



CITY OF SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person.

- I. Call To Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval Of Agenda**
- IV. Approval Of Minutes**
 - A. Approval Of PK Meeting Minutes**

Documents:

[PK 03-10-2025 REG.PDF](#)
[PK 05-21-2025 WORK SESSION.PDF](#)

- V. Presentations**
 - A. Citizens For Sustainability Updates**
Dan Kunitz presenting.

Documents:

[PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

- B. Silverwood Park Updates**
Alyssa Baguss, Silverwood Program Supervisor, presenting.

Documents:

[PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

- VI. Commission Reports**
- VII. Other Business**

A. Climate Plan Items

Minette Saulog, Sustainability Coordinator, presenting.

Documents:

[COVER MEMO.PDF](#)
[PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

B. Well House Pickleball Concept Review And Discussion

Minette Saulog, Sustainability Coordinator, presenting.

Documents:

[MEMO-PICKLE BALL COURTS 052825.PDF](#)

VIII. Community Forum

Individuals may address the Parks Commission about any City business item not included on the regular agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, sign their name and address on the form at the podium, state their name and address for the Clerk's record, and limit their remarks to three minutes. Generally, the Park Commission will not take official action on items discussed at this time, but may typically refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct the matter to be scheduled on an upcoming agenda. Those unable to attend the meeting in person may submit comments via the City's [PUBLIC COMMENTS FORM](#).

IX. Adjournment

X. Next Meeting

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CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Fee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

Commissioners Present: Chair Lily Fee, Commissioners Yaacoub Hark, Kristen Peterson and Jessica Swiontek.

Absent: Commissioner Natalie Synhavsky

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Ashley Morello, Silverwood Program Supervisor Alyssa Baguss, Citizens for Sustainability Representative Dan Kunitz, Coordinator Minette Saulog, and Student Liaison Cece Cram.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2025, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA.

Motion by Commissioner Swiontek, seconded by Commissioner Hark, to approve the March 10, 2025, Parks and Environmental Commission agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, REGULAR PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

Chair Fee noted on page five, lines 15 and 16, her last name was misspelled.

Motion by Commissioner Swiontek, seconded by Commissioner Hark, to approve the September 23, 2024 Regular Parks and Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes as revised.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. PRESENTATIONS.

A. Silverwood Park Updates.

Silverwood Program Supervisor Ms. Alyssa Baguss reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. Our Built Environment by Angela St. Vrain will be on display March 13 – April 30, 2025 with the Opening Reception held Thursday, March 13th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Light Over

Boundary by Allegra Lockstadt will be displayed March 13 – April 30, 2025, with the Opening Reception held Thursday, March 13th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

International Sculpture Day will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025, with a Tour of the Sculpture Trail from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. with Silverwood Staff. Attendees can make their own sculpture with artists Angela St. Vrain and Allegra Lockstadt from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This event is free to the public for all ages and skill levels.

The St. Anthony Village Puzzle Showdown was held February 23, 2025.

Earth Day Clothing Swap: Reduce, Reuse, Restyle will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Silverwood Park in partnership with St. Anthony Village Community Services.

Ms. Baguss reviewed the 2025 Silverwood OnStage Summer Concerts in the Park. The concerts are held on Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., beginning on June 11, 2025. Mixed Precipitation: Theater Company will present The Pickup Truck Opera on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration is now open for Summer Camp. Register online or over the phone:

www.threeriversparks.org 763-559-6700.

Stay connected with the Arts in the Parks e-newsletter. Read about exhibition or performance happening across the Park District. Learn about upcoming programs and events to engage with art and nature. Hear what artists have been up to since working with us in the Parks. Sign up at www.threeriversparks.org.

Pre-registration is required for Sound Meditation with Thomasina and Bob Fisk of Waking Nomad on Sunday, April 6, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Designed to an introduction to the practice – all abilities welcome. Features 60 minutes of guided movement and breathwork followed by 60 minutes of sound meditation. Benefits include increased awareness and reduced tension.

Silverwood Park Café Winter Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Enjoy local and organic coffee drinks, kombucha on tap and baked goods. 50% student discount, weekdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Memorial Day hours will change to 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Open Houses for the Silverwood Rental Facilities are held the First Monday of the Month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reservations are not available through 2026. For up-to-date calendars and rental information, contact silverwoodevents@threeriversparks.org.

Chair Fee asked where the leftover clothing goes after the clothing swap and Ms. Baguss stated leftovers are taken to Savers. Clothing is only accepted the day of the clothing swap.

B. Citizens for Sustainability Update.

Citizens for Sustainability Representative Dan Kunitz presented an update of their activities including Earth Week, Environmental Stewardship Scholarship, Sustainable St. Anthony and Energy Action Plan Feedback.

2025 Earth Day Park Cleanup will be held April 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The hope is to partner with student groups and local organizations and to plan a week of activities. Some ideas include Fixit Clinic, Student driven event, Clothing Swap, Waste reduction, Solar Power Showcase, Composting Workshop, Plant a Tree, and Bike to School Day.

Residents are invited to join the Citizens for Sustainability Committee in rewarding student commitment with 2025 Environmental Stewardship Scholarships in recognition of their commitment to environmental stewardship and to honor their energy and passion to make a difference.

Mr. Kunitz reviewed efforts to create a Sustainable St. Anthony. Centralize SAV stories about what people do to make a difference (articles, videos, blogs). Partnership with CFS, PEC, and Minette Saugog. Ask students for help collecting and producing stories (Media team, AP Computer Science, Green Team, NHS). The Critical Success Factors include:

- Capture collective energy.
- Easy process/production.
- Simple Stories.
- Tech plugin.
- Broad reach (newsletters and social media).
- Calendar of events.

Mr. Kunitz stated he participates in the Partners in Energy Program.

Chair Fee suggested a group of people participate in the clean-up around Silver Lake as well as Silver Lane along the berm.

Commissioner Swiontek suggested the ball teams help clean up the fields. After the snow is gone there is a lot of trash that needs to be cleaned up. Chair Fee stated clean-up is done but it's not normally coordinated with the City-wide clean-up day. Chair Fee will reach out to the head coach to see when they are planning to do the field clean-up.

Student Liaison Cram left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Kunitz noted generally families are involved with the cleaning of the parks. Students at the schools were also contacted to help.

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS.

Commissioner Yaacoub Hark introduced himself.

Chair Fee stated in January she attended portions of the City's goal-setting sessions. At the sessions, she presented the PEC's Work Plan. The Water Poster Conservation Contest was

held this year with awards being presented at the last City Council meeting. The Park Summit is on Wednesday.

Commissioner Swiontek stated she enjoyed the poster competition and speaking with the students.

Commissioner Peterson introduced herself.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS.

A. Energy Action Plan Review

Sustainability Coordinator Minette Saulog reviewed the City started participating in Partners in Energy in the spring/summer of 2024 and hosted a series of three planning workshops with a community Energy Action Team from July – November. These meetings allowed the City to receive feedback and input for the creation of an Energy Action Plan that would align with the Climate Plan's Energy Section. Ms. Saulog presented a PowerPoint draft of the Energy Action Plan. The plan is to present an updated draft to the City Council at a work session in late March. Adoption of the final draft by City Council is anticipated in early April. Once adopted, an implementation period will begin with the support of Partners in Energy, along with opportunities to partner closely with the Parks & Environmental Commission for outreach and engagement.

The purpose of the Energy Action Plan include:

- Developed in collaboration with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy.
- Follow-up to the City's Climate Plan (adopted 2023)
 - o Four focus areas: Energy, Transportation, Water and Waste.
 - o Progresses or updates the energy related action items.
- Energy Action Plan Impacts.
 - o Saving energy in homes, buildings and public spaces.
 - o Saving money community-wide through participation in utility programs.
 - o Increasing renewable energy support to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 - o Equitably serving all residents and businesses with community-based energy actions.

The Vision of the Energy Action Plan is St. Anthony Village prioritizes energy actions that support residents and businesses, improve resiliency, and make our community a more sustainable place. The Goal is St. Anthony Village will reduce energy-related greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2040.

Ms. Saulog reviewed Focus Areas:

- Energy Efficiency – Improves efficiency of homes, businesses and public facilities.
- Renewable Energy – Increase support of renewable energy in St. Anthony Village.
- Electrification – Increase the adoption of electric appliances and equipment in homes and buildings.

Energy Efficiency Goal:

- Residential – Increase residential energy efficiency savings by 75%, resulting in 2.1 million kwh and 652,000 therms saved from 2025-2030.
- Commercial – Increase commercial energy efficiency savings by 50% resulting in 19 million kWh and 1.8 million therms saved from 2025-2030.

Ms. Saulog reviewed Energy Efficiency Strategies and Actions. The renewable energy goal is:

- Residential – Increase residential participation in Xcel Energy renewable energy programs by 3% annually.
- Commercial – Increase commercial participation in Xcel Energy renewable energy programs by three participants annually.

The Renewable Energy Strategies and Actions were reviewed in detail with strategy, tactics, leader and timing. The Electrification Goal is 10 residential participants annually in Xcel Energy electrification programs. The Complete Energy Action Plan was provided for Commission review. The Plan will be presented to the City Council on March 25, 2025, and on the April 8, 2025, agenda for adoption.

Commissioner Hark asked what the plan is for solar panels on municipal facilities. Ms. Saulog stated there is a grant program “Solar on Public Buildings”. An application was submitted for the public works building and the water treatment plant. The City awarded 60% for these two buildings along with 30% in federal monies available. The City will only pay 10% for the cost. The plan is to get the projects completed in 2025. Commissioner Hark asked if there is a plan to expand to other facilities. Ms. Saulog stated there are factors such as raingardens, roof needing replacement, etc., which would prohibit rooftop solar being installed.

Chair Fee thanked Ms. Saulog for the great work on the plan. She asked if one timeline could be developed showing all actions. Commissioner Swiontek stated there is a roadmap in an appendix of the plan. Ms. Saulog stated it is located in Appendix A.

Commissioner Hark asked if the City is planning on any sort of incentive plans for other projects. Ms. Saulog stated the concept of an incentive plan is included. She has had discussions about how projects could be funded. She has connections with other sustainability staff in other cities and will research what they have done.

Commissioner Peterson noted she liked strategy #11 and suggested it be added to energy efficiency and renewable energy section. She also suggested a database be developed of residents who have done projects that could be contacted by other residents with questions. She noted projects were not called out for schools and asked if they would be included in the municipal facilities. Ms. Saulog stated the City has a history of partnering with schools. The schools fall under a different jurisdiction and would be considered part of the wider community. The developer the City is dealing with has also had projects in schools in other cities. Commissioner Peterson stated she loved the refrigerator magnet strategy. Ms. Saulog will speak with Partners in Energy about adjustments.

Commissioner Swiontek stated it is nice to have information available and the magnets would be good to have when residents are having to deal with appliances.

Additional comments from the Commission should be sent to Ms. Saulog.

Assistant City Manager Morello referred to the roadmap that was put together. Ms. Morello described that the PEC work plan had been developed into a roadmap, outline planned discussions throughout the year. PEC work sessions will be scheduled in April and May. Commissioners are asked to provide any conflicts on their calendars in April and May.

Ms. Saulog stated the Park Summit is March 12 and all PEC Commissioners are invited to attend. The Annual Rain Barrel program will be starting on April 1st and will be sold for \$100 to 15 residents. It is first come, first served. The Private Property Infiltration Grant Program is being offered made possible by the Met Council Environmental Service Group. This program assists with repairs to the lateral sewer line. This program opens on May 1st. More information can be found on the city website.

Commissioner Swiontek referred to the Broken Link project and noted it is difficult to get from Stinson Parkway to the diagonal trail with a stroller. This could be a possible way to garner support for the Broken Link Project.

VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM - NONE.

No one appeared to address the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Commissioner Swiontek, seconded by Commissioner Hark, to adjourn the March 10, 2025 meeting of the Parks and Environmental Commission at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wolfe

TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 21, 2025
5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Fee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

Commissioners Present: Chair Lily Fee, Commissioners Yaacoub Hark, Kristen Peterson, Jessica Swiontek (arrived at 5:50 p.m.), and Natalie Synhavsky

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Ashley Morello, City Planner Stephen Grittmann, and Sustainability Coordinator Minette Saulog

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21, 2025, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA.

Motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hark, to approve the May 21, 2025, Parks and Environmental Commission agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2025, WORK SESSION PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hark, to approve the April 2, 2025, Work Session Parks and Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. WORK SESSION TOPICS

A. Climate Plan Overview: Transportation

Sustainability Coordinator Minette Saulog reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, "Climate Plan Overview Transportation Focus Area." Ms. Saulog provided the background:

- The Transportation section is a Climate Plan focus area for the City in 2025, along with the Energy section.
- PEC will focus on supporting action items and strategies that are policy-oriented, which are being reviewed tonight. The Climate Plan includes the full list of strategies that include these, as well as education and operations-oriented strategies being owned by staff.

- The previous PEC group completed a ranking activity in December 2024 to provide input on how the City should consider prioritizing the pursuit of these strategies.

Ms. Saulog reviewed the Initiatives along with the current status.

- Transportation Initiative 1 – Improve accessibility and safety of non-motorized transportation infrastructure.
- Transportation Initiative 2 – Increase electric vehicle ownership across St. Anthony Village.
- Transportation Initiative 3 – Reduce avoidable vehicle emissions.

Assistant City Manager Morello reviewed Initiative 3, Collaborate with Metro Transit on public transit planning, trends, and options for future services to advance goals in this plan. She provided the status, stating Staff has been in contact with Metro Transit regarding BRT opportunities and Kenzie Terrace. In April, Metro Transit hosted planning-level workshops to identify future BRT routes. The City does not have the final say on any plans, but will continue to advocate with the Counties and Met Council to consider inclusion of services in/through St. Anthony.

Ms. Saulog continued, Initiative 3 action is to collaborate with local schools and businesses to redesign drop-off and pick-up areas and install signage to encourage drivers to limit idling. Staff are working on the overall strategy for establishing contact with schools and businesses to propose these changes that make sense for the nature of their facility. The Active Transportation Planning Process may provide the opportunity to start these conversations with the school district. There will also be an opportunity for public education about idling behaviors. PEC may be interested in engaging in those efforts.

Commissioner Peterson asked about the bike/pedestrian side of things and asked what the opportunities are to explore that, as different streets have different jurisdictions. Some residents may like a safer bike path to Silverwood Park. Ms. Saulog stated that the busier roads are County roads. Some preliminary outreach has been made to Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, and St. Anthony will continue discussions on collaboration. Ms. Morello stated that the Active Transportation Plan will be worked on throughout 2025. This document is for planning purposes.

Commissioner Synhavsky stated she volunteered to be on a committee with MnDOT representing the PEC.

Commissioner Swiontek arrived at the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

B. Ordinance 2025-0x – DRAFT – EV Charging.

City Planner Gritman reviewed at a previous City Council work session the City Council discussed EV charging and whether to regulate new multi-family and commercial projects. In addition to being an action item in the City's Climate Plan, exploring the topic was identified as one of the City's 2024 goals during the annual Goal Setting. The following models were considered:

- 1 1. Incentives to encourage – but not require – EV charging installation.
- 2 2. Requirements for installing infrastructure (such as power supply and site plan
- 3 provisions, but forgoing installation of chargers until a future date. The future date
- 4 sometimes relates to a fixed period, or a time at the owner’s discretion.
- 5 3. Requirements for installing EV charging facilities as a component of new or upgraded
- 6 development. These requirements often create a tiered standard for the number of
- 7 charging facilities based on the size of the project.

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9 During the work session, the City Council agreed to focus on option 3 – requirements for

10 installing EV charging facilities as a component of new or upgraded development. Staff

11 agreed to draft the ordinance language for this option for Commission and Council review.

12 Commission members are tasked with reviewing the ordinance language and providing

13 feedback.

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15 Mr. Grittmann stated that research was done on both Roseville and New Brighton’s models.

16 Both Roseville and New Brighton establish a basic threshold of 30 spaces as the lower

17 threshold for requiring EV Charging. Below that size, no requirement would be applicable.

18 Additionally, both communities exempt certain levels of parking lot maintenance from

19 triggering the addition of EV charging – essentially, only full reconstruction or major patching

20 project (25% or more of the parking surface) would require a retrofit with EV charging

21 facilities.

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23 A new parking lot supporting a residential project of fewer than about 20 units would be

24 exempt. A parking lot supporting a new commercial development of about 8,000 sf or less

25 would also be exempt. These thresholds would typically require parking lots of fewer than 30

26 vehicles.

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28 The one aspect of the comparison codes that raises a potential administrative issue is the

29 suggestion that a project may choose to only develop the electrical infrastructure for EV

30 charging, but without going the final step to provide the charging equipment. The language in

31 the code draft referring to that option is highlighted. The draft language is modified to create

32 some limitations around that choice by inserting a timing deferral for final construction. As

33 with any deferral of this sort, there is an administrative burden in tracking the deferral and

34 then enforcing the construction later. The alternative would be to disallow the option for

35 “electric infrastructure only”. This approach could be simpler to administer, although it would

36 offer less flexibility for the property owner. The draft creates a fixed percentage of charging

37 units, distinguishing between Level 1 and Level 2 requirements, based on land use (multi-

38 family residential vs commercial/industrial) and parking lot size (0-29 spaces, 30-49 spaces,

39 and 50+ spaces). This draft follows New Brighton’s structure, which is slightly less complex

40 than the Roseville model, although the two communities have comparable standards.

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42 Mr. Grittmann noted the discussion items for Commission feedback:

- 43 • What input does the Parks & Environmental Commission wish to provide after
- 44 reviewing the draft language of the EV Charging Ordinance?

- With regards to the highlighted sections (A)(12)(f) of the draft ordinance, what feedback does PEC have for the option to defer equipment installation apart from the initial development of EV-ready infrastructure?

Chair Fee asked what the rationale was for the City Council's decision to go with Option 3. Mr. Grittmann stated that the Council liked the idea of diving in and that the neighboring communities had code. Chair Fee further discussed incentives. She asked if, from a State Level, there are things businesses could take advantage of. Ms. Morello stated that one of the things reflected in the conversations with the City Council was related to the size of the developments in question. It is not intended to affect smaller businesses.

Commissioner Swiontek asked in St. Anthony in the last few years how many large new developments have there been. Mr. Grittmann stated that the Ruby, Haven Grove Senior Housing, and a small apartment building on 37th Avenue were the "larger" residential multi-family projects within St. Anthony. Commissioner Swiontek asked if any of the other cities have both an incentive as well as a regulatory aspect. Mr. Grittmann stated that they focus on the regulatory number. She asked if the goal was to encourage electric vehicle charging within St. Anthony. She also asked what would draw people to put in EV chargers now.

Commissioner Hark stated he would lean towards incentives and asked if low-income housing would be exempt from this. Mr. Grittmann stated not the way the Ordinance is written. There are limited exemptions, but not based on land use. Other strategies can be implemented. The market will build on some of this. Most of the EV charging facilities he is familiar with were done by private businesses.

Chair Fee asked how this would work, and does the user pay for charging, and if that would alleviate the cost for the business. Mr. Grittmann responded that the business may wish to provide this for their tenants.

Commissioner Peterson stated that Level 2 costs approximately \$2,000 to install, and a Level 1 is a few hundred dollars. Mr. Grittmann stated he has seen Level 2 between \$2,000 - \$5,000.

Commissioner Synhavsky asked about the 2-year waiting period, and with the size of the projects, the cost for installing EV chargers is very low. She would not be in favor of the waiting period.

Commissioner Peterson stated she agrees. She referred to a strip mall, and does the number of parking spaces apply to the entire strip mall? Mr. Grittmann stated this applies to a building over 8,000 sf.

Commissioner Swiontek referred to the Dairy Queen and asked if the burden would be on the strip mall owner rather than the tenant. Mr. Grittmann stated he assumes the cost would be passed on to the tenants.

Commissioner Hark stated they could do a cost share for the chargers. Commissioner Hark stated the cost of the charging stations is \$15,000 - \$20,000. He is in favor of a hybrid of

1 requiring the infrastructure while attempting to incentivize installation. He would like to
2 explore the options for incentives because of the lack of future development. As we are not
3 seeing development in St. Anthony, going with Option 3 is a harsh move.

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5 Mr. Grittmann stated that another division point in the code would be to apply this to multi-
6 family residential and not commercial. The thresholds for Commercial could be raised.

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8 Chair Fee asked Commissioner Hark if he wanted the infrastructure to be put in for future
9 implementation. Commissioner Hark stated Yes. When retrofitted after the cost would be
10 much higher. Commissioner Hark stated he would prefer Option 2 and try to explore
11 incentives for the installation of the EV chargers.

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13 Ms. Morello reviewed some of the City Council conversation regarding this matter and noted
14 they had selected the third option. She suggested that if there are additional considerations
15 from the PEC, they could be relayed to the City Council.

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17 Commissioner Synhavsky asked if the bulk of the cost is for the infrastructure, and
18 Commissioner Hark stated that it is correct. Commissioner Hark stated that commercial
19 projects are drawn to Roseville. St. Anthony is not thought of in that way. If we add more
20 burden, it may encourage potential developments to go elsewhere. Commissioner Synhavsky
21 stated she would like to see low-income housing and commercial development incentivized
22 for coming to St. Anthony.

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24 Commissioner Hark stated that the Level 1 chargers are very low-cost.

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26 Commissioner Swiontek stated she would like to see it sooner rather than wait for commercial
27 development to come to St. Anthony.

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29 Commissioner Peterson stated she would like to talk about having the residential requirement
30 for less than 30 parking spaces. She believes there is room to introduce some requirements for
31 current multi-family buildings.

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33 Ms. Saulog stated that the draft ordinance is written for new future developments or
34 reconstruction. There is no requirement for retrofits. There was limited discussion about EV
35 chargers in public facilities.

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37 Commissioner Hark suggested having no requirement for non-residential and a minimum
38 requirement for multi-family housing. Chair Fee stated the requirement has already been
39 determined by the City Council. Ms. Morello will note the comments received.

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41 Chair Fee stated the ultimate goal is to encourage EV cars over gasoline cars within the City.
42 More charging capabilities should be available throughout the City. Commissioner Hark
43 suggested adding a requirement for smaller multi-family buildings.

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45 Commissioner Peterson stated she would support some level of requirement for commercial
46 non-residential developments.

Commissioner Synhavsky stated she is not a proponent of deferring installation. Commissioner Hark stated on average commercial owners don't want to settle for Level 2 charging. They want faster charge, and that is a substantial cost.

Chair Fee asked if the infrastructure is for Level 1,2, and 3. Commissioner Hark stated that Levels 2 and 3 are very similar as far as infrastructure.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the delay could be applied if a business added infrastructure for Level 3. The rest of the Commission agreed that it would be a good idea. Commissioner Peterson referred to solar projects where there is a group RFP for installers to bid on a large-scale project. The bidding helps get the prices lower. The City doesn't need to provide cash, but there is a cash benefit.

Commissioner Hark asked if property tax cuts were a possible incentive for cities to do. Ms. Morello stated she could not respond to that. Commissioner Hark stated this would be an incentive for property owners.

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS.

Commissioner Hark reported that clean-up day was a huge success at Central Park. He commended the St. Anthony Boys Volleyball Team for their help. He is now a rain barrel owner.

Chair Fee stated she also supported the Salo Park clean-up day. She organized workers at Silverwood on the berm.

Commissioner Swiontek stated that clean-up day at Trillium was fun. 2025 is the last year that the State Fair is selling tribute benches. Other cities have been successful doing tribute benches, playground sets, etc. She is putting together a small packet about what other cities are doing. She spoke with some neighbors, and a concern was having no dog park. The suggestion was made that Emerald Park skating rink be used for a dog park.

Commissioner Synhavsky participated in a clean-up at Silver Point Park.

Commissioner Peterson did a clean-up at Emerald Park and had a great time. The MN Climate effort offers opportunities for resident feedback. Google Out Minnesota Climate.

Chair Fee thanked the Commissioners for their participation in the clean-up.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS.

Ms. Saulog stated that all 15 rain barrels were sold. The ground was broken on the solar installation at the water treatment plant. Public works is further down the horizon.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

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Motion by Commissioner Swiontek, seconded by Commissioner Hark, to adjourn the May 21, 2025, Work Session Meeting of the Parks and Environmental Commission at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parks and Environmental Commission will be held on June 2, 2025. Discussion will be on pickleball at the Wellhouse location.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wolfe
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Citizens for Sustainability

Parks &
Environmental
Commission Update

June 2, 2025



Citizens working to create a resilient and sustainable community

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Agenda

1. Earth Week Update
2. Environmental Stewardship Scholarship
3. VillageFest



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Thank You Earth Week Volunteers & Sponsors!

Earth Week 2025 Schedule of Events

7 days of cleanup

7 organizing sponsors

> 120 volunteers at events

Thank You Public Works!

- Providing tools & supplies
- Safety flashers along busy roads

MON 4/21

Adopt-a-Drain Challenge

Adopt a drain in your neighborhood



FRI 4/25

Faith Raingarden Cleanup

4-6PM | Faith Methodist Church
2708 NE 33rd AV

TUE – FRI - All Schools

Key Club T-Shirts to Tote Project

Students bring old T-shirts for drive to make & donate Tote Bags to local stores to reduce plastic bag use

TUE 4/22

Clean Up Ditch Along Hwy 88

3:30-5PM | 33rd Ave to Trillium
Join Kiwanis and Key Club

SAT 4/26

Clean Up In All City Parks

10AM-Noon | All SAV Parks
Join CFS and PEC Commissioners in:

Central Park – Litter Cleanup
Emerald Park – Litter Cleanup
Salo Park – Pond & Litter Cleanup
Silver Point Park – Litter Cleanup
Trillium Park – Garden Cleanup
Water Tower Park – Litter Cleanup

SAT – SUN - All SAV

Neighborhood Clean Up

Pick up litter & share your pictures

TUE 4/22

Fix-it Hub

4-7PM | St Anthony Library
Free, no pre-registration



SUN 4/27

NE Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

(ZERO Waste Event)

8AM-12PM | 1700 2nd ST NE
\$10 Adults / \$5 Youth



TUE 4/22

Clean Up Ditch Along County E

5:30-7PM | Silverwood Entrance
Join Pack and Troop 153

SAT 4/26

Silver Lake Clean Up

10AM-Noon | Volunteers meeting at
Silver Lane & Silver Lake Terrace

SUN 4/27

Silverwood Clothing Swap

1-3PM | Silverwood Park
2500 County Road E



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Salo Park

Sponsors: SAV Condo Association and PEC

21 volunteers



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Coach Rachel brought the volleyball team



fun times volleying a soccer ball found in the bioswale



Central Park

Sponsors: CFS & PEC

11 volunteers



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Silver Point Park

Sponsors: CFS & PEC

5 volunteers



Water Tower Park

Sponsors: CFS & PEC

5 volunteers

Emerald Park

Sponsors: CFS & PEC

2 volunteers

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Trillium Park

Sponsors: Village Gardeners & PEC
16 volunteers



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Silver Lake Road & County Road E

Pack and Troop 153 and local families
12 volunteers



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Highway 88 Cleanup

Sponsors: SAV Kiwanis & Key Club

18 volunteers



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Silver Lake Cleanup

Sponsors: Families around the lake



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Wilshire Park

Sponsors: Girl Scouts



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SAMS

Sponsors: Students



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Environmental Stewardship Scholarship

- SAVHS Local Scholarship Program enables business, organizations, and groups like CFS to directly offset part of graduating seniors' college education
- We recognize two students' dedication to environmental stewardship and passion to make a difference with \$500 scholarships
- Thank you!
 - Additional applications dedicated to the environment
 - Family and individual donors



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Find Us at VillageFest

- Share your environmental story
- See student environmental projects
- Sign-up to win an energy savings give-away
- Kid's face painting
- Join us for a chat



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An aerial photograph of Silverwood Park during autumn. The park features a large green lawn, a baseball field with a brown infield, and a winding paved road. A building with a dark roof is visible in the background, surrounded by trees with vibrant orange and yellow foliage. A body of water is on the left, with a pier extending into it. A dark car is driving on the road in the lower right.

Silverwood Park

Alyssa Baguss, Silverwood Park Supervisor



Sylvan Essence

Shoshana Fink

June 12 through July 31, 2025

Opening Reception: Thursday, June
12 from 6 – 8 pm



On Tree Time

Meghan Duda

June 12 through July 31, 2025

Opening Reception: Thursday, June
12 from 6 – 8 pm



Free Family Fun - Every Month!

Every second Sunday:

1-3PM, **Puppet Art Adventures**

2-3PM, **Walk with a Naturalist**

All ages. Drop-ins welcome!



Summer Teen Workshops

Tuesdays, 12-4PM. Ages 13-19. \$40 per session.

June 17

Burn Bowls &
Hammock Hang



July 29

Plants & Natural Dye



August 19

Lake Ecology &
Glass Art



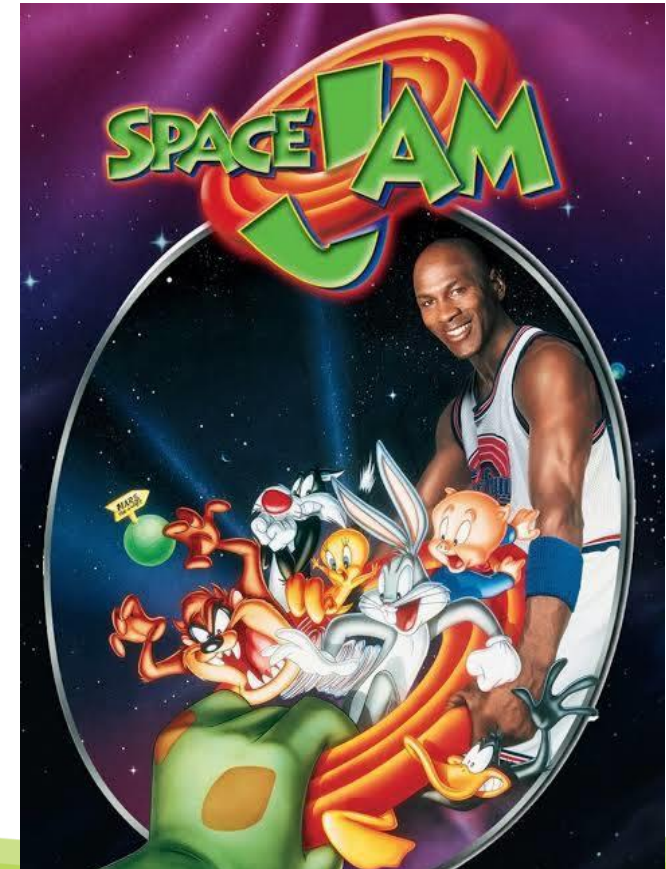
2025 Float-in Movie

Saturday, July 19th

9-11PM Free, all ages

Screening:

Space Jam (1996, PG)



Happy Trails! Country Dancing and Leather Tooling in the Park

Saturday, July 26th, 5-6PM

Friendly group dance lesson with
Howdy Partner Dance

6-8PM, Open dancing and leather tooling art activity with Silverwood

Free. All ages.



2025 Silverwood OnStage Summer Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays, 6:30-8PM

June 11, The Del-Viles

June 18, 2025 Juneteenth Celebration:
Presenting Brass Solidarity in concert

June 25, Ghosting Merit

July 2, Sleeping Jesus

July 9, J-mo on the Beat
and the J-Lighters

July 16, Delicate Friend

July 23, Secret Rivers

July 30, 26 Bats!

August 6, OPNR

August 13, Molly Brandt

August 20, Michael Monroe

For more information, visit www.SilverwoodOnStage.org!



Book Swap

5-7 PM Wednesday, July 23rd

Remaining books donated
to The Story Orchard



THE BIG PICNIC & COMMUNITY NIGHT with SAV

6-8 pm on Wednesday, July 31st (during concert)



Picnicking



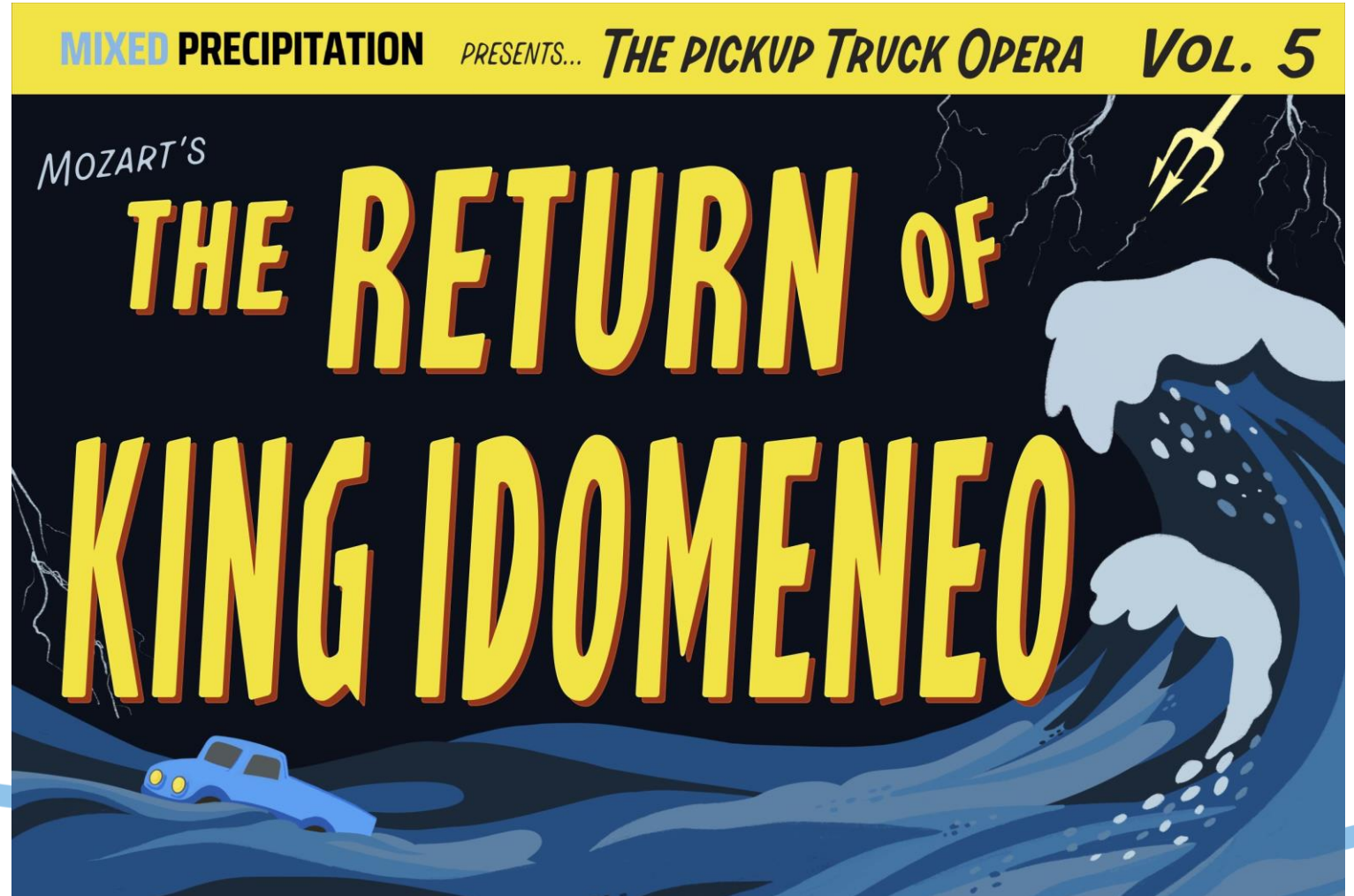
Art making



26 Bats in concert @ 6:30

Returning to Silverwood **Wednesday, August 27th!**

For more info or tickets, visit **www.MixedPrecipitation.org**



2025 Skate-the-Park!

A rollerskating event in the park

- Bring your own skates, blades, or borrow a free pair from Twin Cities Skaters! (all wheels are welcome!)
- Show off your dance moves to music in the amphitheater
- Skate along the paved, lakeshore trail
- Make retro-inspired art with Silverwood staff!



**Skate-
the-Park**
at Silverwood Park
St. Anthony, MN



**Sunday,
August 24th
3-6PM / FREE !**

SILVERWOOD PARK CAFÉ 9 am – 8 pm through Labor Day

Minnesota Dairy Lab Ice Cream – NOW AVAILABLE!!



Silverwood Rental Facilities

*Consider our **Island Picnic Shelter** for your summer gathering*

*Book your special event in 2026.
Fridays and Sundays Available
Summer-Fall!*

*Every first Monday of the month:
5-7 PM, **Rental Open House***

For up-to-date calendars and
rental information, contact
silverwoodevents@threeriversparks.org



SAVE THE DATE:



Saturday, September 13th, 2025

12-4PM

Silverwood's 16th annual art and nature festival, featuring:

- Live music from local bands **Paper Chain** and ***Splash!***
- Local artist market in partnership with **Minneapolis Craft Market**
- Food trucks
- Games, artmaking and nature activities for the whole family!

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Silverwood Park

Alyssa Baguss, Silverwood Park Supervisor

The logo for Three Rivers Park District, featuring a stylized white wave graphic above the text.

Three Rivers
PARK DISTRICT



MEMORANDUM

To: Saint Anthony Village Parks and Environmental Commission
From: Minette Saulog, Sustainability Coordinator
Date: June 2, 2025
Request: Climate Plan Recommendations to City Council

BACKGROUND

In April and May 2025, PEC convened for two work sessions. PEC reviewed policy-based action items in the Saint Anthony Village Climate Plan areas of Energy (April session) and Transportation (May session) and staff provided status updates on each action item.

Several of the action items are in progress due to participation with Partners in Energy, upcoming MnDOT Active Transportation Planning and the ongoing Solar on Public Buildings projects.

For select action items discussed in part at the two PEC work sessions, City Council consideration is required and will be the topics of an upcoming City Council work session on July 22.

These action items and their Climate Plan focus area are listed below:

- Consider adopting a sustainable building policy for all new and remodeled construction projects. (Energy)
- Address financial barriers for low-to-moderate-income residents by reducing or waiving permit submission fees for solar panels. (Energy)
- Consider adopting a policy on publicly-facing charging infrastructure. Determine the most effective locations for EV charging stations at public facilities in SAV. (Transportation)

The multi-family EV charging ordinance discussed at the May work session is back with the Planning Commission for further review and will also be brought to the July 22nd work session.

STAFF SUMMARY

Recommendations and comments from April PEC work session on sustainable building policies are compiled for review in attached presentation. Staff are also sharing new information regarding solar permitting and public EV charging action items. Any additional feedback should be shared directly with the Sustainability Coordinator prior to or after this meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will incorporate PEC input from these last several meetings to prepare materials for the City Council work session on July 22, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

- Climate Plan Items Presentation



Climate Plan Items for City Council Worksession

Presented
June 2, 2025

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Climate Plan Items

- Goal for tonight's meeting:
 - Recap what PEC has discussed – sustainable building policy
 - Share new information regarding solar permitting and public EV charging
 - Review comments have been captured
 - Send any additional feedback directly to Sustainability Coordinator after tonight's meeting



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Climate Plan Items

- Consider adopting a sustainable building policy for all new and remodeled construction projects. (Energy focus area)
- Address financial barriers for low-to-moderate-income residents by reducing or waiving permit submission fees for solar panels. (Energy focus area)
- Consider adopting a policy on publicly-facing charging infrastructure. Determine the most effective locations for EV charging stations at public facilities in SAV. (Transportation focus area)
- Review multi-family EV charging ordinance (Transportation focus area)*



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Consider adopting a sustainable building policy for all new and remodeled construction projects

Climate Plan: Energy Focus Area

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Summary from April 2 work session

- The City has no existing policy for sustainable building. There is brief language to consider incorporating sustainability in the general regulations for R-4 zoning district multi-family developments.
- The Center for Energy and Environment and Hennepin County published a sustainable building policy guide in 2021, with recommendations for policy frameworks and best practices.
- MN Cities with sustainable/green building policies:
 - Saint Paul, St. Louis Park, Eden Prairie, Edine, Maplewood, Minneapolis
 - Rochester, Duluth, Northfield



Summary from April 2 work session

- A city can activate its existing sustainable building policy due to the following triggers: funding incentives, land use incentives, process incentives, and building size. Staff is reviewing enforcement of the policy and how to ensure compliance as part of the development process.
- A policy can include compliance with a third-party rating system to encourage standardization for sustainable building across the region. These rating systems are well-known in the construction industry and allow developer flexibility to meet policy requirements.
- A policy can also include criteria for a Saint Anthony Village overlay which are specific to the City and typically in addition to the third-party rating system.
- This was the first policy discussion regarding potential for a sustainable building policy.



Which type of approach would work best for St. Anthony? (Mandatory approach, scoring approach or suggestion approach)

- Mandatory approaches would apply to all buildings that meet the trigger criteria (size, zoning, etc)
- Scoring approach scores buildings/developments on a set of criteria; those with the highest scores are better qualified for city program funding and approval.
- Suggestion approach is “strong encouragement” to comply with guidelines and consider sustainability in construction.
- The mandatory approach is the recommended option, ensuring compliance from a sustainability standpoint. More standardization helps with competition and cost control.
- We do not want to turn off developers who are considering new/redevelopment in SAV.
- Less confusion if a policy is straightforward and clear for developers to follow, and if it is written into Code.



What priority impacts do we want to target in a City overlay?

- Having priorities outlined now will position the City to be prepared for any new development proposals in the future.
- Criteria that Commissioners highlighted as key to include in an overlay:
 - Predicted and actual energy and water use
 - Ongoing monitoring to track impacts and ensure compliance
 - Utilization of renewable energy
 - EV charging capability
 - Diversion of construction waste from landfills and incinerators
 - Stormwater management



What types of projects do we want this policy to apply to? (such as zoning and/or size of building)

- Priority areas in order: Multi-family developments, commercial/industrial, single-family
- It may be possible to create policies that relate to different zoning areas
- Creating single-family home sustainable building policy guidelines was discussed. How would a full demo & rebuild be treated? What about a renovation of just a portion of the home?
 - Guidelines on new construction could be considered, and size of the building should also be a factor.
 - Other cities with sustainable building policies include single-family homes, but their guidelines only apply if the project is receiving funding assistance usually through the city. "Single-family" also includes duplexes, triplexes, and four-plexes in some definitions.



Staff's Recommendation to Council

- Establish sustainable building ordinance for future multi-unit developments, and commercial/industrial developments, in PUD zones and/or over a minimum square footage size (to be determined).
- Discuss whether separate ordinances are needed for multi-unit and commercial/industrial, or if the same ordinance can apply.
- Regarding all single-family projects, suggestion approach for sustainable building is recommended. Determine the applicability threshold for the definition of single-family (more than 3 units? 4?)





Address financial barriers for low-to-moderate-income residents by reducing or waiving permit submission fees for solar panels

Climate Plan: Energy Focus Area

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Staff Notes

- A building permit must be pulled with the City for all solar panel system installations.
- Costs for the permit are based on the size of the project and includes electrical and plan review, final inspections.
- Fees for permits cover staff time and administrative costs for processing the permit. It does not contribute to City revenue.



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Staff Notes

- Questions to consider:
 - Is this a true barrier for low-to-moderate income residents (considering overall cost of a solar system and priorities)? Or are there other ways to address financial barriers to solar?
 - If offering reduced/no fees, does the City have resources to cover the costs?



Staff's Recommendation to Council

- There is no precedent for fee waivers based on income for any other permits issued by the City.
- Administrative costs must be covered by collection of fees.
- The cost of a solar array system and installation outweighs the cost of a permit and there may be alternative ways to better address financial barriers and equitable access to solar.
- Recommend keeping the building (solar) permitting fees as-is.





Consider adopting a policy on publicly-facing charging infrastructure. Determine the most effective locations for EV charging stations at public facilities in SAV.

Climate Plan: Transportation
Focus Area

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Staff Notes

- This is separate but related to the work being done for the EV charging ordinance at multi-unit developments. There is no one single policy or ordinance that will boost EV infrastructure throughout the City, it will consist of multiple approaches.
- Staff discussions have determined City Hall/Community Center to be the best-fit city facility to host an EV charger.
- Parks have existing parking issues and need further exploration for space compatibility.
- North and south commercial hubs could be good options for future public-private partnerships but require more coordination and long-term planning.
- This item should not require adopting a policy for EV charging requirements in the city and is more suited to being incorporated into infrastructure planning for amenities.



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Staff's Recommendation to Council

- Support inclusion of EV charging infrastructure in future infrastructure plans for City Hall and potentially other locations within the city.



Next Steps

- Staff will incorporate PEC's input from these last several meetings to prepare materials for City Council discussion
- July 22, 2025
 - City Council worksession
 - PEC members **not** required to attend





THANK YOU |

Memorandum

To: Saint Anthony Village Parks and Environmental Commission

From: Katie Koscielak – Project Manager

Date: 05/28/2025

Re: Well House No. 5 Pickle Ball Courts

This memo has been prepared in response to the iterative discussion between City Staff and the Parks and Environmental Commission regarding the existing tennis/pickleball courts located adjacent to Well House No. 5 (off of Silver Lane). Recently the City hosted a Parks Summit (March 2025) to review current and future priorities for the City's park facilities and amenities. Those in attendance included the Mayor, members of the City Council, Commissioners from the Parks and Environmental Commission, and City staff. Members of the community that were also in attendance to provide feedback included the School District, Sports Boosters, and Community Services representatives. Over the course of the Summit, the need for a dedicated pickleball facility was discussed and ultimately determined that the existing tennis/pickleball court located adjacent to Well House No. 5 would be the most practical location for a dedicated facility.

Provided with this memo is a proposed layout for the dedicated pickleball courts utilizing the existing City owned property while preserving as many of the mature trees to the west as feasible. The proposed layout includes the following amenities that do not currently exist:

- Dedicated parking outside of the existing Well House No. 5 driveway (still allowing access to Public Works).
- Concrete sidewalks to connect the existing sidewalk along Silver Lane to the pickleball court entrance.
- Permanent pickleball net system (existing system is a portable/temporary system).
- Benches and bike racks to enhance the experience of the pickleball users.
- An alternate bid item to upgrade the proposed fencing to a "heavy duty" fence has also been provided to provide noise canceling benefits to the site (this option would need to be included with the construction of the courts as the layout of the fencing would be impacted).
- Alternate bid items for consideration that could be added after the pickleball courts are constructed: landscaping to provide screening and enhance the natural features within the property, lighting, and portable restroom with enclosure.

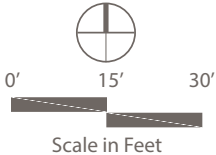
To meet ADA requirements for the installation of the new courts, the concrete sidewalk connecting from Silver Lane to the entrance to the courts is required. All pickleball courts must be designed so that users do not cross over another court in order to reach their court.

Attached is the estimate of probable construction cost to construct the space as provided in the attached layout and described above. The estimate is a high-level master plan estimate (incorporating 2025 construction costs) and does not account for actual site conditions, final design (including aesthetic finish decisions), and plan preparation/bidding.



Wellhead Pickleball Court | Concept One

Saint Anthony, Minnesota
May 2025 | WSB Project number:



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The following is a high-level mater plan estimate and does not account for actual site conditions, final design, or unknowns. It assumes the project will not necessitate a stormwater BMP or NPDES permit. Parking lot does not include curb & gutter or stormwater.