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Memorandum:

TO: Park, Recreation & Trails Commission
FROM: Kaylin Clement, Assistant City Administrator
DATE: September 15, 2025
SUBJECT: 5-year Parks & Trails System Plan Project Discussion

Background

At the September 2, 2025, City Council Workshop, a brief discussion occurred about the previous recommendations provided by the commission. Council has requested that the commission build upon the recommendation by providing a 5-year plan that considers anticipated funding sources over that period, as well as a full review and prioritization of short- and long-term priorities from the Vadnais Heights Parks & Trails System Plan.

A few important items to note leading up to this discussion:

1. Recommendations should align with the System Plan's short/medium range priorities, with the assumption of all projected park dedication funding coming to fruition based on the known projects and annual budgetary allocations at the time of this memo.

**Any future funding sources are subject to market conditions and could change. Allocation of funding will be at the discretion of Vadnais Heights elected officials.*

Year	Funding Source	Amount \$
2026	• General Levy * • Gambling Fund • 2025 Park Dedication Fund • St. Paul Eye Clinic • Gallery Heights Apartments (Phase I) • Solid Ground	• \$100,000 • \$280,000 • \$354,000 • \$4,599 • \$464,000 • \$12,000
2027	• General Levy *	• \$100,000
2028	• General Levy*	• \$100,000
2029	• General Levy *	• \$100,000
2030	• General Levy* • Gallery Heights Apartments (Phase II)*	• \$100,000 • \$256,000

2. Recommendations to Council should include background regarding the “how” and “why” rational by the commission that lead the group to rank/prioritize the various projects in the order presented to Council.
3. Past investments in the parks are likely to be an important consideration for the timing/prioritization of short and long term projects. To aid in the discussion, please reference the attachment outlining the last 10 years of park improvements and associated costs.

Also attached are the approved plan documents associated with plan priorities. As always, the full plan document can be found at <https://www.cityvadnaisheights.com/parkplan>.

Attachments: 2015-2025 Park Projects, VH Plan Priorities