



MEMORANDUM

To: St. Anthony Village Parks & Environmental Commission
From: Jeremy Gumke, Director of Public Works, and Charlie Yunker, City Manager
Date: June 7, 2021 Parks & Environmental Commission Meeting
Request: Staff Recommendation on Request for Walking Path from Trillium to Silver Point Park

BACKGROUND

At its February 22, 2021 Work Session, the Parks Commission asked staff to make a recommendation on a request from Citizens' for Sustainability on a walking path from Trillium to Silver Point Park.

The rough placement of the requested trail, in yellow, is presented below:



There is a spot at the southeast corner of the fence apparently configured for a future gate if desired.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed this request and does not recommend installing a walking path from Trillium to Silver Point Park. This recommendation is due to the following considerations:

- Entry to Trillium Park at 2832 Hwy 88 would require an easement on private property and Hennepin County Right-Of-Way
- Existing topographic conditions in the park make a pedestrian entry point difficult
- There would be no barrier between pedestrians and the high-speed traffic on Hwy 88
- A new entry gate may make the frontage road a desirable parking area for park users, introducing parking issues for residents
- There is existing sidewalk connection between Trillium and Silver Point Parks via Silver Lake Road

NEXT STEPS

- If the Commission consensus is to follow staff's recommendation, no further action is needed
- If the Commission consensus is there is a need for the walking path, a recommendation from the Commission to the City Council in the form of a motion is needed