

JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION / COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Richfield Municipal Center (6700 Portland Ave)

PRESENT	CSC: Max Weinberger, Margaux Meyer, Tessa Johanson, Susie Luttenegger, Kris Anderson, Jonathan Doten, Jim Reilly, Jessica Johnson Kreps, Husniyah Bradley SC: Amanda Kueper, Chris Danner, Craig Heinen, Katrina DeVore, Katy Boone
	STAFF: Rachel Lindholm (Sustainability Coordinator), John Evans (Analyst), Paul Smithson (Nature Center Manager), Karl Huemiller (Rec Serv Director) COUNCIL: Rori Coleman-Woods OTHERS: Evie Moran (Great River Greening)
ABSENT	CSC: David Vrieze Daniels, Grace McCarthy

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CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Johanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 and opened the floor to public comments. Resident Birgit Johnson expressed appreciation of Huemiller for being receptive to concerns about being sensitive to wildlife at Vets Park with the park and trail reconstruction work. Resident Heidi Gaibor voiced concern about wildlife at Vets Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

Huemiller presented a draft of the City’s Natural Resources Management Plan, a plan to protect, restore, enhance, and maintain Richfield’s natural areas. He introduced Evie Moran, a staff member from Great River Greening, who is working with the city on the plan. Moran and Huemiller reviewed the objectives of the plan, highlighting the specific Richfield parks and natural areas on which it will focus.

STAFF UPDATES

Huemiller provided updates on the following:

- Pool renovation project on schedule to be complete by pool opening on June 12
- Arena lobby renovation is progressing
- DNR grant application submitted for the Vets Park project. This grant would make a wildlife viewing platform possible.
- Community Gardens opening is delayed due to Killdeer nesting.
- Wood Lake Building Project is on schedule, with roof work nearing completion and windows in place.
- Earth Day is April 22. Events taking place next weekend.
- Tree sale is open to non-Richfield residents. About 30 trees left.
- Master Park Plan work has kicked off. Staff tour was held and a pinpoint survey will be released.
- New recreation software to be implemented this fall.

ADJOURNMENT

Joint CSC/SC meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:22.