

CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JUNE4, 2024 AGENDA

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DISCUSSION: REFLECTION PLAZA	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	RITA RAMIREZ ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

BACKGROUND

At the May 21st City Council meeting a request was made to include a discussion item on the June 4 City Council agenda regarding a potential location for the Reflection Plaza project. The following is an outline of the previous discussions and meetings held regarding this topic:

In June of 2023 following a presentation prepared by staff identifying several potential sites for the project, along with the pros and cons of each location, Council held a discussion in an effort to select a site. They did eliminate a couple of the sites presented as options. Councilmembers had varying thoughts regarding the remaining sites and ultimately it was determined that without some sense of what the project was going to represent and the types of amenities that might be included, it would be difficult to select a location. The Mayor indicated that the La Vista Community Foundation had done some work on this and they would be the main fundraiser for the project. Ultimately, the Mayor instructed staff to put some information together about potential amenities and indicated he wanted the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to make a recommendation.

Staff did research on other memorial type projects and a follow up meeting was held with the Mayor to review types of amenities that could be included in the project. At that time it was determined we should wait until the campus planning project was further along and a potential site or sites on the City Hall campus could be identified as one of the location choices. It was anticipated we would have something shortly after the first of the year. RDG ultimately did provide a map with several potential sites at City Hall as part of their campus planning project.

Another meeting was held with the Mayor and Anissa Visty from the Foundation in early spring where staff was asked to review some photos and websites provided by Anissa and identify things they would like to see in a project. Staff was told that the Mayor had someone from Mulhall's who was willing to create some basic design sketches pro bono. Involving the Park & Rec Advisory Board was again mentioned in this meeting. It was agreed that the Recreation Director would advise the Board at their next meeting about the project in anticipation of the Board being asked to make a recommendation in the near future. It was also indicated that a site had not been chosen by Council and after some discussion another option was proposed for consideration along with the previous sites presented.

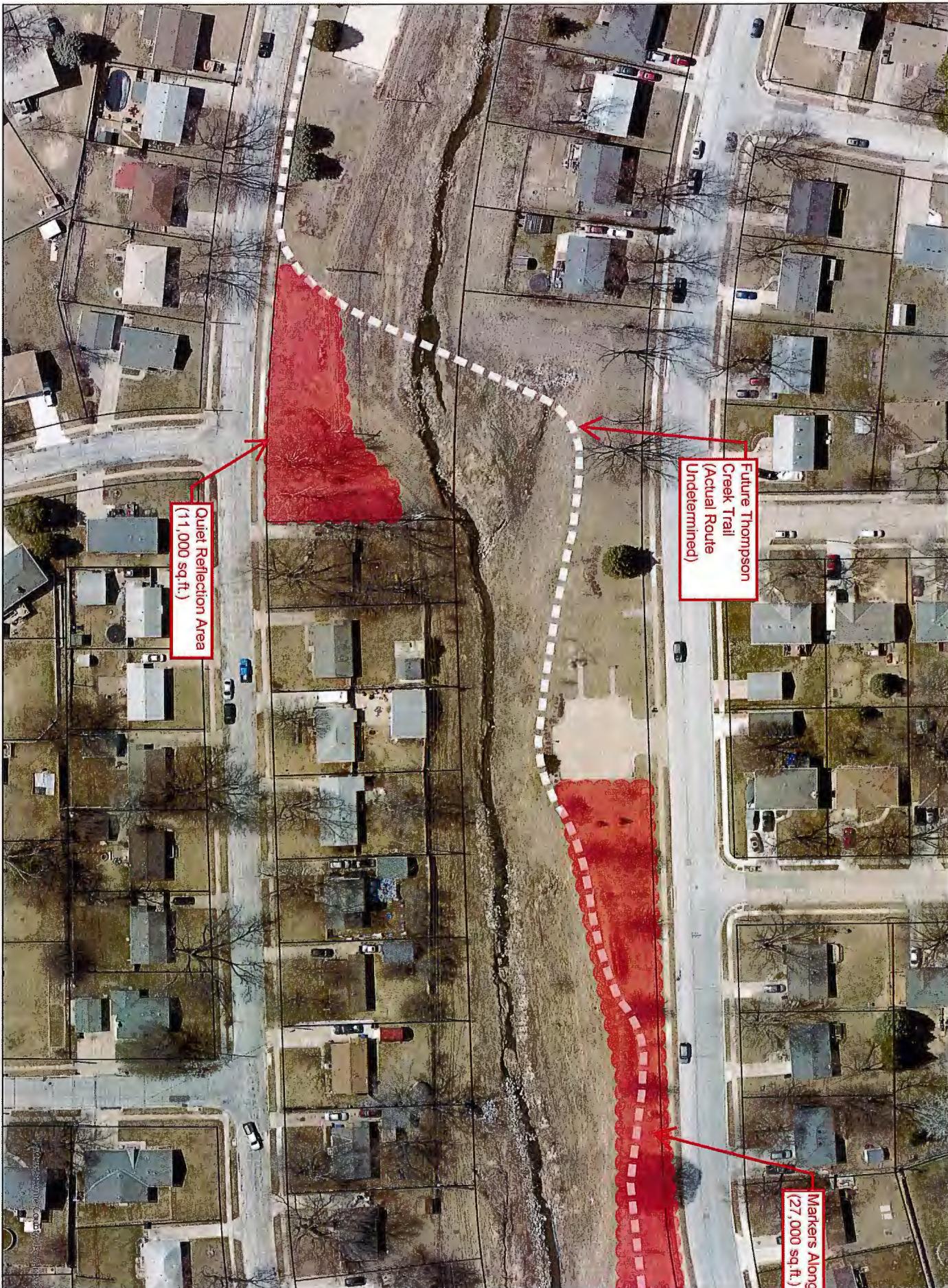
Attached to this staff report are maps of the sites still under consideration:

- Central Park in the area of the previous #3 green near the new access road off of Park View Blvd.
- Champion Park along Park View Blvd. between approximately 76th Avenue and 72nd Street.
- City Hall Campus – several locations on the campus identified during the campus planning process.
- Central Park just west of the tennis courts

CENTRAL PARK



CHAMPION PARK



LA VISTA MUNICIPAL CAMPUS PLANNING REFLECTION PLAZA CONSIDERATIONS

The map below shows options for where a future "Reflection Plaza" could be located on the Municipal Campus if this site is selected as the location for this desired community amenity. Locations and brief notes are shown for five separate options (A-E) at this time. The areas shown are comparable in size and a final design will need to respond to site-specific characteristics such as topography, parking access, final building layout, and adjacencies while also integrating direction for programming of the site.

