



AGENDA
PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING

February 19, 2025 - 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes
3. Citizen Comments
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Dakota County Parks, Greenways & Natural Systems 2050 Vision Plan | Presentation
 - b. Recreation Program Review & Participant Survey Update | Presentation
 - c. Review of Recent Lakeville Area Active Adults Committee Meeting Minutes
5. Staff Report
6. Adjourn

**CITY OF LAKEVILLE
PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2025**

Committee Chair Weberg called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in the Lake Marion Conference Room. Official quorum began at 6:22 p.m.

Members Present: Holly Weberg, Daniel Volkosh, Erin Young, Steven Henneberry, Monica Joubert, Lindsay Haneman

Members Absent: Shahid Nadeem, Surya Ganesan (alternate), Erin Young

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Masiarchin, Environmental Resources Manager Mac Cafferty

1. Approval of January 8, 2025 minutes

A motion was made by Haneman, seconded by Henneberry to approve January 8, 2025 minutes as written.

Ayes: unanimous

2. Citizen comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Spyglass Park

Staff presented the most recent master plan concept; changes were made to the location of trails and minor adjustments were made to the play structure and basketball court due to site grading. Neighborhood survey comments had been sent to the committee for review, a notable item that was commented on was the inclusion of bocce ball courts. Staff has identified the need to relocate the bocce ball courts from Aronson Park to better support the bocce clubs and leagues. The lawn at Aronson Park will be restored and utilized by the athletic associations.

Motion was made by Volkosh, seconded by Joubert to approve the Spyglass Park Master Plan Concept as presented by city staff.

Ayes: unanimous

4. Staff Report

Facility rentals remain steady with 87 shelter reservations and 71 reservations at the John Hennen Pavilion. This is the first year that two reservations will be permitted per day during the peak months of June-August. This new scheduling approach seems to be going over well with renters.

The Summer/Fall brochure is going to the printer this Friday, this will be the second of the bi-annual publications. Staff made the decision to move from three brochures to two, which will provide cost savings and funding for other marketing opportunities.

Committee Discussion:

Has gap care been popular and are there opportunities to expand it? Some participants have taken advantage of the gap care offered but staff is not looking to expand this outside of art programming and Community Education partnerships at this time. As full-day programming demand increases, this could change. Art instructors and Community Education staff are currently overseeing the gap care programming at this time. Staff has not received much feedback on the program so far.

The committee asked how the scholarship program works and how it is funded. Staff recently made a change to the scholarship program, offering more funds to families who are utilizing it. Youths 17 or younger can now qualify for \$300 per calendar year with an 80/20 split of program fee costs. Up to this point, the program was being underutilized, and efforts have been made to publicize it more. In past years, donations from local groups have primarily funded the program but in recent years, household credits that are more than 18 months old are moved to the scholarship and it has been well funded since. If the funds become significantly depleted, other funding opportunities would be explored. There are donation opportunities posted on the city's website for those wanting to donate to youth programming.

The committee asked for an update on pottery programming. The program remains popular and staff has been able to expand programming to reduce or eliminate the waitlists that we used to see for these classes. The offerings for this summer have nearly doubled but are expected to fill.

Staff then provided an update on the progress of Grand Prairie Park, the roofing at the field support building will be completed next week. Framing will begin on the main building over the next couple of weeks. The upper pond has been drained and flume installation completed, spring construction is anticipated to continue as scheduled. The goal is to open most of the park in 2025 with seeding and turf establishment to continue into 2026.

Lakeville Baseball Association continues to finalize agreements and pursue potential sponsorships for various amenities associated with the grandstand and ballfield.

Trail gap connectivity projects continue along Highview and Cedar Avenues, these are some of the remaining trail gaps to be completed that were a part of the Park Bond Referendum.

Trails: Gap improvements along Highview and Cedar (Bond)

Trails in the pheasant run neighborhood along the south creek greenway, simplified in light of the north creek greenway being constructed.

Dakota County is redesigning some trail segments along North Creek Greenway to bring them up to county safety specifications. WSB is working the design with them. Additionally, the Lakeville segments that connect to the North Creek Greenway will be completed this year and discussions for future trail maintenance with Dakota County will occur when it is completed.

The master planning process for the Phase II of East Community project continues. Staff will be developing and finalizing concepts that will then be shared with neighbors for feedback. This will be the final Park Bond Referendum project, construction is expected to begin in 2026.

The Lake Marion Greenway Trail, contract for design and construction was just approved by City Council. This project includes the reconstruction and new trail construction from downtown Lakeville at the former Royal Milk Property to Ritter Farm Park. The trailhead would be located off of Howland Avenue.

The 10-year park planning process has begun, staff reached out to consulting groups to partner with on the development of the plan. The plan would include Park Maintenance in addition to park assets which has not been done before. This will require committee input over the next year.

Motion was made by Henneberry, seconded by Haneman to adjourn the February 6, 2025 meeting.

Ayes: unanimous

6. Adjourn

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Joint Planning Commission and Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee Work Session February 6, 2025

Tree Preservation Ordinance Amendment Discussion

The two committees came together to review a proposed Tree Preservation Ordinance. Forestry Staff presented the draft ordinance and provided a brief overview of tree preservation ordinance from other metro area cities. In speaking with the City Council, commission, community members and staff, it has been determined that improvements/adjustments to the current ordinance would be appropriate.

Staff explained the current ordinance which provides less guidance and can be interpreted as being developer driven. Changes to the ordinance would provide more clarification and stricter standards as to what acceptable tree preservation is. The committees were in agreeance that the ordinance should be reviewed. Forestry presented the ordinance line by line for comments/recommendations. This included:

- Scope of Application
- Removal Threshold
- Removal Calculations
- Tree Replacement Requirements

Discussion:

Is the proposed ordinance outside of what other communities' standards are?

No, staff looked at a number of ordinances and developed an ordinance that is similar to what was reviewed. Most communities have some type of replacement requirements. Staff shared some insight into what they saw as common themes in other ordinances including native species requirements, providing education on species diversity.

What would the impact be to cost increases for developers and buyers?

Staff will be reaching out to developers for their feedback on the draft ordinance, this is undetermined at this time but staff reiterated that most other cities have a tree preservation ordinance.

What is the scope of application?

Staff preference is that it would be city wide and applied primarily to new development. Monitoring private removal of trees isn't feasible for staff as it would require significant monitoring and is of lesser concern at this time. Committee members was in support of offering cash in lieu of replacement of contributing trees/shrubs being provided in other locations as a means to satisfy the required tree replacement. Staff also clarified that property that is designated for stormwater, utilizes, streets and/or other easements would not be held to the tree replacement ordinance.

When would the ordinance changes be implemented?

This is in very early discussions, the ordinance would be shared with developers, City Council and staff for input. It would be implemented once finalized, more details to come.

Next Steps:

A final draft will be prepared based on committee feedback and staff will gather feedback from developers as well. That draft would then come back to City Council and both committees for review and approval.

Adjourn

Work Session 8:26 p.m.



Dakota County Parks 2050 Vision Plan

Lil Leatham, Dakota County Principal Planner
Niki Geisler, Dakota County Parks Director
City of Lakeville Park, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee
February 19, 2025

1. Project Purpose
2. 2050 Vision Framework
3. Strategies for new parks and greenways
4. Questions and Discussion

Process

Spring – Fall 2024:
Research, Community Engagement

Fall 2024-Winter 2025:
Vision Framework and Develop Draft Plan

Spring 2025: *Public Review Draft Plan, Community Engagement*

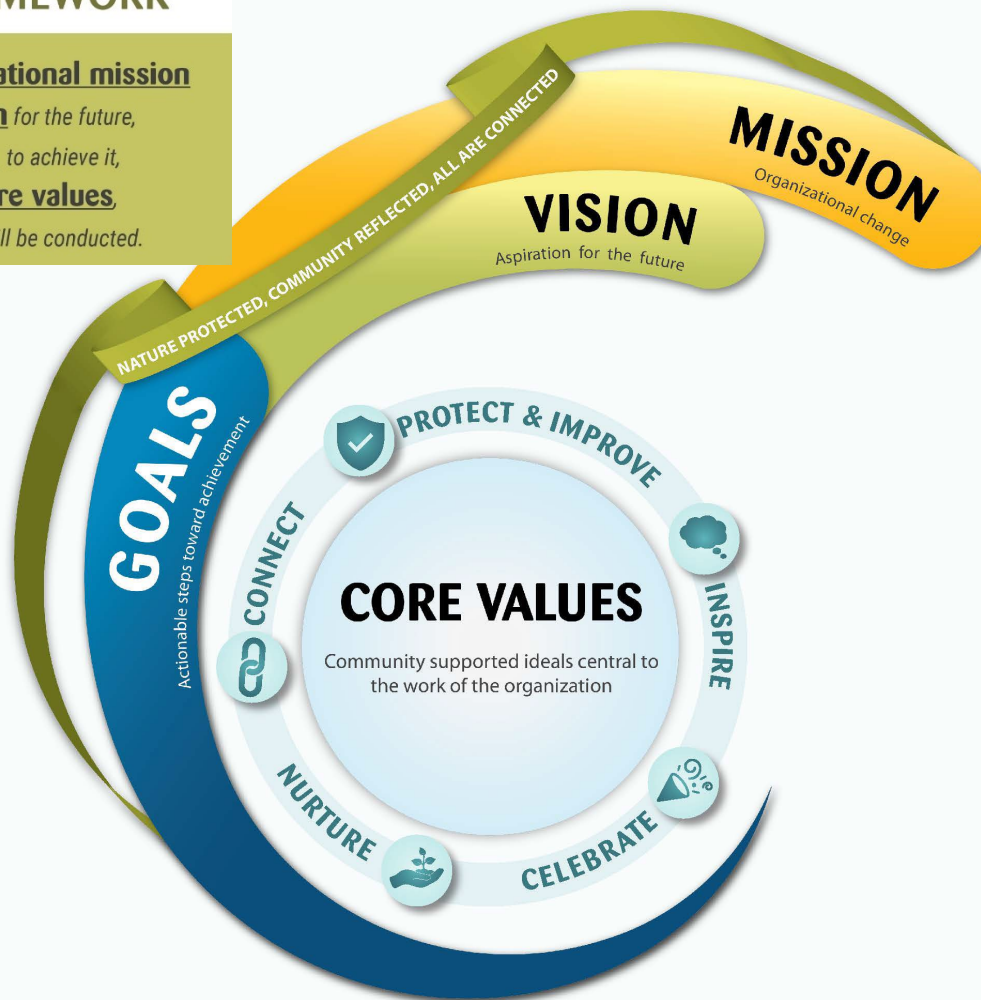
Spring - Summer 2025:
Final Plan and Approvals

- Update 2030 Parks System Plan and Vision
- Evaluate potential for new park, greenway, and conservation units
- Identify consistent funding sources and partnerships

Vision Framework

CREATING A VISION FRAMEWORK

Support the **organizational mission** by expressing a **vision** for the future, formulating the **goals** to achieve it, and articulating the **core values**, by which the mission will be conducted.



VISION

*Nature
Protected,
Community
Reflected,
All Are
Connected*

Vision Framework - Goals



Dakota County Parks will:

1. Nurture the reciprocal relationship between people and nature.
2. Cultivate belonging by engaging and serving the whole community, with an emphasis on those that are under-represented in the outdoors.
3. Provide core services and amenities at a level where people feel safe, have a positive experience, and become return visitors.
4. Create dynamic spaces with signature recreation experiences.

Vision Framework - Goals



Dakota County Parks will:

5. Expand environmental stewardship through outdoor programs, learning, and volunteerism.
6. Offer opportunities to improve physical, mental, and spiritual health.
7. Strengthen partnerships with Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities to protect culturally significant lands and traditions within parks.
8. Locate new park units close to people or to protect natural areas and recreation assets.
9. Lead on ecological health and climate resilience.

Vision Framework - Goals



Dakota County Parks will:

10. Elevate cultural richness through arts, historic preservation, and interpretation.
11. Seek values-based and mission-driven partnerships.
12. Care for the system through sustainable and innovative funding.
13. Invest in a diverse and thriving Parks Department workforce that represents the communities we serve.
14. Support sustainable economic development.

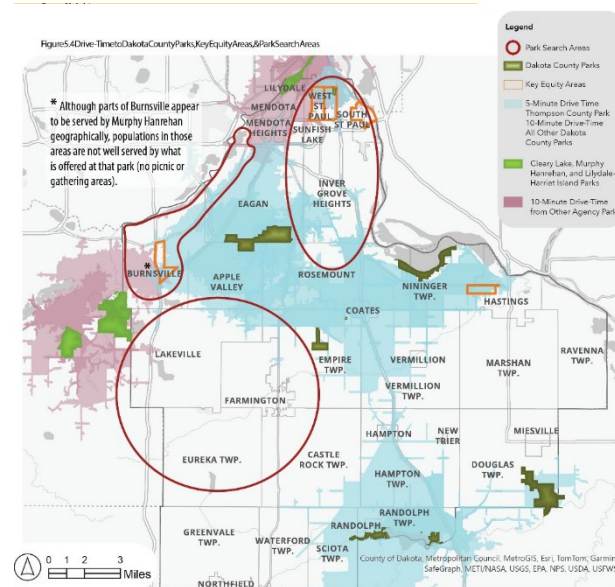
New Park and Greenway Units

Goal 8

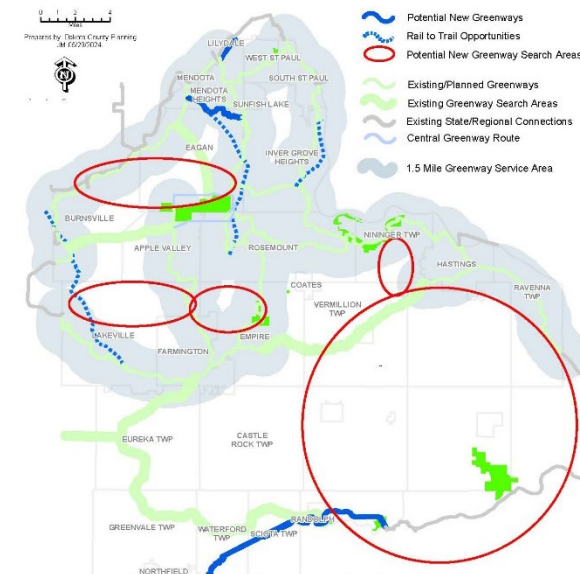
Locate new park units close to people or to protect community open space and recreation assets.

Strategies for discussion:

- A. New search areas to locate new parks and greenways close to people
- B. Expand Greenway Collaborative to partner with cities for more nature-based recreation along greenways
- C. Community trail loops



Park
Service
Area Gaps



Greenway
Service
Area Gaps

Tools to address needs



Regional System

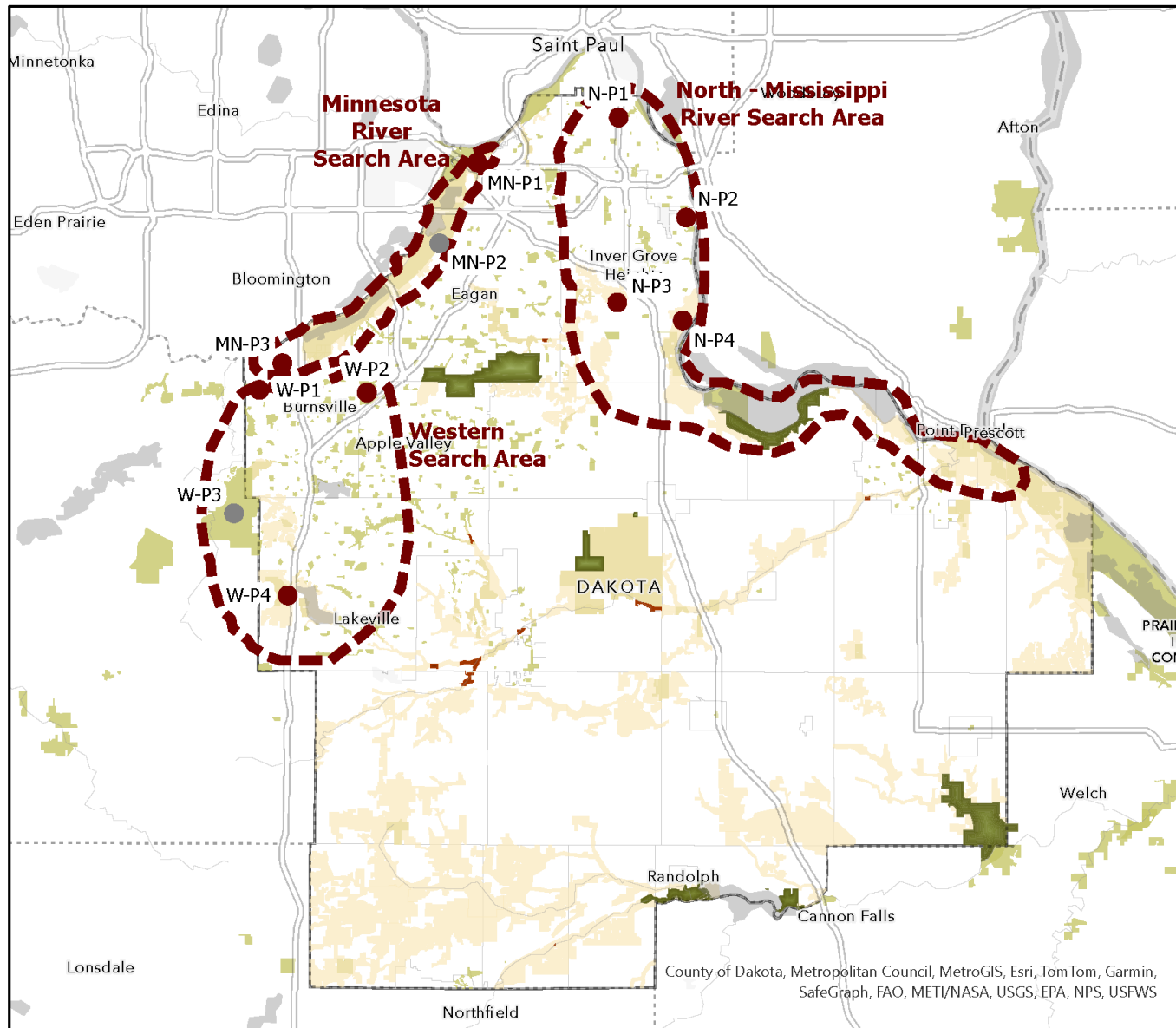
- Regional Park
- Regional Park Reserve
- Regional Greenway
- Expanded Greenway Collaborative *
- Bridging Facility*
- Special Recreation Feature*
- Cultural Landscape and Open Space Classification*

County System

- County Park
- County Park Conservation Area*
- Community Trail Loop*

**New for Dakota County since 2030 Plan*

A . Park Search Areas



Legend

Park Search Area

New Park Candidate Site

New Partnership Candidate Site

Existing Parks and Open Space

Dakota County Regional Parks, Regional Park Reserves, and County Parks

County Park Conservation Areas

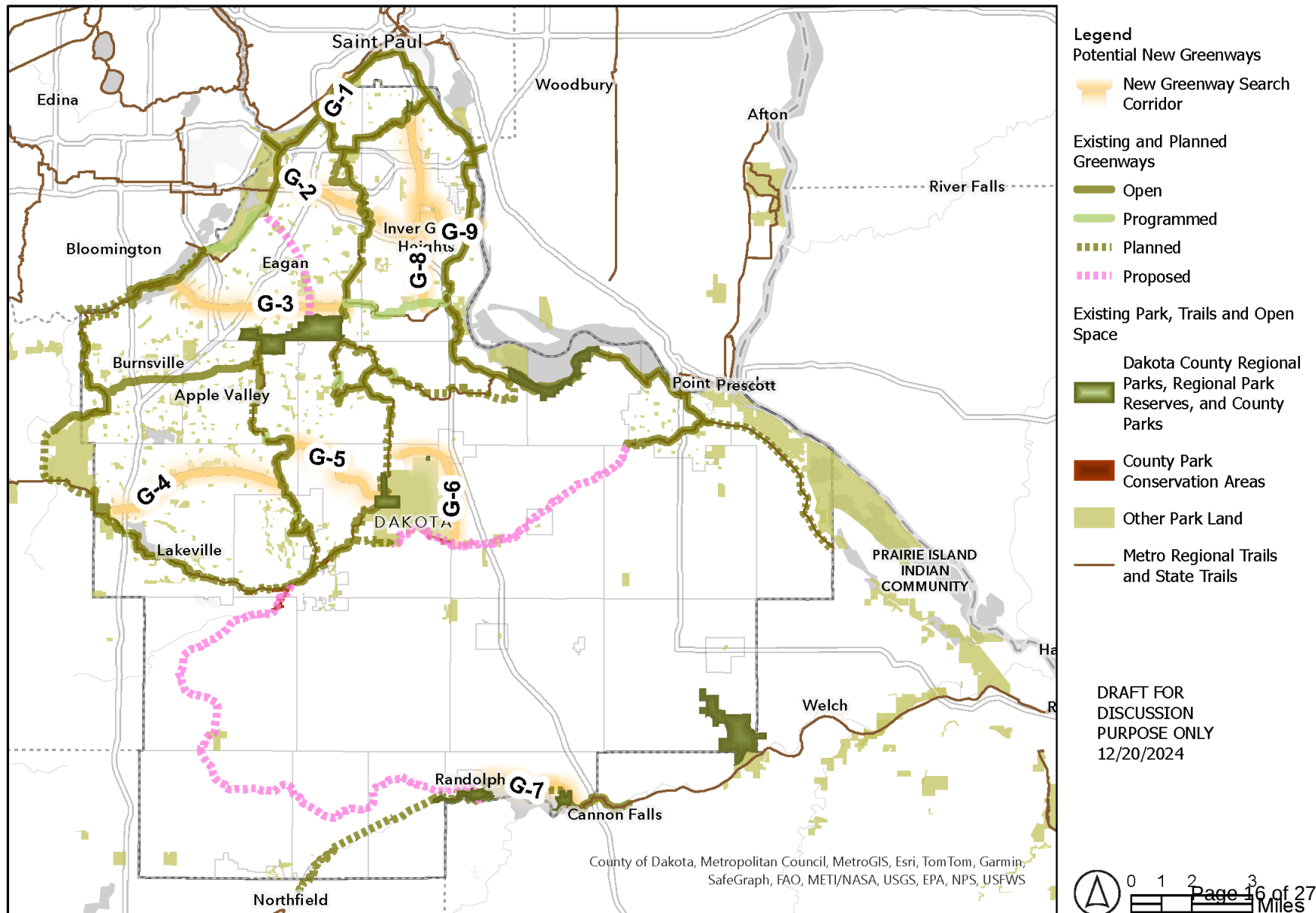
Other Park Land

Conservation Focus Areas

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DISCUSSION
PURPOSE ONLY

12/10/2024

A. Greenway Search Corridors



B. Expand Greenway Collaborative

- B. Expand collaboration efforts to include partnership to advance equity and accessibility in the outdoors.
- Provide more nature-based recreation offerings.
- County could help fund, city could construct and maintain.
- Examples:
 - Fishing piers
 - Walking scale accessible trail loops
 - Nature play areas
 - Overlook

- Local trail loops connected to greenways
- Possibilities for partnership
 - Locally led projects
 - Potential for county political and technical support (e.g. studies, grant writing)



Next Steps

- Feb-March: *Development of draft vision plan document*
- April- May: *Public review*
- July: *Anticipated plan adoption by Dakota County Board of Commissioners*

Thank you!

Park and Greenway Search Areas



DISCUSSION DRAFT 2/10/25– New Park Search Areas, Candidate Sites, and Greenway Search Areas

	Area corresponds to ID on maps	Name	Location	Potential Partnership Opportunity	Suitability/Feasibility	Recommendation
North Mississippi River Search Area	Regional Park or Partnership Candidates					
	N-P1	Thompson/Kaposia/Kaposia Landing	West St. Paul, South St. Paul	South St. Paul	- All land in County/City ownership. - Combined unit meets size minimum of 100 acres. Lakes and streams present. - Serves underrepresented populations in northern Dakota County.	- North - Mississippi River Search Area, regional park candidate site for further exploration. Explore Regional Park Status with Met Council and South St. Paul. - Explore Bridging Facility Status for Thompson Park Center with Met Council, West St. Paul, and ISD 197.
	N-P2	Swing Bridge Marina	Inver Grove Heights	Inver Grove Heights (Heritage Park), private marinas, MN DNR boat launch, NPS	- Some land in County/City ownership, some private. - Has potential to meet regional park desired 200-acre size. Mississippi River frontage. - Public motorized boat landing service gap. - High visibility, easy vehicle access.	North - Mississippi River Search Area, regional park or regional special use candidate site for further exploration.
	N-P3	Marcott Lakes Nature Center	Inver Grove Heights	Dodge Nature Center	- Land in private ownership, some protected by conservation easements. - Could meet 200 acres desired size for regional park. - Lakes present. - Within Conservation Focus Area. - Serves underrepresented populations in northern Dakota County.	- North - Mississippi River Search Area, regional park or regional special use candidate site for further exploration. - Feasibility study needed.
	N-P4	Pine Bend Bluffs – River Lake Area	Inver Grove Heights	NPS, private marina, MN DNR boat launch	- Some land in public ownership, some private. - Mississippi river frontage. - Public motorized boat landing service gap. - Somewhat remote. - Within Conservation Focus Area.	North - Mississippi River Search Area, regional park or regional special use candidate site for further exploration.
Minnesota River Search Area	MN- P1	MN River Bluffs – Ft Snelling	Mendota Heights, Mendota	Fort Snelling State Park, Native American Leaders, Mendota Heights, Mendota	- Land in public ownership. - Unique opportunity to develop a cultural district including both Indigenous and Euro-American stories. - Potential to improve recreation and natural resource management on Fort Snelling State Park land to improve nature-based recreation for northern Dakota County. - Celebrates Minnesota River. - Within Conservation Focus Area.	Minnesota River Search Area, regional special use candidate site or partnership project for further exploration.
	MN-P2	US Fish and Wildlife Refuge	Burnsville	US Fish and Wildlife Refuge	- Land in public ownership. - Potential to improve recreation and natural resource management on US Fish and Wildlife land to improve nature-based recreation for western Dakota County.	Minnesota River Search Area, regional special use candidate site or partnership project for further exploration.
	MN-P2	Minnesota River Quadrant Quarry Lake (long-range)	Burnsville	Gravel mining companies, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Burnsville	- Land in private ownership designated for redevelopment. - Minnesota River Frontage. - Opportunity to establish new park with gravel lake along with reclamation and redevelopment. - Consistent with City of Burnsville plans for area. - Within Conservation Focus Area.	Minnesota River Search Area, regional park candidate site (long-term).
Western Search Area	W-P1	Rudy Kramer Nature Preserve	Burnsville	Burnsville	- Land in City ownership. - On Lake Marion Greenway. - Serves underrepresented population in Burnsville. - Current mix of sports and nature has ability to introduce more people to nature.	Western search area, bridging facility or partnership candidate site for further exploration.
	W-P2	Terrace Oaks Park	Burnsville	Burnsville	- Land in City ownership. - Serves underrepresented population in Burnsville. - Meets 200-acre threshold for regional park. - Does not benefit from lakes or rivers. Terrace Oaks East and West are 240 acres.	Western search area, bridging facility or partnership candidate site for further exploration.

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Park and Greenway Search Areas



Greenway Search Corridors	Area <i>corresponds to ID on maps</i>	Name	Location	Potential Partnership Opportunity	Suitability/Feasibility	Recommendation
	W-P3	Murphy Hanrehan Regional Park	Scott County	Three Rivers Park District	- Existing regional park reserve. - Has potential to serve Burnsville and Lakeville better if it had additional popular regional park facilities like picnicking.	Western search area, explore partnership with Three Rivers Park District to add facilities that better serve area residents.
	W-P4	Ritter Farm Area – Lake Marion Park	Lakeville	Lakeville	- Some land in City ownership, some private. - Combined area of Ritter Farm, lakefront on Bury property, and Casperson Park would include the mix of recreation and natural resources found in regional parks. - Meets 200-acre threshold for regional park. - Lakefront. - Within Conservation Focus Area.	Western search area, regional park or partnership candidate site for further exploration.
	Greenway Corridor Candidates					
	G-1	Lilydale-St. Paul	Lilydale		- Feasibility Study needed. - Connects Cherokee Regional Park and trail in St. Paul. - Mile and a half gap from Highway 55 bridge to Cherokee Regional Park on top of bluff.	Propose search corridor.
	G-2	Soo Line (feasibility study alignment)	Eagan, Mendota Heights	Eagan, Mendota Heights, MN Vikings	- Feasibility study complete. - Addresses freeway barriers. 3.5 miles. - Serves northern Eagan residential growth.	Propose search corridor.
	G-3	Highline Trail	Eagan, Burnsville	Eagan	- Six-mile extension of Veteran's Memorial Greenway to the east. Facility 90% in place. - Feasibility study for Burnsville segment needed.	Propose search corridor.
	G-4	Farmington- Lakeville	Lakeville, Farmington	Farmington, Lakeville	- Feasibility study needed. Most land in private ownership. - Seven mile east-west connection between North Creek and Lake Marion Greenways. - Potential to establish corridor in advance of/along with development.	Propose search corridor.
	G-5	Empire Greenway – mining lakes (long-range)	Empire	Gravel mining companies	- Feasibility study needed. Most land in private ownership. - Establishes greenway through mining areas prior to re-development for approximately four miles. - Opportunity to create greenway and lake loop trails along with reclamation activities post mining.	Propose search corridor.
	G-6	Vermillion Highlands to Vermillion River	Empire	Empire	- Feasibility study needed. Most land in public ownership. - Greenway with trail following edge of Vermillion Highlands WMA. - Addition of 6-mile greenway would create a 14-mile recreational loop trail.	Propose search corridor.
	G-7	Lake Byllesby Greenway	Randolph, City of Randolph, Waterford, Sciota	MnDNR, City of Randolph, Randolph Township	- Current partnership with MnDNR, part of planned Mill Towns State Trail - Connection between Lake Byllesby east and west sections, currently identified in the Lake Byllesby Regional Park Master Plan. - Bringing into regional system will make regional funding available for implementation.	Propose search corridor.
	G-8	Highway 52 Trail	Inver Grove Heights, West St. Paul		- Feasibility study needed. Most land in public ownership. - Six of eight miles existing. Would allow regional funding for gaps. - Increases proximity to greenway for West St. Paul, South St. Paul, and Inver Grove Heights Residents.	Propose search corridor.
	G-9	Lebanon Greenway to Mississippi River Greenway	Inver Grove Heights	Inver Grove Heights	- Feasibility study needed. - Five miles connecting Lebanon Greenway to Mississippi River Greenway. - Addresses east west service gap in northeastern part of County.	Propose search corridor.

LAKEVILLE AREA ACTIVE ADULTS

Advisory Committee Minutes

December 10, 2024, following the luncheon at the Heritage Center Conference Room.

Members Present: Jean R, Patricia R, Dorothy H., Cindy J, Wayne S, Edie B, Bridget S.
Excused: Bobbie H., Diane S.

STAFF REPORT

- a. As of November 1, there are 1599 members, with 19 new members since October !!!
- b. MDC cards are selling well - 285 boxes sold - \$3,362.50 - on par from last year - net..
- c. Cameras are installed in the Atrium and Game Room for 2024. These will be monitored 24/7 in Karrie, Christy's, and Bridget areas. The exterior camera for the back parking lot is being looked at for the 2025 budget.
- d. Bake Sale as of Monday, December 9, took in \$779.00 up 4.75 from 2023.
- e. Active Adults financial sheet - balance on 11/30/24, is \$20,879.32. This is prior to the piano dolly and keyboard expenditure.
- f. December luncheon - Ham Dinner, 75 attended, price is \$14 per person. Cindy, Jean, Patricia, Edie, Wayne hosted and served. Neals Healthy Meals catered. Classic Voices provided the entertainment.
- g. Grace Note trio will sing at the Holiday Social on Dec. 13 and Santa Claus will be in attendance. 160 members have signed up for the event.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY UPDATE

- a. Brain and Balance workshop - well attended, two levels, beginner and advanced beginner.
- b. Minnesota Zoo presentation on Dec.11 - weather dependent - wind chill factor could cause a reschedule.
- c. Beginner Line dancing class - extremely popular - needing alternate dates and room..
- d. Essentrics update - will be on Wednesday afternoon beginning in January.
- e. Community Outreach leader needed.
- f. Pen Pal set and ready to go in January, 27 kids for a Farmington elementary school.
- g. 63 Thanksgiving meals were purchased and picked up.
- h. Backgammon on a break until March
- i. Drum Fit on a break until March
- j. Silver Sneakers down to one class until March.

LUNCHEON MENU AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR 2025.

January - Pot Roast/garlic mashed potatoes - Veg Medley

February - No luncheon - Mardi Gras celebration in place of it.

March - Corned Beef, Cabbage, soda bread, boiled potatoes.

April - Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, fresh fruit.

NOTE: Neals Healthy Meals has merged with "Grace Filled Table"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. The Grand Piano and new keyboard: The keyboard purchase was \$588.60 and the Grand Piano dolly was \$808.00 and is installed. Right on target for our requirements and budget.

b. The Holiday Social is December 13 from 11am to 1pm. Highview Hills, Senior Helpers, Kingsley Shores, Beehive and more are scheduled to contribute appetizers and deserts. All members of the committee wil host and serve.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Mardi Gras on February 11, one month early in 2025 and we need the Dixieland Band scheduled.

b. For 2025, Bridget is asking for help from the committee to solicit gift card donations from local retailers and stores.

c.Up for discussion - Next December (2025) only schedule the Holiday Social and not the regular December luncheon as they both are in the same week.

The meeting adjourned early at 2:45 - as the conference room was no longer available - rented out at 3:00.

Next LAAA Advisory Committee meeting is **Tuesday, January 14 at 1:30 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Edie Bonne

LAKEVILLE AREA ACTIVE ADULTS

Advisory Committee Minutes

November 12, 2024, following the luncheon at the Heritage Center
Heritage Center Conference Room at 1:45

Members Present: Bobbie H., Jean R, Patricia R, Diane S, Cindy J, Wayne S, Edie B,
Bridget S.

Excused: Dorothy H.

STAFF REPORT

- a. November Luncheon - approximately 70 members attended. Neals Healthy Meals catered a traditional turkey meal. With the help of volunteers, Diane, Jean, Cindy, Patricia, Edie, and Bobbie hosted. The entertainment was Turkey Bingo and Cindy was the bingo caller.
- b. Bridget distributed the current Escrow Balance sheet - end balance as of 10/31/2024, \$20,906.25. Approved by all.
- c. As of October 1, there are 1597 members, with 22 members since September!!!
- d. MDC cards are selling well - 251 boxes sold - \$3,137.50 for Bridget's budget.
- e. The Waffle Breakfast was a disappointment - only 395 plates, after expenses, netted only \$846.55. This led to an open discussion of; is this something we want to continue to do annually. This has been tabled.
- f. Cameras have been approved for installation in the Atrium and Game Room for 2024. These will be monitored 24/7 in Karrie, Christy's, and Bridget areas. The exterior camera for the back parking lot has been approved for the 2025 budget.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY UPDATE

- a. Denim & Lace Dance, 49 plus enjoyed the dance along with Apple Valley seniors.
- b. Halloween Costume Contest - 26 costumed with pictures and 4 winners.
- c. Estate Planning workshop - 2 part series, with 25 participants.
- d. Sound Healing - 20 members. Would like to have this monthly. Room availability??.
- e. Intro to Calligraphy- 15 members. Session II will be December 5.
- f. Brain and Balance - workshop - very popular - Every Tuesday
- g. Election Results - Presentation by Frank Sachs. November 13.
- h. The Challenge of Stuff - Nov 14. Members bring one item for appraisal.
- i. Story Man - Doug Car - Nov 18, a veteran presentation.
- j. Minnesota Zoomobile - December 11. Free to members.

LUNCHEON MENU AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR 2024.

- a. December menu and Entertainment.
Traditional holiday baked ham menu. Classic Voices .

Wayne's sister is planning to provide background piano music during the luncheon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 2025 Luncheon Menu -
January : Pot Roast - Garlic Mash Potatoes - Veg Medley
February : No Luncheon. Cindy made the motion and Patricia seconded - we will do the
Mardi Gras celebration - early on February 11 from 1:00 to 2:30.
We will need the DixieLand Band scheduled and sponsored.

There will be no LAAA monthly meeting.

- b. Wayne completed the research for the Grand Piano dolly. There were no used ones for purchase and it was agreed by all to purchase it from Walmart online as it includes shipping - \$800.00 approx. Wayne and his helper will install it. A dolly is necessary for moving the piano as needed for various activities in the Heritage Room.
- c. The electronic keyboard - Yamaha P45 will be purchased from Groth Music Center in Bloomington. A bench and stand will be included. This replaces the upright piano in the Atrium, This was a better option long term for this area,
- d. The Recognition Board criteria and placement is on hold till 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Holiday Bake Sale Fundraiser - Saturday December 7th. Sign-up sheets provided for bake sale contributions. Committee Members to price and manage the sale.
- b. Holiday Social - December 13 from 11am to 1pm. 160 members have signed up - maximum capacity for the Heritage Room. Committee members will host the buffet and set-up and clean-up.

The meeting adjourned early at 2:45 - the conference room was no longer available - rented out at 3:00.

Next LAAA Advisory Committee meeting is **Tuesday, December 10 at 1:30 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Edie Bonne

LAKEVILLE AREA ACTIVE ADULTS

Advisory Committee Minutes

January 14, 2025, 1:15 pm, following the luncheon at the Heritage Center

Members present: Jeanne, Diane, Dorothy, Bobbie, Wayne, Edie, Bridget.

Excused: Patricia, Cindy

1. Staff Report

- a. Active Adults financial sheet balance as of 12-31-2024: \$17,693.70.
- b. On December 1, there were 1607 members with 33 new members since 1-10-2025.
- c. there is a working plan for the back parking lot security cameras.

2. Program Update

- a. MDC cards sold in 2024: 306 = \$3,825.00.
- b. Holiday Social was again a huge success. Twelve sponsors contributed to the refreshments and entertainment. The LAAA committee assisted in hosting and preparation. Next LAAA meeting in March - add agenda item to discuss charging for the event to members, if so, how much, where does the income go, need all members present. Is it a holiday gift to the members??? 160 is the maximum that can be accommodated. If there are no shows - set up a waitlist.
- c. Home Instead - this company donated 50+ gifts that we were able to use for our activities. December 17 was Blanket Bingo and all who attended received a blanket.
- d. MN Zoo presentation is rescheduled due to cold weather for March 12.
- e. The LV Arts Center is collaborating with us on **free** upcoming art outreach projects: Members may sign up for one of the following choices:
Ceramic Drop Plate, Watercolor Art of the Resist, Ceramic Hand Built Mug.
- f. We are still looking for a Community Outreach Leader volunteer position.
- g. The Presidential Powers, Duties, & Limitations lecture series is well received. January 8 - February 19.
- h. January luncheon - hosted and served by Jeanne, Edie, Bobbie, Wayne, and Diane. Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans served to 36 people. Bingo was the Entertainment. Neals Healthy Meals catered.

3. Luncheon Menus and Entertainment for 2025.

- a, May - Chicken Teriyaki, Asian Salad ,
 - b. June- Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans
 - c. July - No LUNCHEON - Gift Card Bingo fundraiser instead.
 - d. Aug - Antlers Park- Pizza and Watermelon Party
- There will be park assistance this time for set-up and take down tables. Jeanne made a motion to have it at the park, Bobbie seconded the motion and it was carried.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Mardi Gras celebration on February 11, 1 - 2:30. \$5:00 fee for members. King cakes and hurricane punch and socializing. Come dressed in green, purple, gold.

Sweet Kneads in Farmington cakes are \$20.00. Dixieland combo band will be the entertainment. Volunteers come at 11:00 for set-up and decorate.

- b. Bridget requested assistance from the committee to ask for gift card donations from local businesses and retailers. Wayne, Cindy, Jeanne, Bobbie and Diane readily accepted and took assignments for approximately 40 and we need about 15 more to complete the list.
- c. Monthly luncheons for 2025 in February and July are canceled due to additional events. Edie made the motion and Dorothy seconded that we do not have a December luncheon because of the Holiday Social. The motion was carried and all approved. The LAAA committee will still hold the monthly meeting.

5. New Business

a. Additional bus counts for day trips?? Day trips are collaborated with Apple Valley, Rosemount, and Farmington. When the trip is with Apple Valley, there are 25 seats for Apple Valley seniors and 25 for Lakeville members. With Rosemont and Farmington, there are 17 seats each. There is no van that can accommodate extra attendance. If each city does not meet their quota, then those that are on a waitlist can be contacted for the trip.

b. Any updates for the Heritage Center requirements? Tabled. Budget plans.

c. Advisory committee members whose terms are expiring in April. Edie Bonne, Dorothy Helm, Diane Swanson, and Wayne Stang. The renewal applications will be given in February and the deadline for submission is the second week of March. The positions are open to the rest of the membership and will be in the March/April newsletter.

d. Anything else for the good of the order?
Has there been any discussion to raise membership fees for Lakeville singles and couples, etc. Bridget to research how long it has been \$20.00 and \$35.00 annual fee for joining LAAA.

Note: The CDBG funds are now at a minimum so it will be running out. This benefit is only available while the funds last.

There will be no meeting in February. Next meeting will be March 11, at 1:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.
Minutes submitted by Edie Bonne