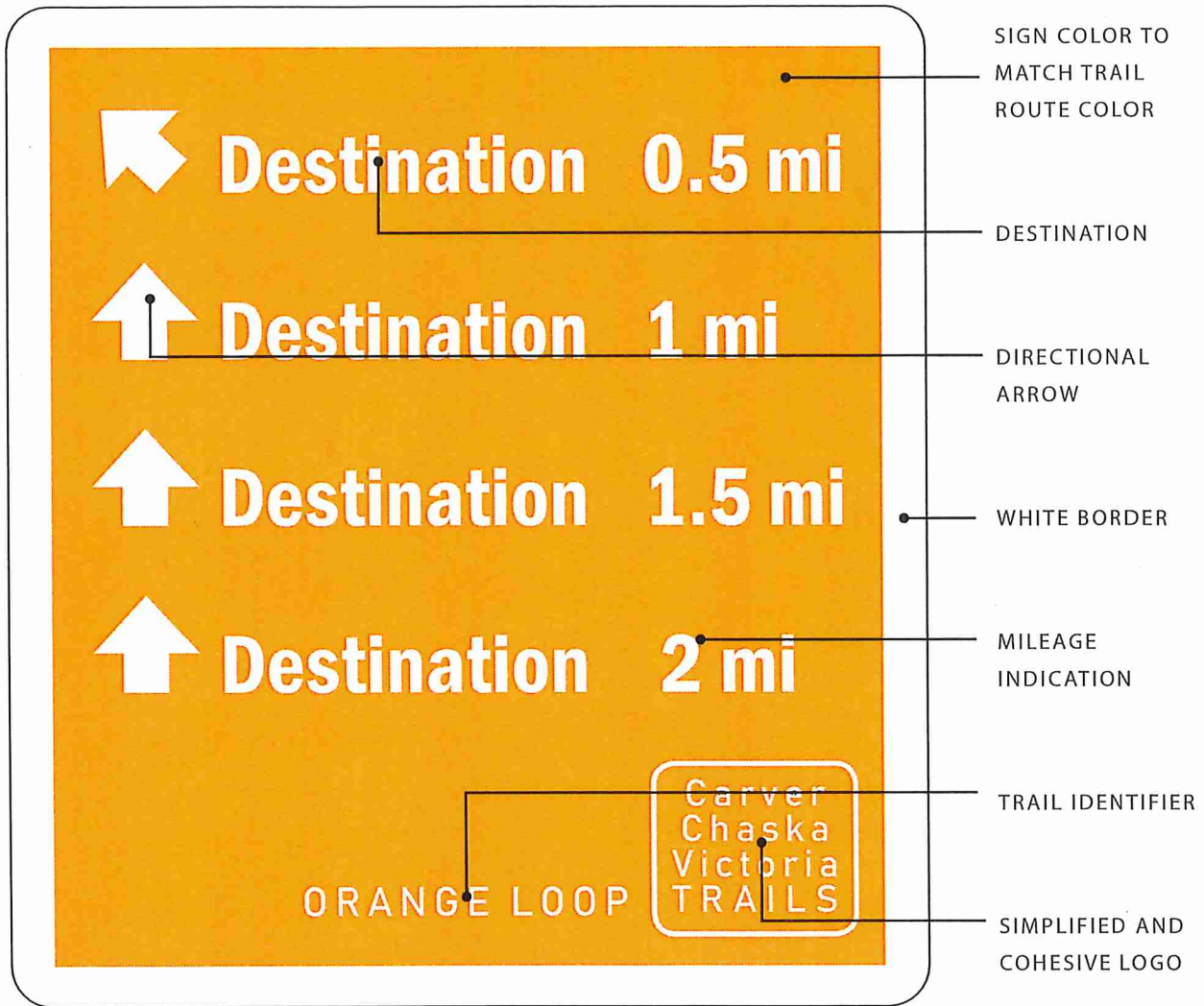
- 79% of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that the pilot sign example is easy to understand
- 64% of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that the pilot sign example is visually appealing
- 85% of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" that they would use a sign like this to help with navigation along the trails
- 89% of respondents support additional wayfinding along the trails
- 67% of respondents are more likely to use the trails, knowing that there are new way-finding signs along some of the trails in Carver County
- 66% of respondents feel more safe and/or comfortable knowing that there are new wayfinding signs along some of the trails in Carver County
- 76% of respondents "strongly agree" that signage with areas trail maps would be helpful
- Trail gaps (at 46%) are the biggest barrier to using the Carver County trails more often

SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING THE SIGN MORE USEFUL, APPEALING, AND/OR EASIER TO UNDERSTAND:

- Several respondents suggested providing maps with a "you are here" star
- Several responded by being confused about the Green Line, confusing it with the Light Rail Transit Green Line
- Color coordinate the signs. Brown is not popular. Less white background
- Signs are too busy/bulky. Fewer words, cleaner text
- Maps with each sign
- A color-blind respondent mentioned the preference to use dotted/dashed lines instead of colors
- Include website address or QR code to be able to access additional trail information

Recommendations

Sign Design



Sign Locations



Am I lost?

Destination Signs should be placed no more than ½ mile apart. After about a ten-minute walk, someone not familiar with the trail could begin to wonder if they've lost their way or gone off track. We recommend placing Destination Signs at quarter-mile intervals with intermittent Directional Signs.



Guiding the way

The Directional Signs are helpful tools when placed at key decision points and in-between Destination Signs, however, they can be difficult to spot. The painted directional arrows were helpful and fun. They'll have limited utility during the winter months and will require regular upkeep. We recommend relying on a strong system of signs supplemented by painted arrows if and when resources allow.



Poles and sign placement

Pilot signs were attached to existing poles and other devices. This made sense for a temporary test system. Unfortunately, we discovered a number of sites where existing poles were in less than ideal locations, making it difficult to see the signs. We'd recommend considering the installation of sign poles at key locations and in areas where existing poles and other devices are not sufficiently located. One particular recommendation is to ensure signs are posted in both directions and on both sides when the trail crosses a major road.



Direction of arrows

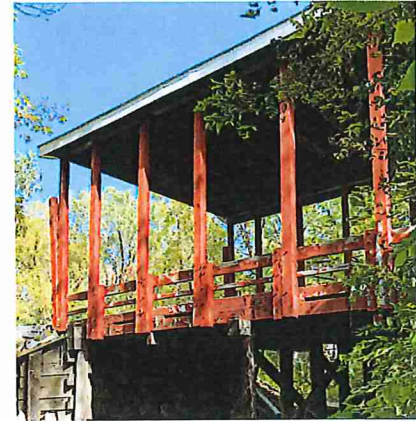
We spotted a few signs which were a bit confusing given the direction of the arrow. It'll be important to review signs for usability and navigation upon installation. Careful and thoughtful planning – with detailed notes and supportive photographs – will help to alleviate this problem, too.

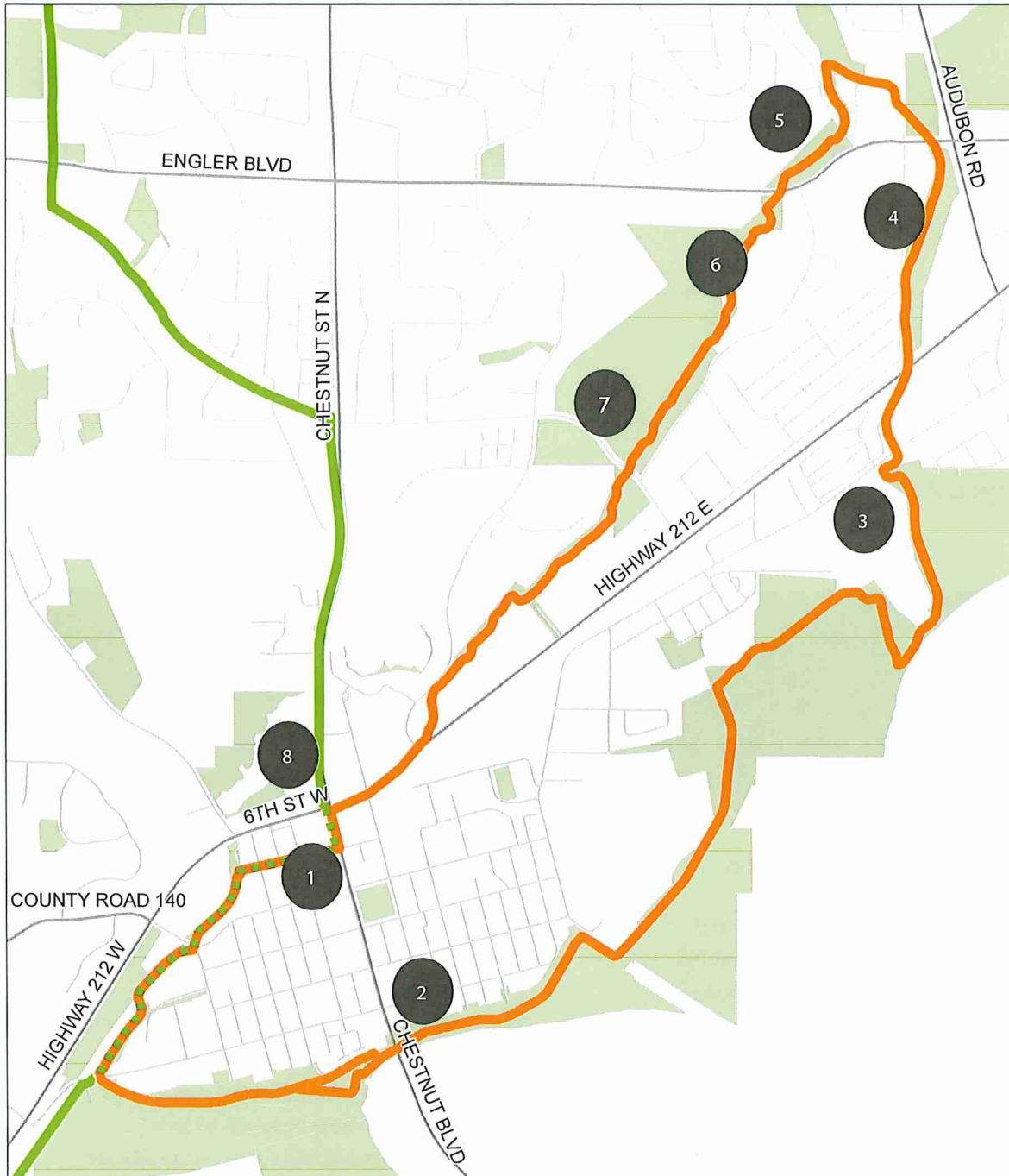
Market the Instagram pic

The trails, especially the Orange Loop, are beautiful. The lengths people will go to get that one "Instagrammable" photo are... extreme. Carver County is absolutely Instagram-worthy with tons of hidden spots. Don't be afraid to market your history, your culture, and your natural beauty as a means to get people out and about. Trail signs, supporting materials, and social media marketing can help highlight these special spots.

TOP INSTAGRAM SPOTS

1. Downtown Chaska for the history and architecture
2. Minnesota River at Highway 41 Bridge for that natural beauty
3. United Sugar Factor for that industrial grit
4. The Waterfalls of Chaska for capturing the way light bounces off moving water
5. Historic Brandon Blvd Bridge for that romantic getaway feel
6. The "stick trees" for the quirky culture
7. The Chaska Dog Park so you can take yet another pic with your pup
8. Chaska Event Center so you can show off where Minnesota makes its Olympians





LOCATIONS OF TOP INSTAGRAM LOCATIONS LISTED ON OPPOSITE PAGE

Communications



View from an outsider's perspective

Navigating from the perspective of a visitor, someone new to the trails, or someone new to the area is will provide a unique perspective. Being as specific as possible in identifying and naming destinations will be important to help people explore and feel comfortable doing so. For example, we'd recommend using "Chaska Athletic Park" instead of "Athletic Park."



Smartphone support

While not everyone has a smartphone, for those that do, the first thing they'll do when they get lost is pull out their phone. We recommend working with Google Maps to update trail information.



Use a consistent naming convention

It's important that as someone travels down the trail consistent names are used to avoid any confusion. Pick the most specific and clarifying name (see above) for a destination and stick with it.



Helping people plan their adventures

We heard that many people will visit Google Maps before they venture out on a walk or bike ride. This is especially the case if it's an area where they haven't yet been. This pre-planning provided some users the assurance that they'd be able to successfully navigate the trails. Currently, the trails located alongside major roadways can be viewed on Google Street View. However, trails within parks, along the river, or adjacent to creeks, aren't captured in Google Street View. We recommend working with a vendor to capture trail imagery to be uploaded to Google. We also recommend updating trail maps on city and county websites.



Where Am I?

We heard that to help with guidance, people would like trail maps posted at key decision points such as trail forks, road crossings, and connections to other trails. We also noted that “You are here” map indicators would be helpful to guide infrequent and non-users.



Just like a subway map

People were really excited about the idea of a county-wide color-coded trail system that spanned across jurisdictional boundaries and trail management. We recommend expanding the concept of the Green Line and Orange Loop to other major trails in the county, creating a system which color-codes the intricacy and intercity trails that connect major destinations.

Other Recommendations

HOW DO I GET TO SHAKOPEE?

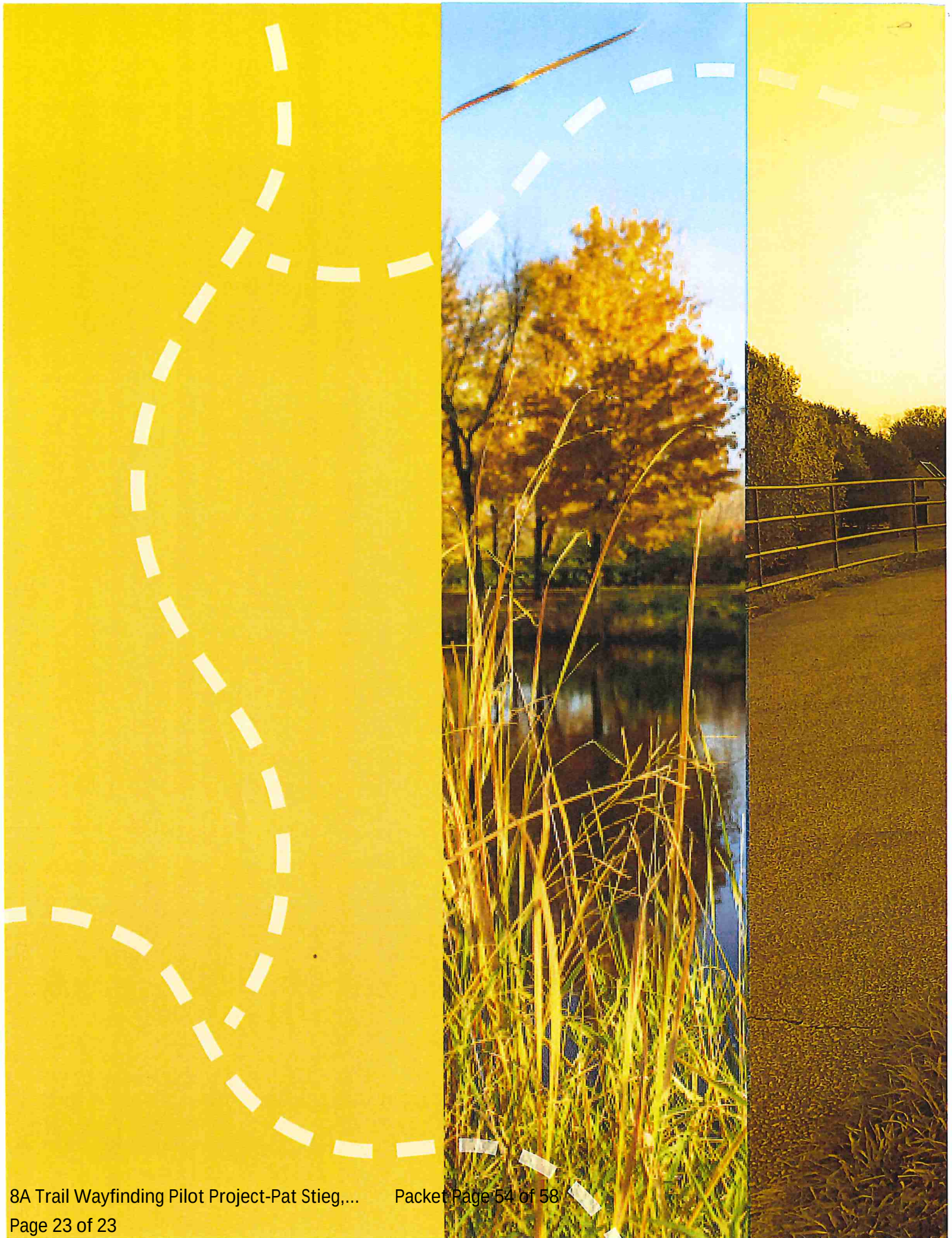
The trail system along the Minnesota River presented the most questions and lowest levels of awareness and understanding. We recognize many of these trails are state or regional trails outside of partner organization's jurisdiction, however we recommend exploring a partnership, or at minimum increased communication and collaboration, with the other operating agencies. Many people expressed that they're curious about trails along or across the river but weren't quite sure how to navigate them. Additional communication and signage are things to consider.

IS IT FLOODED?

Unfortunately, trails along the river are often flooded. Regular communication about the status of trails will help people know when they should or shouldn't go out to explore. Partner cities may want to provide up-to-date information on flood status on their website and/or social media.

ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

We heard from some users that they'd like to see additional amenities along the trails. In addition to maps and signs, amenities mentioned include benches, trash cans, lighting, and additional landscaping for interest and shade.



Last Month's Activities:

Recreation Programming/Community Events:

- We wrapped up our Fall Session of Volleyball. We had 9 teams for the Women's League and 9 Teams for the Co-Rec League. We'll look to get back to it starting in January!
- Pee Wee Basketball has been a success! The kids seem to love it and the coaches, well, they're learning how to corral a bunch of Preschoolers. But we couldn't run the program without their help, so a huge thank you to them! Our final day will be December 7th.
- Members of the Chaska Parks and Recreation team attended a Carver Parks Commission meeting on November 13th. The intent of the meeting was to meet each other, share previously offered program and event information and gather input/ideas from the current Parks Commission on moving forward. The City of Chaska/City of Carver Recreation Agreement is currently under review.
- Michaela Powers, Chaska resident and Power Soccer player, was at the Chaska Community Center on Friday, November 22nd to share information and demonstrate the sport to others. Power Soccer is a competitive team sport designed and developed specifically for individuals who use power wheelchairs.
- The Lodge hosted its traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 14 for about 80 AOAs.
- In partnership with the Chanhassen Senior Center, the local singing group Chan-o-laires performed in the Community Center Auditorium followed by a social in The Lodge.
- Great success in the collection of food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive in The Lodge for local families in need in partnership with Love, Inc. and local churches.
- The 2020 Winter-Spring Activities Guide is out! Check out all the Departments' programming. Registration for CCC Members began on December 4. December 11 for everybody.
- Family Movie Night was a success on November 15th. The CCC Theater was full of families for a free showing of the popular movie: Toy Story 4.
- Busy with Holiday events: Tree Lighting, Santa Visits the CCC, Donut with Santa
- Maintain Don't Gain Holiday Challenge started with 54 participants enrolled to 'maintain' their weight over the holiday season (Dec. 7-Jan. 1, 2020). Program includes pre, mid and post weigh in with trainer as well as weekly emails, stress management tools, physical activity suggestions and prizes!
- Tot Time Adventures Donuts with Santa is next Wednesday, December 11th
- Treks & Trails Preschool Holiday show is Wednesday, December 11th. 48 preschoolers will perform holiday songs for their families with cookies and juice to follow.

Chaska Community Center:

- Gymnastics started again on November 4th. The coaches and the kids took a break the week of Thanksgiving. Only two weeks left in this session.
- We are in a final session of Rookie Sports – Floor Hockey. 29 kids are taking to the gym to learn the game from the coaches!
- Rachael Kroog hosted a pickleball clinic. 17 participants had the opportunity to learn from one of the Nation's best players.

- We hosted our first ever Pickleball Turkey Tournament. We had 13 teams participate in this one-day doubles tournament. A lot of new faces joined us for a day of fun!
- CCC hosted a teen 3v3 basketball tournament on Non-School Day: December 2nd. 26 players, 7 teams played for 2 hours followed by a pizza lunch.
- Worked with Mike Tudor to create 2 fitness DVD's for participants to utilize on their own time (if the scheduled group fitness classes don't work with their schedule). We recorded Erin Kerber's Body Work class as well as Missy Goff's Cycle Express class. We plan to record more, but this is just a start!
- Kelsi, Ron, Andy and Missy met on a weekly basis to organize and plan the remodel of the bottom of the steps into an updated Functional Fitness Area. The newly remodeled area is called the Functional Fitness Area (previously known as the "Equipment at the bottom of the steps").
 - Old equipment was removed by Johnson Fitness and recycled on Wednesday, November 20.
 - Trophy Flooring (flooring rep with Johnson Fitness), removed the old rubber flooring, carpet on lower portion of walls and carpet in "nook" area on Thursday, November 21. Prep work was also done for new rubber install.
 - Trophy Flooring put in rubber flooring on Friday, November 22. Rubber flooring was added to the 'nook' area (back behind the steps), which previously was carpet.
 - Johnson Fitness installed new equipment on Monday, November 25.
 - New Functional Fitness Area re-opened on Tuesday, November 26 with signage that stated, "Personal Trainers will be available to answer questions and demonstrate equipment on Monday, December 2- Saturday, 7 between the hours of 7am-8pm. No appointment necessary, just show up!"
 - Project is nearly complete, with only the install of decorative, durable metal to be placed below the mirrors to protect the wall and enhance esthetics.
- The CCC was host to 18 birthday parties the weekend of Nov. 16-17 – one of our busiest birthday weekends yet!
- The Community Room at the CCC continues to be a popular gathering space for family and cultural gatherings with nearly every weekend in November being booked with special events.
- 32nd Annual Brick City Youth Hockey Tournament took place at the CCC this past weekend. 88 youth hockey games played between Squirt C, Squirt B1, and PeeWee C levels in hockey were played here at the CCC and Victoria Rec Center. Staff did a great job of keeping facility clean throughout the weekend. Had several teams from the Thunder Bay area come for the tournament along with youth hockey teams from around the Twin Cities.

Chaska Curling & Event Center:

- Bonspiel registration for Mixed and 5 and Under Dec 2.
- Heavy corporate curling activity
- First 3 weeks in December are packed with Holiday parties and team building events in the Event Center
- Celebrate! A holiday fest and community conversation was held in the event center. It was hosted by the City of Chaska, Eastern Carver County Schools Community Education and Marnita's Table. Due to interest, they will be hosting a second event February 18th.

Facility Maintenance:

- Big couple weeks for the Maintenance Dept.
- First Cold weather always brings out a few trouble spots, stuck valves, leaky pumps etc.
- First big snow. Getting shovels, ice melt, in place. Skid loader and sweeper dusted off.

- Start of the hockey game season always brings a few surprises.
- This past week draining, cleaning, filling and balancing the pools. 3 long days to get everything taken care of to the slowly get them balanced to be ready to open on Saturday morning.
- Functional Fitness area, old equipment out, new flooring and equipment in.
- Andy McBrady working on finishing touches.
- Finishing touches on the CCC Day Care. Door and cabinet fronts replaced. Counter and sink cabinets replaced.
- Dave Peterson does a great job with shoveling and keeping clear the 33 doors, many are emergency exits and need to be cleared and usable after every snowfall.

Art Gallery:

- Novembers Artist was Carol Strait
1999 I was juried into the Uptown Art Fair, then six years at Renfest and since then I've showed my work for over 20 years at the St. Paul crawl show gallery, A&Z gallery UBS TOWERS ST PAUL, egg and I restaurant FALAFAL KING, Blaine arts gallery at city hall. Many coffee shops. I love trying to capture a moment with color, light, form! During the day I'm a Chinese medical massage therapist! At night I paint using few brushes mostly rags and my fingers!

Next Month's Highlights:

Recreation Programming/Community Events:

- Several holiday events will be hosted in The Lodge this month to include the annual Lodge Holiday Party (Dec. 10), AOA Reindeer Games (Dec. 18), and Fabulous Holiday Sweater Spud Bar (Dec. 20).
- We are already looking ahead to 2020, we will toast in the new year at a Noon Year's Eve Party on January 3rd in The Lodge.
- Super Hero Family Dance is scheduled at the Chaska Event Center on Friday, January 24th from 6-9pm. This event is co-hosted by Crooked Pint Ale house and Chaska Parks and Recreation. \$15/person includes a DJ dance, pasta buffet, craft, photo booth and dessert. (Flyer attached)
- The Big Chill community DJ Skate is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th at Firemen's Park ice rink from 12-3pm. Skate to music, try kicksledding hosted by Carver County Parks and warm up with hot chocolate. Fun for all!
- Santa will be arriving by Chaska Fire Truck to the CCC and be visiting from 4:30-6:30pm on Friday, December 6th. The evening will include pictures with Santa, crafts, cookies and live music by Leslie Hercules' Chaska Music Studios.
- Treks & Trails Preschool Open House is on Tuesday, January 14th from 6:00-7:00pm. Families are invited to come and learn about our exciting program.
- Treks & Trails Preschool registration opens online for the 2020/2021 school year on January 27th at 9am.

Chaska Community Center:

- December 2-7 Personal Trainers will be available during the following days/times to show patrons how to use the new equipment in the Functional Fitness Area:

Monday, December 2 7am-7pm

Tuesday, December 3 6am-5pm

Wednesday, December 4 12-8pm

Thursday, December 5 7:30am-2:00pm

Friday, December 6 7am-3pm

Saturday, December 7 7am-1pm

After December 7th, we will have free Equipment Orientations available for MEMBERS by *appointment only* with a Personal Trainer.

Chaska Curling & Event Center:

- Curling arena- flooding ice evening of Jan 1 as part of routine maintenance
- Big Spiel Jan 9-11, 2020.
- W2 leagues begin Jan 3.
- We will be partnering with Crooked Pint to host the first Family Dance in the Event Center January 24th. This year is Superhero themed.

Art Gallery:

Decembers Artist is the Chaska High School Capstone group|

This diverse body of original work is created by Chaska High School students who have participated in three consecutive levels of an art discipline of their choosing. At CHS, students can elect to study Ceramics, Design & Digital Art, Digital Photography, Drawing & Painting, and Global Arts & Jewelry. In each course, they learn content-specific techniques while exploring and developing artistic concepts. Each student within the Advanced level of these courses selected their favorite artwork that they have created during high school. Their goal is to receive peer and community feedback to help inform and refine their artistic process. Our school, art department, and art students look forward to sharing these creative works with the public!