

Fargo Park District
Special Assessment Committee

Agenda

12/12/2025

- A. Welcome/Introductions
- B. Committee Terms
 - a. Compensation
- C. Committee Role/Expectations
- D. Assessment District Philosophy
- E. Introduce Projects
 - a. Madelyn's Meadows
 - b. Clay Hector Park
- F. Next Steps

Parks provide a wide range of benefits for individuals, communities, and the environment. Here are some key advantages:

1. Health & Well-Being

- Encourages physical activity (walking, jogging, biking, sports)
- Reduce stress & improve mental health (green spaces help with relaxation)
- Boosts immune system (exposure to nature has proven health benefits)
- Provides a safe space for play (crucial for child development)

2. Environmental Benefits

- Improves air quality (trees absorb pollutants and produce oxygen)
- Reduces urban heat (green spaces help cool down cities)
- Supports biodiversity (habitats for birds, pollinators, and wildlife)
- Manages stormwater (grass and trees help absorb rainwater, reducing flooding)
- Trees create shade that increases the city life infrastructure such as concrete and asphalt

3. Social & Community Impact

- Brings people together (social interaction, volunteering, events, and community bonding)
- Increase property values (homes near parks tend to have higher values)
- Provides inclusive spaces (parks serve people of all ages and abilities)
- Reduces crime rates (well-maintained parks can create safer neighborhoods)

4. Economic Benefits

- Boosts local businesses (foot traffic increases near parks)
- Encourages tourism (popular parks attract visitors and generate revenue)
- Reduces healthcare costs (active lifestyles lead to fewer medical issues)

5. Educational & Recreational Opportunities

- Encourages outdoor learning (nature education, school field trips)
- Supports sports & recreation (organized leagues, fitness programs)
- Provides cultural & artistic spaces (concerts, public art, festivals)

Overall, parks play a vital role in enhancing quality of life by offering a natural escape, improving public health, and strengthening communities.