

**Commission
Members:**

Joseph Arneson
Darrell
Baggenstoss
Nick Boulton
Daryl Brown
David - Todd
Dahlstrom
Gregory Hoag
Michelle Lenhart
Lindsay Matts-
Benson
Leah Ybarra



Parks and Recreation

Commission Agenda

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 PM

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*Commissioner Hoag will be participating
remotely at 2802 Aglen St., Roseville MN
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1. Introductions
2. Public Comment Invited
3. Approval Of The January 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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4. Review Possible Art Piece Donation For The Harriet Alexander Nature Center

Documents:

[HANC ART PROJECT AND ATTACHMENTS.PDF](#)

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Documents:

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Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission

Agenda Item

Date: February 7, 2023

Item No: 3

Item Description: Approval of Minutes of the January 3 Meeting

Background:

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of January 3, 2023. Please be prepared to approve or amend.

Requested Commission Action:

Approve/amend meeting minutes of January 3, 2023.

Attachments:

A. Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2023

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
JANUARY 3, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra
ABSENT: Hoag
STAFF: Johnson

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience members were present.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2022 MEETING

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Matts-Benson seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Baggenstoss, Brown, Dahlstrom, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Boulton, Lenhart.

4) PARKS AND RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW

Staff introduced the Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program with a brief history of the program that dates back over 30 years.

- Fee Assistance Program – Criteria
 - Individuals who live in Roseville and experience a financial need.
 - \$100 per year, which can cover up to 80% of program costs.
 - Youth (under 18) who qualify for free or reduced lunch in school. *Updated in 2022*
 - Adults who can prove an approval explanation of financial need. *Updated in 2022*
 - Can be applied to all programs except adult athletics. *Updated in 2022*
- Fee Assistance Program – Purpose
 - To make recreational programs and facilities available and affordable to all residents.

- Ensure that participants in Parks and Recreation programs and facilities reflect the Roseville Community.
- Funded through donations to the recreation fund. Beginning in 2022, levy funds were allocated, if needed.
- 2022 was used as a year to evaluate and make adjustments.
- Fee Assistance Program – New Marketing
 - Expanded marketing of the Fee Assistance Program via:
 - Website
 - Central Park and City Hall Signs
 - Social Media
 - Brochure Content
- Fee Assistance Program – Expanded Criteria
 - Expanded to include adults.
 - Applicable to contract and in-house programs.
 - Defined financial need to those who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
 - Applied to all programs except adult athletics (team sports).
- Fee Assistance Program – Data
 - 2022 was the largest use of Fee Assistance Program funds since 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Commissioner Bolton asked if unused funds roll over to the next year. Staff relayed that any donations would roll over and remain in the account.

Commissioner Baggenstoss asked about the discrepancy between the awarded and used amounts. Staff responded that many participants were awarded the \$100 amount but did not participate in enough programs throughout the year to use the full \$100 amount. There were a few people who were awarded the fee assistance but did not use any of the \$100. Staff acknowledged that those scenarios present an opportunity to understand what barriers were in place that caused the funds to not be utilized.

The Commission discussed the award amount and ways to assess if it is sufficient. They also discussed the sports equipment needs of activity participants and suggested the potential idea of donating equipment.

- More than 50% of people who participated in the Fee Assistance Program reported that they were a person of color.

Commissioners requested racial demographic information of Roseville. Staff agreed to send out statistical information to the Commission.

- Fee Assistance Program – 2022 Takeaways
 - Roseville has an estimated 2,500 residents below the poverty line and 8,000 low income.
 - The scholarship program is likely an effective tool to ensure that traditionally underrepresented individuals are represented in our programs.
 - Still heavily skewed toward children.
 - More than half of the people who used scholarship dollars used all \$100.

Commissioner Matts-Benson suggested adding an opportunity for people to donate to the scholarship fund when they register for Parks and Recreation activities.

Commissioner Baggenstoss suggested that putting a cap on the scholarship dollar award amount may be an impediment to potential participants.

Commissioner Lenhart asked about collecting racial information from all activity registrants. Staff relayed that there are potential privacy issues with collecting this information. In addition, the current registration database is not able to collect this information.

Commissioner Arneson suggested having a two-tier scholarship amount for individuals who would like to participate in more expensive activities.

5) **PREPARE FOR JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL**

The Commission and staff reviewed the draft Request for Council Action (RCA) for the joint meeting with the City Council.

Commissioner Lenhart suggested adding to the RCA bullet titled “Ultimately, the name Keya was supported by the Commission for several reasons” to include that the name Keya was suggested by a resident who lives near the park to honor the Dakota people and as turtles are sometimes seen in the park.

Commissioner Matts-Benson asked who would write the land acknowledgment. Staff relayed that staff members and potentially Commissioners outside of Parks and Recreation would write the land acknowledgement.

Chair Dahlstrom suggested adding the potential loss of Veterans Park as a discussion item to address with the City Council.

Commissioner Lenhart volunteered to discuss the renaming of Pocahontas Park with the City Council. Commissioner Matts-Benson agreed to be the overall presenter for the meeting with the City Council.

The Commission talked over potential Veterans Park discussion points to address with the City Council.

6) STAFF REPORT

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION AND UPDATE ITEMS

- The City Council passed the city budget. Parks and Recreation impact includes:
 - Seasonal staff wage adjusted to a starting pay of \$14.00/hour.
 - Special needs assistance program, Reach for Resources, was added as a budget item.
- The Midland Legacy parcel has been purchased by the city. Plans for the new park will begin in 2023.
- The Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) program is still underway with tree removals.
- New Year's Eve on Ice had more than 2,000 attendees.
- There will be a Natural Resource Event in Central Park on Martin Luther King Day.
- David Peters has started with Roseville Parks and Recreation as the Recreation Supervisor – Adult Sports.
- Kim Heikkila has started with Roseville Parks and Recreation as a Customer Service Representative.
- Debbie Cash, Recreation Supervisor and Naturalist, will be retiring on February 2.

7) OTHER

Commissioner Lenhart asked about the holiday lights around the OVAL. Staff relayed that the lights were privately funded and due to the cost it was not feasible any longer. There is a potential that they may be added again in the future.

Commissioner Arneson added that Ethics Training will take place in April.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant

Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission

Agenda Item

Date: February 7, 2023

Item No: 4

Item Description: Review Possible Donation of Art Piece for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center

Background:

The city has been contacted by a perspective donor who is interested in making a substantial contribution for an art piece to the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Specifically, the donor is interested in contributing an art piece that highlights the Nature Center and draws more people into the facility. The donor is interested in commissioning a piece by Lori Greene, a mosaic artist who identifies as a community and public artist. Lori has completed several successful pieces in Roseville including work with Arts Roseville, the Roseville Library and Roseville Area Schools.

As a multiracial (African American, Native American - Mississippi band of Choctaw, and Caucasian) woman, Lori brings a unique voice and perspective to public art that has not always been represented. She has a strong focus on public engagement and community involvement in her projects. Lori will attend the meeting to discuss a general concept for the piece.

In addition to the proposed piece, the city has received another donation related to additional signage for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Staff will share some generally discussed concepts and possible steps that can be taken related to the signage (and how the two projects interrelate).

Requested Commission Action:

Receive presentation from Ms. Greene. Provide feedback to staff regarding the project. Consider a recommendation on whether staff should move forward with the project.

Attachments:

- A. Lori Greene Profile
- B. Preliminary Signage Concepts for Harriet Alexander Nature Center



MEET THE ARTIST

Lori Greene

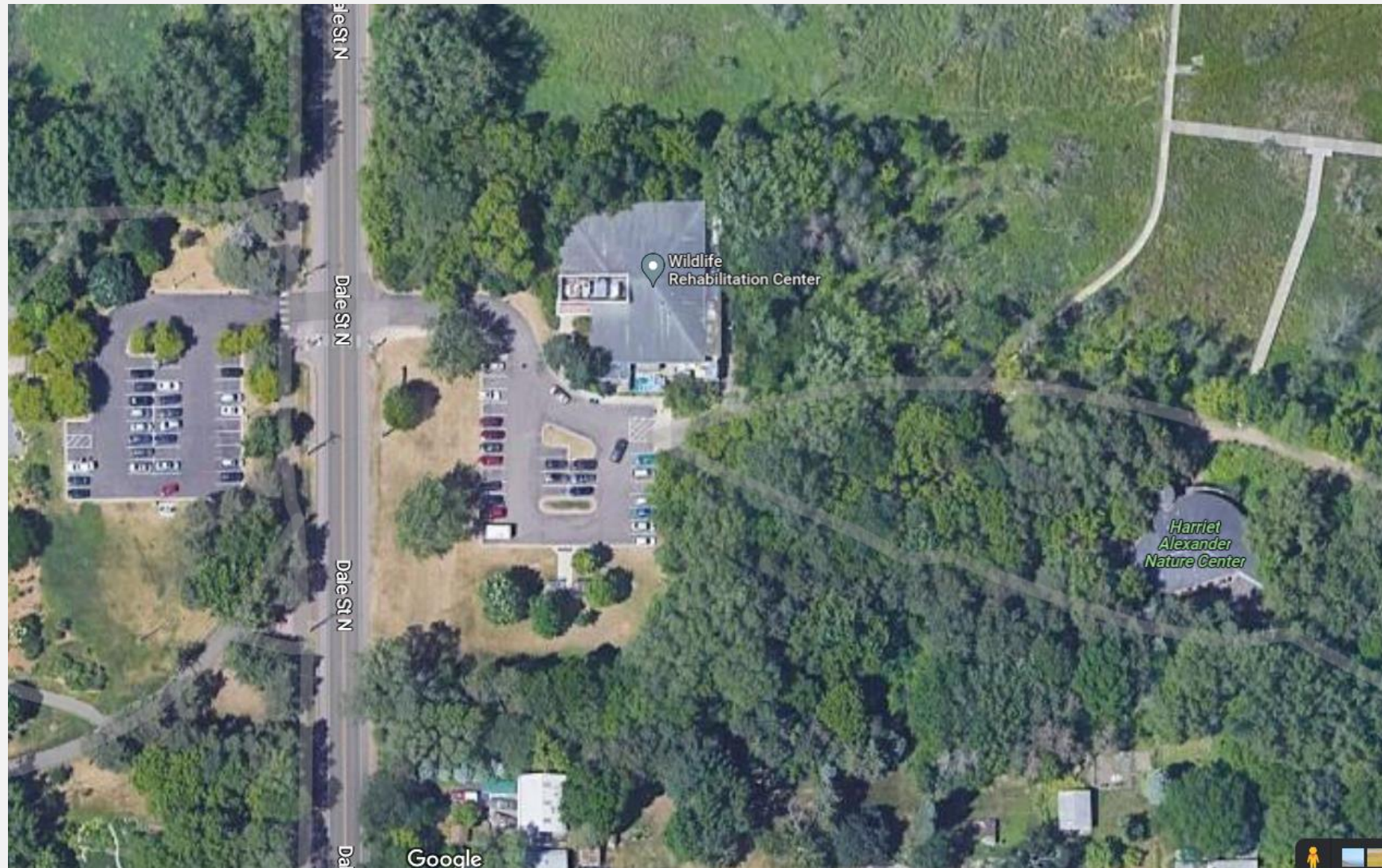
Mosaic artist and sculptor, Lori Greene, identifies as a community and public artist. She works with and for the community, and has over twenty years of experience making outdoor public art mosaics. Lori is well-known for creating pieces about healing and recovering from trauma. She believes the process of making art is healing, and she believes there is power in working together to create a work of art and see it through to the finished piece. She works with intention, with an open heart, and with love. Her process involves listening, feeling, researching, and of course the building of the mosaic. It is a long process, but it is a labor of love.

As a multiracial (African American, Native American- Mississippi band of Choctaw, and Caucasian) woman, Lori brings a unique voice and perspective to public art that has not always been represented. Her identity as a woman of color is very visible in her work, as demonstrated through the narratives of her pieces and the people who are represented in them. Lori's work is bold, colorful, and unapologetic. Patterns, symbols, and motifs reflecting her intersecting cultural identities interweave themselves throughout her works like a visual language. Within them lies stories of survival, interconnection, resilience, and a deep connection to the ancestors. Through Lori's artistic process she works to honor the legacies of BIPOC people and decolonize our relationship to mother nature. Made with love, her works serve as prayers for a future of justice, perseverance, and intergenerational healing.

HANC Preliminary Signage Concepts



Overhead View



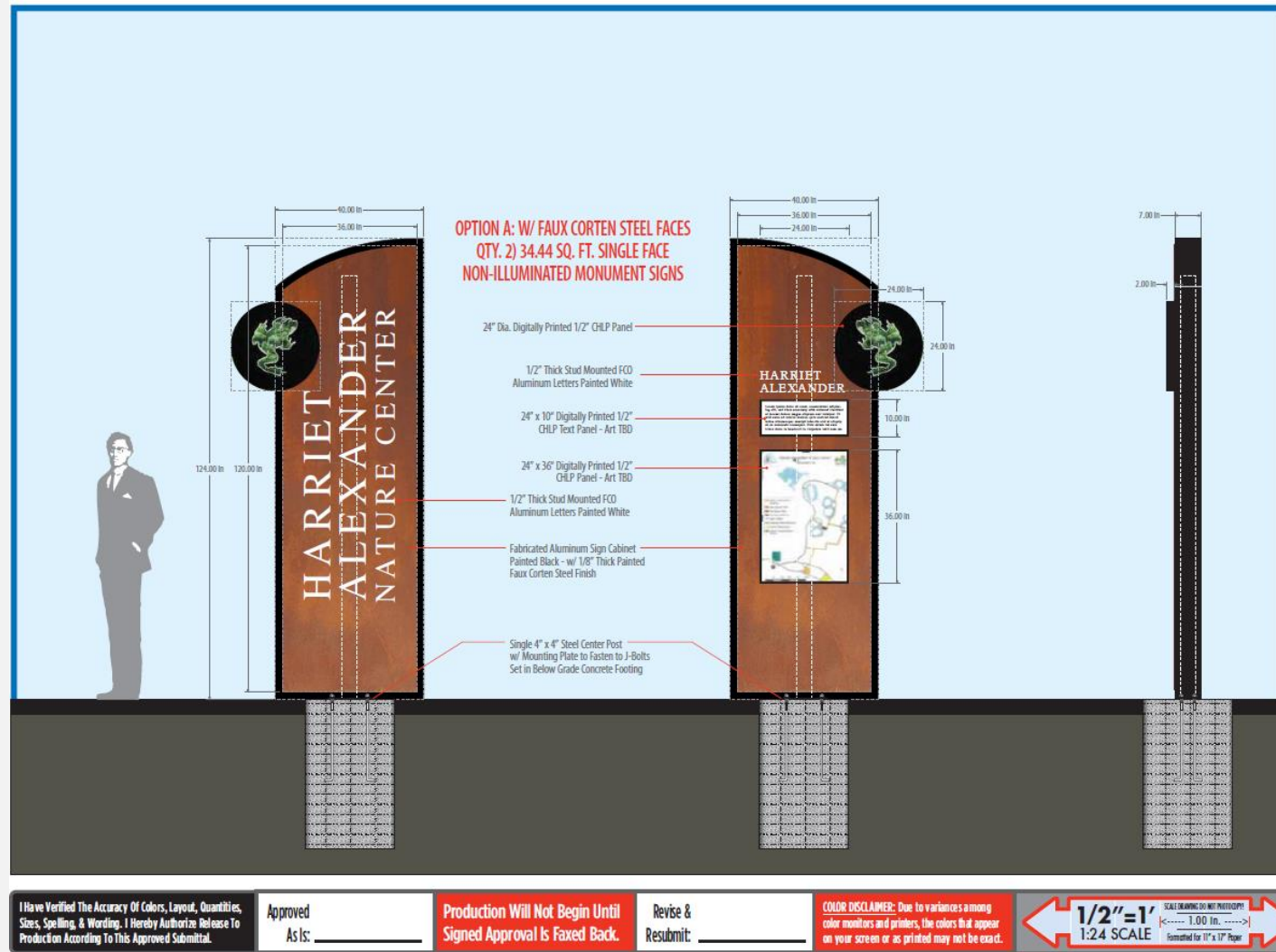
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One Concept



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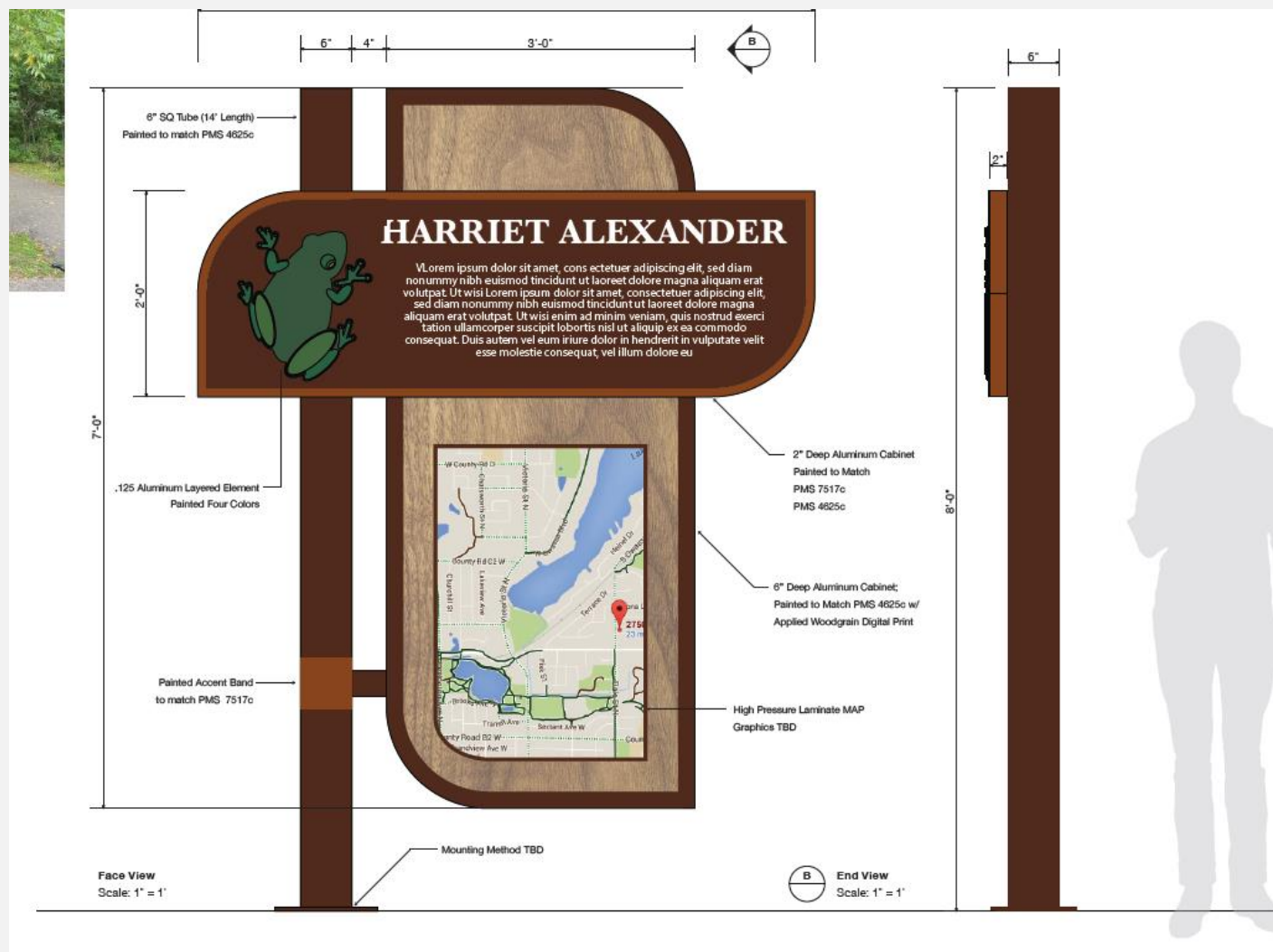


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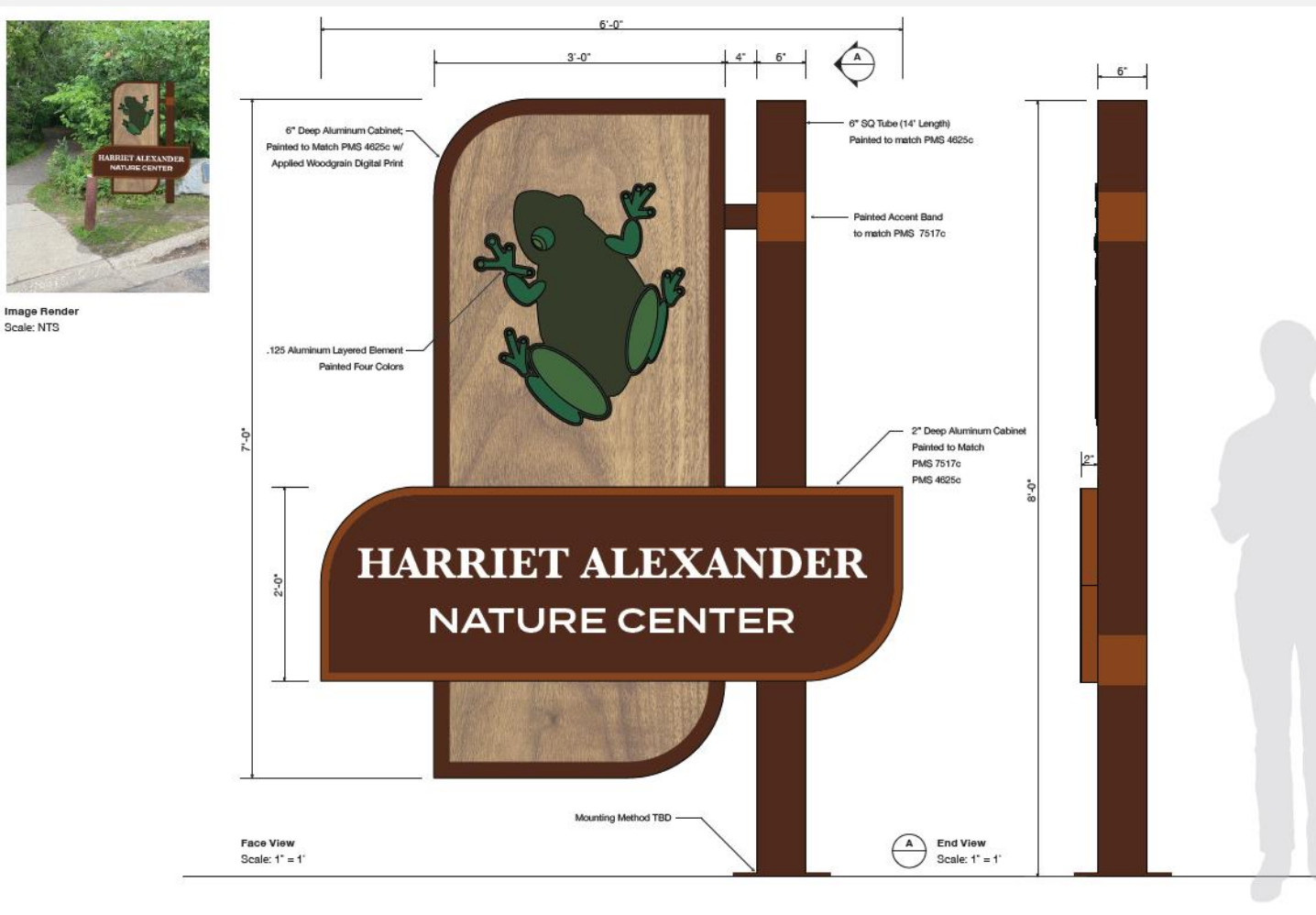


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Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission

Agenda Item

Date: February 7, 2023

Item No: 4

Item Description: Review Possible Donation of Art Piece for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center

Background:

On January 30, 2023 the Parks and Recreation Commission met with the City Council to discuss their work from 2022, their name recommendation for Pocahontas Park and some priorities for 2023. As part of the meeting, the Council passed a motion to change the name of Pocahontas Park to Keya Park, develop a land acknowledgment and implement educational elements in the park. At the time of packet publication, minutes are not available. If minutes from the joint meeting are available prior to the Commission meeting, they will be emailed to the Commission and attached as a bench handout.

Requested Commission Action:

Discuss the joint meeting and any possible next steps related to items that were discussed at the meeting.