Becker Park Project
Active Living Hennepin County
December 14, 2018
Becker Park Location

Bass Lake Rd & Bottineau Blvd

- Business Area
- Bus Lines
- Regional Trails
- Apartments
- Future Light Rail
Becker Park History

Built primarily for softball in the 1980s

- MN softball teams have decreased by over 50% since 1994

An arts building was built in 1986

- The community center was built in 1990, which replaced many functions
A New Vision for Becker Park

2015 & 2016 – Blue Line

Initial Discussions on a New Type of Park

- Blue Line Station Area Plan – 2015 & 2016
  - Initial concepts discussed (Town Center)
- Becker Park Visioning Meeting – June, 2016
  - Vision for the park emerged

Becker Park is a multi-use destination park that provides a vibrant, year-round gathering place that includes recreation, community events and entertainment for residents and guests of all ages serving a variety of interests.
A New Vision for Becker Park

Fall of 2016

From Vision to Planning

• Question - If changes are made at Becker Park, how does that affect other parks?

• Decided to develop a park system master plan to compare the overall needs of the community with amenities currently provided in the parks.
A New Vision for Becker Park

2017

Crystal Park System Master Plan

• Master Plan looked at all parks in Crystal
• Extensive public engagement process took place
• Answered the questions:
  • **What** amenities should be in the parks?
  • **Where** should the amenities be located?
A New Vision for Becker Park

End of 2017

Park System Master Plan Outcomes

- Solidified a vision for Becker Park
- Created a 20-year framework for development for the entire park system.

Destination Parks (2)  Community Parks (4)
Neighborhood Parks (13)  Natural Areas (7)
Master Plan Implementation
Step #1

2018

- Prepare for improvements at Becker Park
- Make initial changes to other parks based on master plan findings

Two softball fields were removed in Becker Park, so one softball field was built in Welcome Park
Master Plan Implementation
Step #2

2018

- Develop construction documents for Becker Park
- Project Goals:
  - Encourages community gathering for all
  - Promotes healthy living through outdoor play
  - Is compatible with public transportation and trails
  - Supports the local economy of Crystal
Becker Park Construction

2019

• Bids Due: January, 2019
• Finalize Play Area Plans: March, 2019
• Construction Begins: April, 2019
• Substantial Completion: October, 2019
• Grand Re-Opening: Spring, 2020
2020 – The New Becker Park

Vision From 2016 – “Becker Park is a multiuse destination park that provides a vibrant, year round gathering place that includes recreation, community events and entertainment for residents and guests of all ages serving a variety of interests.”

- Inclusive Play Area
- Interactive Fountain
- Performance Area
- Sidewalks / Pathways
- Accessible Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Open Lawn
Enhance Biking & Walking

Three Rivers Park District

Regional Trailhead

• Crystal Lake Regional Trail

• Future Regional Trail to South
Enhance Biking & Walking

Blue Line

Station Area Planning

• 90% Plans: Bass Lake Road Park to Hwy 81

• 60% Plans: Douglas Drive Park to Broadway
Enhance Biking & Walking

Bottineau Corridor

Connect Crystal Community Ctr.

- Crystal Walk Audit
- Bike Repair Station at Community Ctr.
- Consideration of Improvements on Douglas Drive
Active Living Opportunities

Inclusive Play

• Inclusive Play Area

• Interactive Fountain
Active Living Opportunities

Future Programming

• Outdoor fitness
• Special Events and Festivals
• Flexible space for passive and active recreation
• Winter events & activities
Active Living Opportunities

Future Programming

- Farmer’s Market
- Music & Movies
- Large group gathering spaces
Active Living Opportunities

Accessible Area

- Apartments on South Side of the Park
- Businesses on North and West Sides of the Park
- Light Rail and Regional Trail on East Side of the Park
- Bus Stops on Bass Lake Road
Project Support

- **Fundraising Events:**
  - Cheers to Crystal Beer and Wine Event
    - Crystal Fund Event on Friday, March 15
    - Volunteers and additional breweries are welcome!

- **Restaurant Deals (mention Becker Park):**
  - Buffalo Wild Wings – 10% of your check to project
  - African Food and Gifts – 10% of your check to project

- **Direct Financial Support (Project Partners):**
  - Donations over $500 included on sign in park
  - Details at: [www.beckerpark.com](http://www.beckerpark.com)
Questions?

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