



STAFF REPORT

Res # 26-953 Merriam Park Site Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The [Merriam Park Site Improvements Project](#) includes redesign and construction of the Merriam Park Recreation Center site. The project includes new walkways and circulation enhancements, stormwater improvements, tennis court restoration, a full basketball court, baseball field updates, open grass area for pickup soccer or other games, new play area and a plaza space adjacent to the building for community events.

The overall goal of the project is to improve this neighborhood park with amenities which were identified through the community engagement process. A Design Advisory Committee, Recreation Services, Operations and Maintenance have also been involved in shaping the design so that the park features are consistent with community needs, recreation center use, and maintenance regimen.

In Summer of 2025, in partnership with City of Skate, Parks and Recreation secured a \$500,000 grant towards development of a new Skate Park for Merriam Park. The location of the updated skatepark is identified as part of the overall Site Improvements Plan this year, with design and construction for the skate park as a separate, future phase. The grant requires City Council approval of the overall vision plan prior to designing the skate park details.

The initial phase of the park improvement construction is estimated to cost \$2.2-2.3M with the skatepark as a separate phase.

REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION:

Adopt Resolution #26-953 approving the vision plan for Merriam Park, to release DEED funds for construction of a new, larger skate park.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

None noted at this time.