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Riverfront Project

- Received the grant contract from the WDNR for the pedestrian bridge, had the City attorney review the contract, and took it to City Council for approval on 12/14. The grant contract was sent back to the WDNR.
- Commonwealth Heritage completed their cultural site investigation for the River Park project site with no findings.
- Completed numerous questions that the WDNR needed for the River Park grant. They apply on the City's behalf to the National Park Service.
- The bids came back for the riverwalk and pedestrian bridge. The City received five bids. The bid alternatives pushed it over budget. It will be going to the Finance Committee on 12/28 for approval.

Mandt Park

- Had a meeting on 11/30 with the engineer from Strand, City staff, and Fair board to discuss implementing Phase I so that the Fair wouldn't be impacted. Some Fair board members continue to tell the community that the City is trying to kick them out of the park.
- Strand completed survey work on 12/15.
- Do we want the trail and nodes to match-up to the RDA side of the river?
- The engineering will include 30% design for the trail close to the eastern boundary of the park, parking and roadway near 4th Street, and restroom/concession.

Virgin Lake Trail

- MSA will be completing survey work for the trail in December.

Recreation & Youth Center

- Worked with the Youth Center Manager to put together a plan for the use of the van and kitchen.
- The Friends of Stoughton Area Youth Center are experiencing a lot of turnover, so I put together a board manual for the committee to help the transition.
- Attended the FSAYC meeting on 11/11.
- The Youth Center will be having a lock-in the night of 12/20. Staff will be flexing their time which will close down the center from 12/21-12/27. It will re-open on 12/28. The center typically has low attendance during winter break, so the lock-in makes a good use of staff time.
- Our adult basketball leagues are larger than anticipated. We have our regular over 35 league on Mondays, women's on Wednesdays, and a combined A/B league on Sundays. We typically have two leagues on Sundays,
- Cascade Mountain decided to not offer discounted group rates, so our ski club will be going to Devil's Head and Tyrol Basin this year. The bus company was short on school buses, so they offered us the use of a coach bus at the school bus rate. Bill Brue will be supervising the trips. He has been doing it for over 20 years and many children going on the trips are the second generation of families that have gone on the trips with him.

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- Presented the Park Impact fee study to City Council on 11/30 and 12/14. The fees and dedication were adopted as presented.
- Used vacation the week of November 22. Was out of the office with the flu the week of December 6.
- I have proposals to complete the master planning process for the 51 West parks and KPW park. I'm waiting for the 51 West development to be approved and the additional land to be dedicated for KPW. This should happen in February.
- Met with Director Hebert and Pat Groom to discuss the Parks Maintenance Supervisor position. Pat accepted a position with the City of Verona and will be leaving at the end of January.
- Met with a citizen regarding trails and connectivity. Many of his ideas are already being implemented. His ideas are:
    - Connect the Virgin Lake Trail to Sandhill School. This will happen when the Linnerud property on the corner of 51/B is developed. It is part of the "north" trail that is in the CORP.
    - Connect the neighborhood behind Fastenal to Racetrack Park. This may be possible as part of the Racetrack Park expansion to the west. The property that owns the undeveloped land also has a property with frontage on 51. A flashing crossing signal and a strip through the property to the park would accommodate this.