

C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: May 4, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 15, 2009
Subject:	2009 regional park tours
District(s), Member(s):	All
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Division/Department:	Community Development/Regional Systems Planning and Growth Strategy, Parks

Proposed Action

None--this is an information item on park tours the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission will conduct this summer.

Background

The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission has held offsite business meetings in the summer months. This allowed the Commission to also tour regional park sites and facilities financed with regional park capital improvement grants and to discuss policy issues. This memorandum lists a schedule and location of off-site meetings/tours for 2009. The Community Development Committee and members of the newly formed Regional Parks Foundation are invited on these tours.

1. June 2, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Offsite meeting at Bunker Hills Regional Park campground visitor center, Anoka County. Then tour of Bunker Beach in the park and Rum River Central Regional Park. A significant amount of capital improvements have occurred at these parks that were funded with previous regional park capital improvement grants.
2. July 7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Offsite meeting and tour of Lake Rebecca Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District. We will conduct a business meeting at the Weinkaupf house, an acquisition that was financed with a Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant in 2007. Other parcels (Baudin and Westerlund) were acquired with grants authorized in 2008. We will tour other parcels yet to be acquired in the park and see the rehabilitation of paved parking lots, trails and park roads that were funded with a 2008-09 CIP grant.
3. August 4, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Offsite meeting and tour of Silverwood Special Recreation Feature, Three Rivers Park District. This new special recreation feature was acquired in 2001 from the Salvation Army. The first phase of developing the park began in 2008 and should be completed by this time. We will conduct a business meeting in the new visitor center.

Tour invitations with driving directions to the park and other details will be sent out 7 days prior to the tour. RSVP's will be requested to insure adequate sizing of ground transportation needed for a particular tour.