



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Northwest Rocklin Community Parks Master Plan

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Recommendation:

Receive a Presentation of the Draft Master Plan for the Northwest Rocklin Community Parks and Provide Direction to Staff.

Background:

Kathy Lund Park, Margaret Azevedo Park, and Whitney Park, collectively referred to as the Northwest Rocklin Community Parks (NRCP) offer a variety of amenities for Rocklin residents. These three parks are some of the largest parks in the City. As upgrades are needed and requests from the community are made, staff need to balance the support of current amenities with proposed upgrades. Chief among these requests are upgrades and expansion of the softball and soccer fields at the parks. As enrollment in youth sports continues to grow, these spaces have quickly become overwhelmed with conflicting uses and cannot address the growing needs of youth sports teams. Whitney Park also features 17 acres of land which includes the new bicycle pump track but is otherwise largely undeveloped. Youth sports organizations have made requests for more ball fields, and staff identified a need to create a cohesive process that plans out the growth and development of all three parks.

On April 22, 2025, the City Council approved a contract with Melton Design Group (MDG) for the creation of a Northwest Rocklin Community Parks Master Plan (Resolution No. 2025-071). The purpose of the master planning process was to evaluate the current need for the parks, anticipate future needs, and propose updates to the parks that maximize the space and usage of the facilities. Over the last fifteen months, staff has worked with MDG to complete the proposed master plan design. The process included the following steps:

- Project Coordination
- Site Analysis and Utility Study
- Needs Assessment, Stakeholder Outreach and Program Development
- NRCP Visioning and Master Plan Inspiration
- Development, Operations and Maintenance Costs
- Final Phased Implementation Plan

Part of this process included holding a series of community and stakeholder meetings to present initial master plan concepts and gather feedback and input, as follows:

- September 15, 2025 – in person community meeting at the Rocklin Event Center
- November 19, 2025 – virtual meeting with MOU groups
- November 20, 2025 – virtual community meeting about Kathy Lund Park
- December 3, 2025 – virtual community meeting about Margaret Azevedo Park
- December 4, 2025 – virtual community meeting about Whitney Park
- April 13, 2026 – in person community meeting at the Rocklin Event Center

On August 12, 2026, MDG presented the conceptual NRCP Master Plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The staff report from that meeting is included as Attachment 1. No action was taken by the Commission; however, they provided comments and general support for the proposed master plan.

Based on all feedback received, MDG will present the proposed NRCP Master Plan at the August 25, 2026, City Council meeting. Following the presentation, staff recommends the City Council provide direction based on MDG's findings and recommendations.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation. Any direction received by the City Council that may include additional costs will be brought back to the City Council at future meetings for formal approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[1. Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report](#)