



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AGENDA**
May 5, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/94184441385> Or 1-669-444-9171 | Webinar ID: 941 8444 1385

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!
- C. ROLL CALL**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - 1. Director's Report**
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 2. Minutes from April 7, 2026**
- F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
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 - 3. Jackie Renninger Park Redevelopment – 35% Design**
 - 4. Waterfront Development – Elizabeth Peratrovich Plaza**
 - 5. Naming Amalga Meadows Public Use Cabin #2**
- H. STAFF REPORTS**
- I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**
- J. NEXT MEETING DATE - JUNE 2, 2026**
- K. ADJOURNMENT**

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TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: Marc Wheeler, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: May 1, 2026
RE: May 5 Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please find enclosed the information supporting your agenda topics for this meeting. The meeting is anticipated to last 90 minutes and will take place in the Assembly Chambers at City Hall and over Zoom Webinar at <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/94184441385> or call 1-669-444-9171. **Webinar ID:** 941 8444 1385.

AGENDA ITEMS

Jackie Renninger Park Redevelopment – 35% Design

Staff have been working with our consultants to advance redevelopment plans for Jackie Renninger Park. Our designers have reached the 35% design stage of their efforts. Tyler Bradshaw from PND Engineering and Chris Mertl from Corvus Design will be presenting to bring the PRAC up to speed on the project.

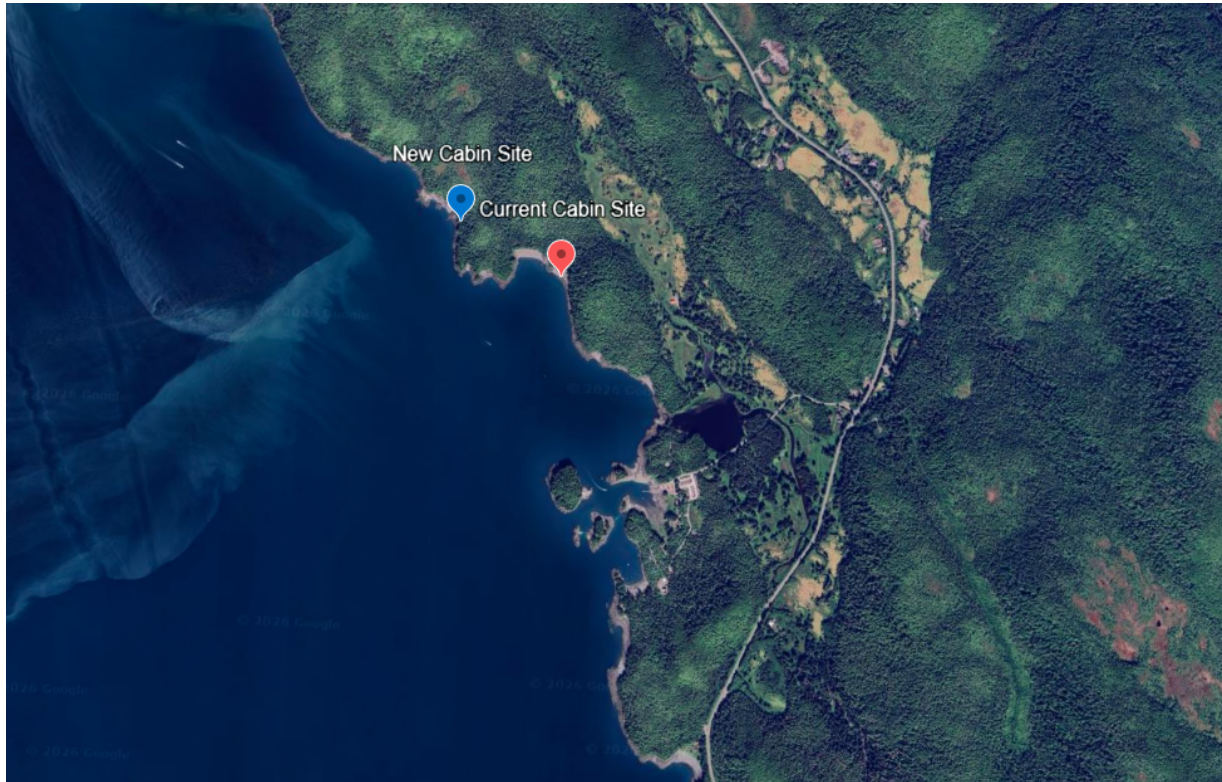
The department welcomes the PRAC's feedback on the current design and the recommended approach to project phasing.

Waterfront Development – Elizabeth Peratrovich Plaza

CBJ Docks and Harbors is planning to build restrooms and other improvements on the decked-over area adjacent to Elizabeth Peratrovich Plaza. They will be presenting their proposed designs to the PRAC for feedback at the meeting.

Naming Amalga Meadows Public Use Cabin #2

The Parks & Recreation Department is working with Trail Mix to construct a second public use cabin near the Eagle Valley Center (EVC) at Amalga Meadows Park. The cabin will be constructed this summer under a workforce development grant and will hopefully be available for public use this fall. The cabin will be sited on a cove north of the existing cabin site and will be accessed by hiking trail or boat.



We have consulted with Will Geiger, from the Sealaska Heritage Institute, regarding using a traditional place name for the cabin.

According to Will's research, there is a placename for the Amalga area: Eeyák'w. This means "little rapids" and refers to the outlet of the salt chuck. The name applies to the general area near the salt chuck outlet, including the cove where the new cabin will be sited.

Per CBJ 67.01.240 (6), one of the duties of the PRAC is the "naming of parks or recreation facilities."

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the Department proceed with naming the cabin the "Eeyák'w Cabin".

INFORMATION ITEMS

CBJ Budget

The Assembly continues to grapple with the FY2027 Budget. Each member suggested ideas for reducing services to produce \$2-4 million in budget savings. The compiled list was presented to

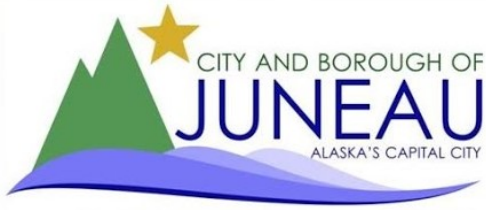
the Assembly Finance Committee on April 22. Assembly members asked for additional information on facility use in both pools and the Dimond Park Field House.

The Assembly held a special hearing on the budget on April 29. More than 85 citizens, from toddlers to seniors, came out to testify. The vast majority were there to support Parks and Recreation programs and facilities. Especially well represented were swimmers, advocating for the importance of keeping both pools open.

The Assembly will continue reviewing potential service reductions at its May 6 meeting. Chair Christine Woll has indicated that decisions will likely be made at the end of the budget process. According to the budget calendar, the May 27 Finance Committee meeting is the last day to decide on the budget. The budget will be formally adopted at the June 8 Assembly meeting, when there will be an additional public hearing.

Adair Kennedy Courts

The department is moving forward with resurfacing the courts at Adair Kennedy Park this summer as planned. We are working to procure paint for the courts and to hopefully work with a term contractor to do the resurfacing and painting. We are hoping to resurface, paint, and line both the tennis/pickleball court and the basketball/tennis court. Depending on the quotes we receive, we may only have funds to resurface, paint, and line the tennis/pickleball court, and to paint new lines on the basketball/tennis court. We will also be installing new tennis net posts and nets, as well as new pickleball net posts and nets.



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

April 7, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

PRAC Vice Chair Josh Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Josh Anderson, Danika Swanson, Emma Van Nes, Jennifer Gross, Kaasáank' Andrew Williams, Paulette Schirmer, Ren Scott, Susan Crandall

Absent: Ryan O'Shaughnessy

Staff Present: Marc Wheeler, Parks & Recreation Director, Lauren Verrelli, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director; Christine Woll, Assembly Liaison; & Annie Carroll, Parks & Recreation Staff Liaison

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Ms. Schirmer to approve the agenda and ask for unanimous consent. *Seeing no objections, the agenda was approved.*

1. Director's Report

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes from February 3, 2026

MOTION by Ms. Schirmer to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026, and ask for unanimous consent. *No objections were heard, and the minutes were approved.*

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

F. AGENDA TOPICS

3. Trail Mix 2026 Work Plan – Presented by Meghan Tabacek

Ms. Tabacek presented the organization's 2026 summer work plan, providing an overview of projects on both CBJ trails and non-CBJ trails. She noted that Trail Mix is a nonprofit dedicated to developing and maintaining the Juneau trail system. She shares that Trail Mix will operate with three crews this summer. Non-CBJ work includes Amalga Trail (Eagle Glacier Cabin), Peterson Lake Trail, Bonnie Brae Trail, & Mount Roberts Trail.

CBJ Trail Projects include the Mount Jumbo Reroute: 750 feet of new tread from Paris Creek to the Treadwell Ditch, installation of a 25-foot bridge, and grade and drainage improvements. Completion is targeted for August 2026.

35-Mile Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Park: Primary focus will be route finding, flagging, logging, and logistics coordination with the Juneau Off-Road Association (JORA) and city-contracted crews. JORA contributed approximately 800 volunteer hours last year, and the goal is to approach near-completion of the beginner route. A tentative target of opening some routes by 2028 was noted.

Amalga Meadows Cabin Construction: Trail Mix will construct a second cabin in the Amalga Meadows using a city workforce development grant and Proposition 2 funds. The cabin will be built with local contractor Lone Wolf Customs, and lumber barged from Icy Straits Lumber. Construction is expected to begin late June or early July, with a completion target of the end of September 2026, so the cabin could be available for reservations in early October.

Cabin Access Trail: Approximately 0.15 miles of trail was completed; almost a quarter mile remains. Ten weeks of crew work is planned, & completion is timed to coincide with cabin construction.

Fish Creek Trail: Five weeks of work continuing tread improvements, turnpike construction filled with gravel, and creek-edge stabilization. Work is permitted through ADF&G, and gravel extraction from the creek is timed to avoid salmon impacts. A bridge replacement on the upper trail is planned if the bridge can be ordered in time.

Annual Trail Brushing: A crew of five will brush and perform minor tread maintenance on 60 or more CBJ trails and beach access points, typically running July 1 through August 15.

Damage Report Response Team: Trail coordinators respond to public damage reports submitted via the Trail Mix website throughout the year, addressing fallen trees and other hazards and coordinating with land managers on larger issues.

Youth Employment and Parks (YEP) Program: An 8-week collaborative season with the City, SAIL, and the Zach Gordon Youth Center. YEP crew projects include:

Eagle Valley Center and SAIL Ropes Course, Montana Creek Trail, Lena Point Trail, Beach Access Points, and Horse Tram Trail

Trail Stewards Volunteer Program: Priority trails include Mount Jumbo Reroute, Black Bear Trail, Under Thunder Bike Trails, Schweitzer Creek Loop, Christopher Trail, Fish Creek, Auk Lake, Beach Access Points, and Tee Harbor

Ms. Tabacek noted that work is underway with Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Verrelli restarting the Juneau Trail Plan process. The last adopted Juneau Trail Plan dates to 1993. Summer 2026 will be used for scoping and agency coordination, with the full planning process running from November 2026 through November 2028. The process will include community focus groups, user group input, community-wide surveys, and feasibility studies. Ms. Tabacek cited Sitka Trail Works' 2023 trail plan as a model. A completed plan will strengthen grant competitiveness for major construction projects.

Ms. Van Nes asked about crew size and composition, and Ms. Tabacek confirmed Trail Mix will have approximately 20 staff total in the summer, with about 13 of the 16 crew members being local residents or college students returning to Juneau.

Ms. Gross asked about the Dupont Bridge. Ms. Tabacek shared that Trail Mix was awarded a \$20,000

grant from the Juneau Community Foundation today to begin permitting and planning. She is working with DOT on permits and noted that while DOT is not expected to fund construction, the goal is to complete permitting this season and potentially begin preparation or install the new bridge next season, depending on grant funding.

Mr. Anderson asked how local businesses or individuals could donate to Trail Mix. Ms. Tabacek confirmed all donations are tax-deductible, and that a corporate sponsorship program is available with promotional perks, and that individuals can donate at trailmixinc.org.

Ms. Swanson asked about the DuPont Trail itself, not just the bridge. Ms. Tabacek explained that Trail Mix holds an active Forest Service agreement covering DuPont and related glacier and cabin trails, but that trail work has largely stalled because moving equipment across the current bridge is not feasible. Repairing the bridge is the key to unlocking continued trail work. The Forest Service's recreation planner has also been engaged and supportive of the bridge project.

G. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Wheeler provided updates on department projects. He noted that work at Marine Park is now visibly underway after delays due to snow. Engineering Department support has been limited as staff are heavily consumed by outburst flood planning.

Mr. Wheeler noted that the Assembly is continuing its budget deliberations, with members asked to identify \$2 million in potential reductions. Compiled proposals will be discussed beginning April 22. A budget retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. Parks & Recreation and the libraries have been subject to significant questions from the Assembly in this process.

Mr. Wheeler previewed items expected at future meetings, including a Jackie Renninger Park design update at 35% completion, a presentation from Docks and Harbors on plans for Elizabeth Peratrovich Plaza, a discussion with DNR about potential trail management transfers (CBJ receiving Mount Juneau Trail and Granite Basin Trail; DNR taking over Camping Cove Access Trail), and naming the new Amalga Meadows cabin being built by Trail Mix.

Mr. Wheeler acknowledged Trail Mix's strong value to the City but noted that Proposition 2 bond funds, which have supported much of the trail work, are winding down. CBJ funding for Trail Mix is expected to decrease in future years without a new funding source.

Mr. Wheeler reminded the committee that the annual PRAC report is due. He indicated that Mr. O'Shaughnessy is aware of this obligation. He also noted that several committee members have terms expiring April 30 and encouraged those interested in continuing to submit reappointment applications through the Clerk's Office, and may continue serving past April 30 while paperwork is processed.

Mr. Wheeler invited reactions from the four committee members who attended the recent behind-the-scenes tour of the Diamond Park Aquatic Center (DPAC). Ms. Van Nes noted that far more goes into operating a pool than she had previously appreciated and thanked staff for the informative tour. Mr. Anderson asked about the status of the air handling unit at DPAC. Mr. Wheeler confirmed it is a high priority. The unit is approximately 17–18 years old and approaching the end of its expected 20-year lifespan. It was also noted to have been spec'd with inappropriate materials, causing corrosion. Replacement is estimated at approximately \$4 million and would require removing a large section of the wall for installation. Due to current budget constraints, a bond measure is being considered for 2027 at

the earliest. Mr. Anderson asked whether the unit could be placed on the roof; Mr. Wheeler noted he would raise that with the facilities team.

Ms. Schirmer asked whether a flyer was available about the contagious disease affecting mountain goats on the Juneau Ridge and Sheep Creek Ridge. Mr. Wheeler confirmed that signs have been posted at Flume Trail, Perseverance Trail, Mount Roberts Trail, Sheep Creek, and West Peak Trail, and offered to provide a PDF. He noted that the disease is expected to be a long-term issue, as spores remain viable for up to 12 years. People and dogs can be infected through contact with affected goats, with no cure available. In humans, it presents similarly to a recurring blister condition. Goats cannot be inoculated. The recommendation is to keep dogs on leash and avoid contact with goats or carcasses. Committee members were encouraged to help spread the word. The decision was made to use education and signage rather than trail closures, given the likely long duration of the issue and low compliance with closures generally.

H. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Schirmer provided a report from the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee. Topics discussed at two recent meetings included the affordable housing budget; limiting the number of short-term rentals held by a single individual in the downtown area to prevent large-scale acquisition by outside entities; a land trade between the state and CBJ for a tower & access under a bridge; and a peer-to-peer vehicle-sharing tax proposal to ensure they are subject to the same local taxes as traditional car rentals.

Mr. Anderson reported on the Youth Activities Board (YAB). The grant review and scoring process is complete. On April 14, all applicants will meet at Juneau-Douglas High School to review scores and allocations. The total grant pool is approximately \$356,000, distributed across sports, academic, and arts categories. No report was available from the 1% for Arts Committee.

Ms. Woll provided a report on the Assembly's budget work. She noted that in December, the Assembly directed the City Manager to develop a budget addressing \$10–12 million in revenue loss from the recently passed ballot propositions. The Manager's proposed budget, including Parks & Recreation, has been submitted and includes significant departmental tightening, and increased user fees. The Assembly is now working to identify additional service level reductions. A two-year approach is being taken due to uncertainty about the actual impact of the sales tax exemptions. A budget retreat is scheduled for Saturday, and community input opportunities continue, including a public listening session the following Wednesday, where the Manager will present the budget at a high level, and the Assembly will receive public comment. Ms. Woll thanked community members who participated in surveys and workshops.

Kaasáank' shared the Tlingit word of the day: *Ash Kudat'ájaa*, meaning "Swimming/Playing in the water". Literally, slapping one's palms on the surface of the water. He noted that he and his grandson created an [animation showing the Lingít Language Pronunciation](#), posted on YouTube.

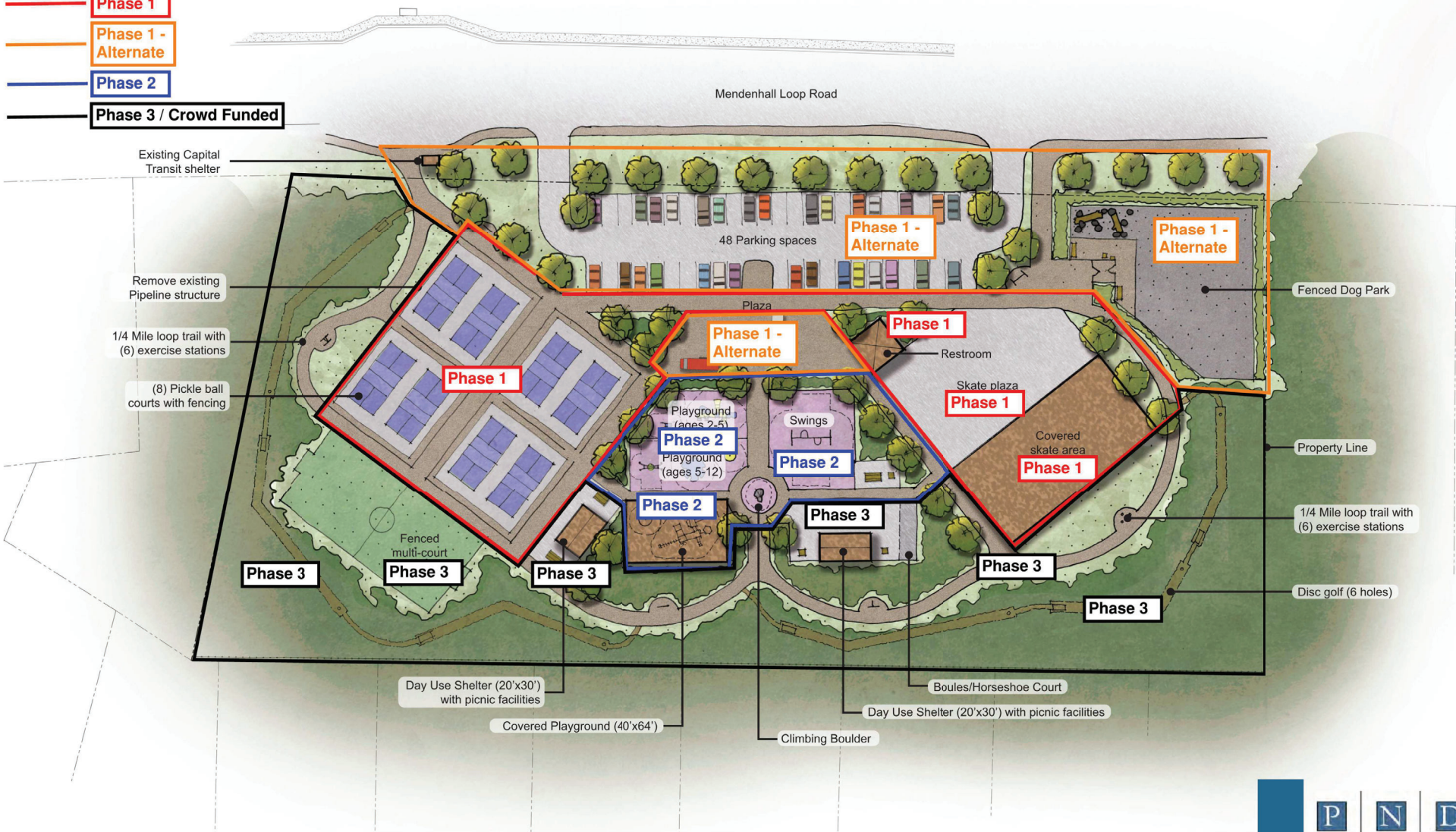
I. NEXT MEETING DATE - MAY 5, 2026

J. ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Annie Carroll on 05/01/2026.

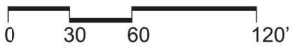


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- Phase 2
- Phase 3 / Crowd Funded



JACKIE RENNINGER PARK

Preliminary Phasing Plan



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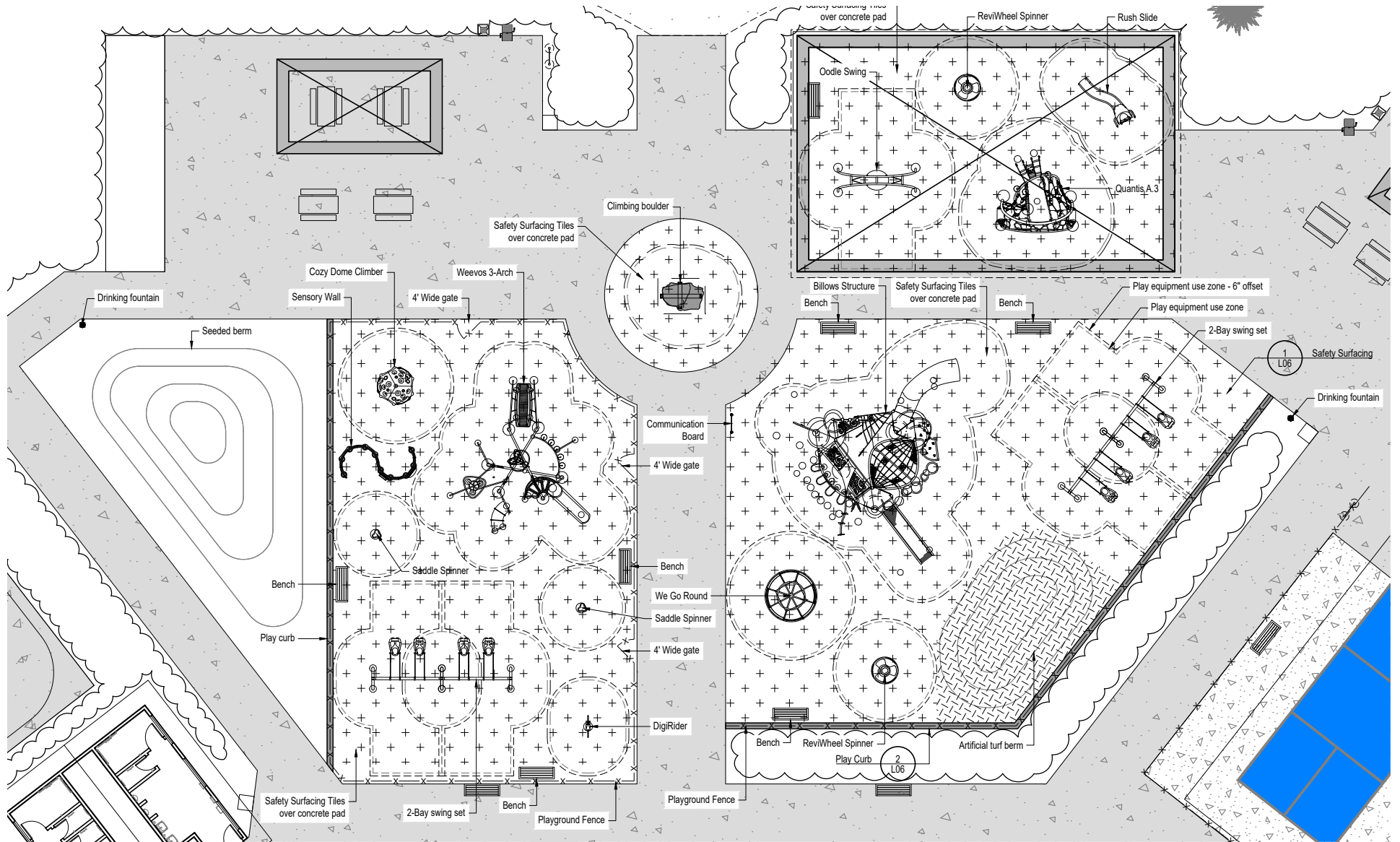
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Corvus Design

Landscape Architecture • Planning • Industrial Design

PLAYGROUND



Final Concept Design | Site Plan

Our Jackie Renninger Skatepark concept design has been crafted through public input and feedback. The design responds to the locals' requests for balance between a street and flow terrain style.

Banked and transitional hips align riders with lanes equipped with skate features. An overhead roof structure covers the 4' mini-ramp and street lane are intentionally located for skating and riding during snowy and rainy conditions.

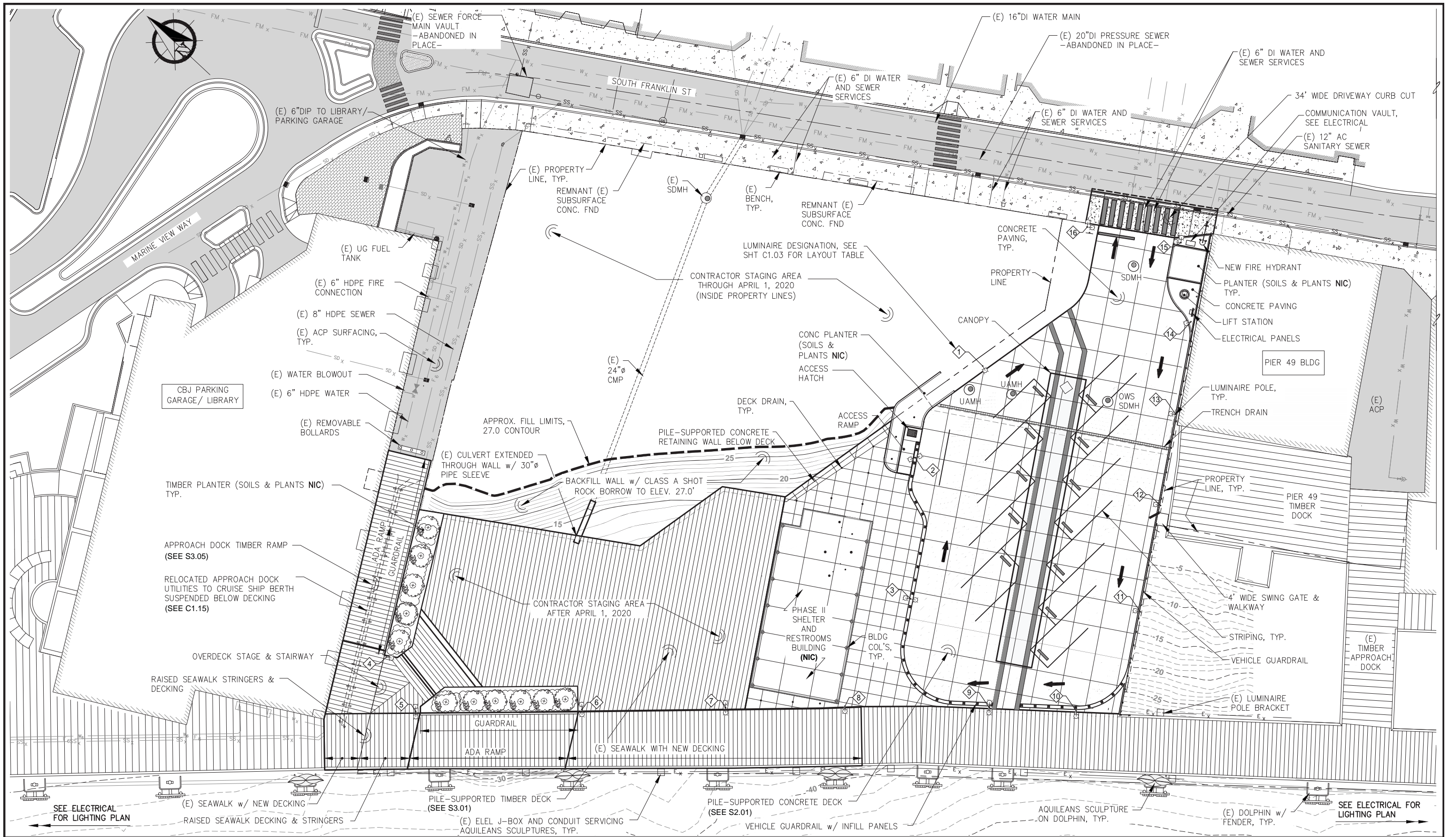
Legend

- ↔ Pedestrian Access
- ↔ Rider Circulation
- ★ Staging Area
- 🗝️ Rules Sign
- ⌈⌋ Weather Structure

- ① Entry / Spectator Plaza
- ② 4' Mini-Ramp
- ③ 2' Center Pyramid with Bank-to-Curb
- ④ 5-Stair stage with Rail
- ⑤ 4-Stair stage with Rail, Hubba Ledge, and Step-Up Gap
- ⑥ A-Frame with 6" Manny Pad and Curb
- ⑦ 14" Flat Bar and 12" Ledge Combo
- ⑧ 3.5' Bank with Hip and 4.5' Extension
- ⑨ Landscape Buffer



Skatepark features are schematic and will be modified based on community input, project budget and geotechnical findings. The current design is schematic to represent the intended terrain style within the project scope.



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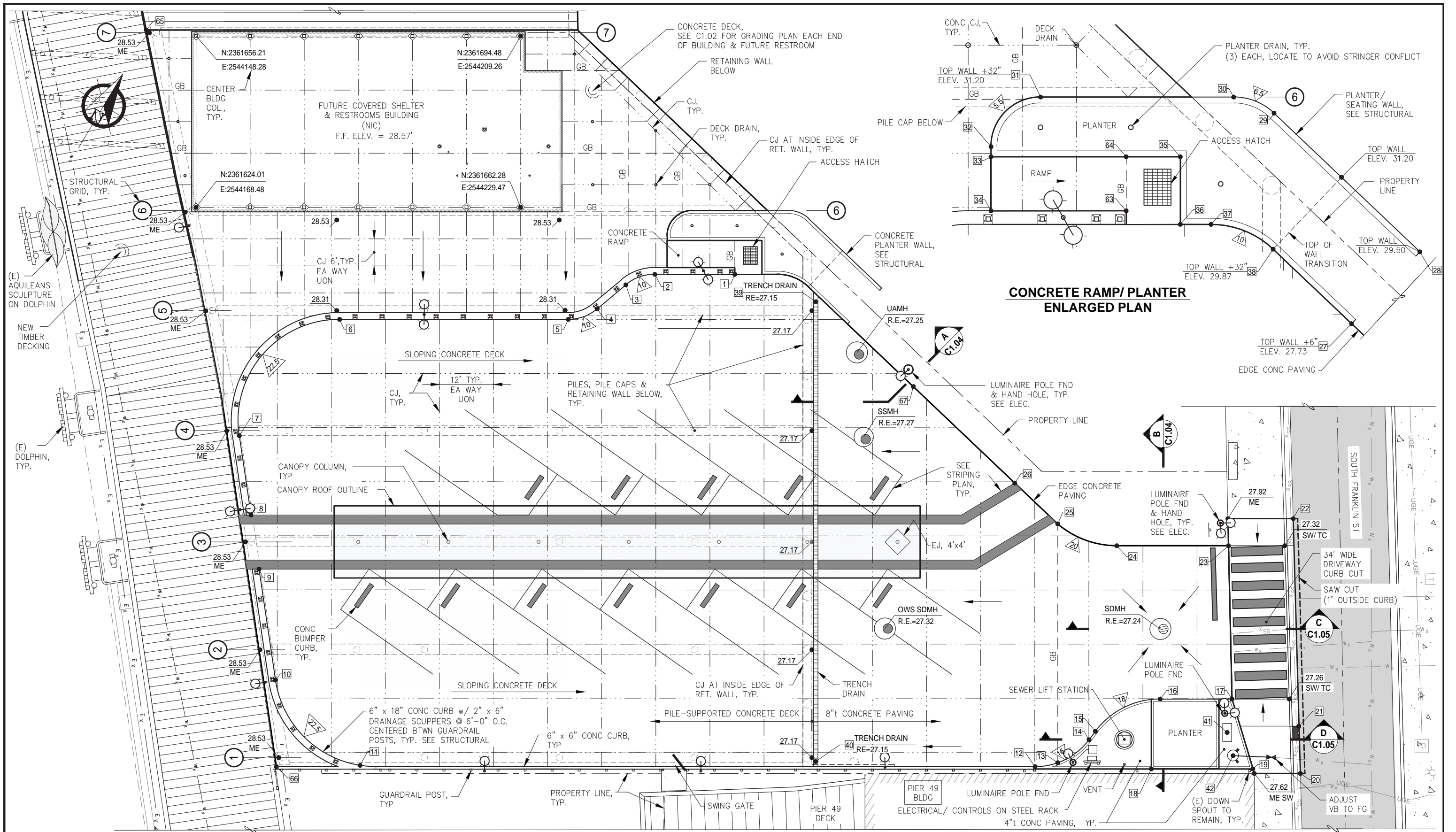


DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS
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CONCRETE RAMP/PLANTER ENLARGED PLAN

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