

**MINUTES OF A THE MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK  
HELD ON APRIL 02, 2025, 5:09 PM.**

**Present:** Commissioner Labrador, Commissioner Grossberg

**Absent:** None

**Also, Present:** Executive Director Romes; Director Peters, Director Gogola, Director Voss, Director Baird, Assistant Director Acevedo, Manager Ochs, Manager Schwartz; Coordinator Hejnowski

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**Master Plan Update**

Executive Director Romes reviewed the master plan scope, highlighting the plan:

- Theme: Building Community Wellbeing
- Purpose: Reassesses changes in the community needs, conditions of parks, natural areas and facilities, and programs/services; Refines and recommends changes to planning, programming, capital and funding initiatives; Reimagines a vision of the future focused on our Mission and Values; and Validates performance and service standards consistent with Distinguished Accreditation
- Process: Engage, Analyze, and Plan
- Outcomes: Accomplishments and Implementation Strategy

He reviewed the draft timelines which is broken into four parts, engage, analyze, plan, and implement, and adopt and approve the updated Master Plan.

The New GreenPrint Master Plan will build upon the success of the original plan while incorporating new insights, priorities, and emerging needs. This process will involve robust community engagement, a fresh analysis of parks and recreation assets, and a clear roadmap for future investments—ensuring that Highland Park’s facilities, parks, and programs continue to serve residents for years to come.

The community can learn about the process on the Park District website. The website also includes a community idea board, so community members can share their thoughts and ideas about the plan and what they would like to see prioritized. Additionally, planning staff will be at Sunset Woods Park from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. during the Egg Hunts and at the Recreation Center of Highland Park from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. on April 5, 2025, to take community feedback and answer questions about the updated master plan.

Master Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

April 02, 2025

Lastly, staff and consultants are developing the community engagement survey. Hoping to release the survey in May.

**Other Business**

None.

**Open to the Public to Address the Board**

None.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Labrador and seconded by Commissioner Grossberg and approved by a unanimous vote. The Master Planning Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roxanne Hejnowski".

Roxanne Hejnowski, Assistant Secretary