

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

**AGENDA**  
August 5, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL:  
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\_\_\_ Ryan Carlson                    \_\_\_ Mike Bradbury  
  
\_\_\_ Council Member Melanie Leehy  
\_\_\_ Staff Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff Liaison
- C. PRESENTATION
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
Approval of June 11, 2019 Minutes
- E. AGENDA:
1. Updates/Planning for next year
    - a. Garden-in-a-box
    - b. Summer Programming
    - c. Ice Cream Social
    - d. Curtiss Field Basketball Court
    - e. Kid Create Studio
  2. Good Neighbor Grant
    - a. Story Time
    - b. Curtiss Field Shed
- F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT
- G. ADJOURNMENT:

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Approval of May 6, 2019 Minutes

Eischen 1<sup>st</sup> Motion  
Walt 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion  
Motion Passed

E. AGENDA:

1. Updates

a. Garden-in-a-box

- Garden-in-a-box program has started and boxes have been placed at Curtiss Field, FH Elementary, City Hall and Falcon Townsquare. The boxes were provided by the Minnesota Horticulture Society. Supplies for the boxes included the box, soil, compost, organic fertilizer and various plants.

b. Summer Programming

- Summer programming began on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The most popular programs are Messy Art, Mini Soccer, Super Soccer, Blastball and Summer Discovery Playground. A majority of programs are being held at Community Park in which only one session of Mini Soccer and three sessions of Rec on the Go are held at Curtiss Field. Rec on the GO started off with a turnout of about 20 kids. Also joining the Parks & REC team is Three Rivers Park District. Three Rivers Park District were at the first session and engaged the kids in bug catching and a insect craft activity.

c. Ice Cream Social

- Ice Cream Social/Hot Dog with a Deputy will be on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM at Community Park. The Percolators will entertain the crowd with live music and there will be games and activities at this event as well. There will also be several groups at the event that will engage the community on upcoming events.

d. Spring Together

- Spring Together occurred on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. There were about 50 people at this potluck style event. There was a bounce house, mini soccer and the game of Kubb. The game of Kubb was popular and Commission Member Ryan Carlson will work with City Staff to organize another Kubb event on the green space outside of City Hall.

2. Events

a. Harvest Event

- Parks commission members brainstormed ideas about a potential harvest fest that could be held during the fall. This will be a family friendly event and discussion about hosting the event the Saturday prior to the Autumnal Equinox would result in the event landing on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Further discussion about partnering with Gibbs Farm for bobbing for apples or partnering with the U of M to do a hayride in the fields are items that need to be explored. Having apple cider, s'mores and mini-farmers market. Members also came up with the name of "Cider Fest" as a potential name.

b. Event/Planning

- Discussion of keeping an event in each season occurred. Spring results in Spring Together, Summer is the Ice Cream Social, Fall could potentially be Cider Fest and talks about bringing back Winterfest during the Winter.
- Winterfest could include events like it did in the past such as skiing, sleigh rides, hot cocoa, crafts for kids and much more. By keeping the current events that the City already hosts such as Ice Cream Social and Spring Together this will allow community members to become familiar and know that the events will continue to occur.

c. Parks & Rec Programming 2020

- Parks Commission members discussed revamping the parks program for 2020. The general discussion included that offering more times for REC on the GO for older kids in the afternoons would be ideal. Right now REC on the GO has been held 9-11AM and has a younger age group of kids attending.
- Discussion also presented that kids like unstructured activities and by offering more REC on the Go sessions to different age groups will be enticing.
- Offering programs for adults while kids are enrolled in their programs would be a way for adults to get out and be active. Hosting adult programs such as Zumba or strength training simultaneously with youth programming will be explored in 2020.
- Discussion of STEM relating to engineering or nature related programs would also be of interest of kids. Exposing youth to various programs can be more engaging and will allow them to be more open minded.

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- Ramsey County is interested in placing a compost drop-off site within the city limits of Falcon Heights. Based on the information from staff

liaison Justin Markon and the Environment Commission there has been talks about placing the bin in the parking lot of Community Park or City Hall. Discussion included the idea that having the drop-off site at City Hall would allow for more exposure and access off of Larpenteur Ave. If the bin was placed at Community Park there was concern for limited parking spaces during the summer.

G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:25PM

Eischen 1<sup>st</sup> Motion  
Demerath 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion  
Motion Passed



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## REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

<b>Meeting Date</b>	August 5, 2019
<b>Agenda Item</b>	Agenda E1
<b>Attachment</b>	Pictures/Flyer
<b>Submitted By</b>	Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff

<b>Item</b>	Updates/Planning for next year
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>a. Garden-In-A-Box</b>          Started in 2008, the Garden-in-a-Box program was created by Minnesota State Horticulture Society to teach vegetable gardening to kids so they would eat more fresh produce. MSHS distributes vegetable gardening kits to community groups.</p> <p>The program provides an opportunity for children and families in need to experience the benefits of gardening: affordable healthy food, outdoor activity, education and community building. It gives childcare providers, community program coordinators and teachers the chance to incorporate hands-on learning experiences into their programs.</p> <p>At the beginning of summer 2 boxes were placed at City Hall, 2 were placed at Curtiss field, 4 were given to the elementary school for their Friendship Connection Summer Program and 2 were given to Falcon Townsquare Sr. Apartments. The students at the elementary school have enjoyed having these boxes as part of their STEM programming. Seniors had asked for a raised garden bed and are enjoying these boxes as well.</p> <p><b>b. Summer Programming</b>          2019 Summer programming had 81 participants in all programs between Community Park, CTC and Curtiss Field. REC on the Go had 35 participants across the three sessions held this summer.</p> <p><b>c. Ice Cream Social</b>          The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social/ Hot Dog with a Deputy was held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The total count of individuals that participated in this event was 272 people. There were 600 hot dogs served. 18 gallons of ice cream and 18 bottles of root beer had been used by the end time of 7PM.</p> <p><b>d. Curtiss Field Basketball Court</b>          Falcon Heights Public Works department will be putting in the Basketball Court by the end of this summer. The Basketball hoops were recently ordered.</p> <p><b>e. Kid Create Studio</b>          Specializing in children’s art classes, camps and art themed birthday parties, Kidcreate Studio is an art studio just for kids. Kidcreate allows children to</p>

	create fridge-worthy masterpieces, learn art concepts, and experiment with many different art materials. Kidcreate can offer art activities and crafts for children in our City during MEA or winter break.
<b>Budget Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pictures</li><li>• Kidcreate Flyer</li></ul>
<b>Action(s) Requested</b>	Discuss 2019 updates and how the Parks & Rec Department should move forward in 2020. Discuss if Kidcreate would be a program of interest in the City.











# KIDCREATE<sup>®</sup> STUDIO

## Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Fall 2019 Proposed Classes

### Program Description

Kidcreate Studio's award-winning art classes allow kids to explore art in an environment full of giggles and grins. Kids create fridge worthy masterpieces while learning art concepts and experimenting with different art materials. The curriculum is age-appropriate and designed to inspire. Classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments. Making a mess is the best with Kidcreate Studio! For more information about Kidcreate Studio visit [www.kidcreatestudio.com](http://www.kidcreatestudio.com).

### Sibling Age Classes (4-9 years) (classes for siblings to attend together)



#### Magical, Mystical Unicorns with Kidcreate Studio (4-9 years)

Unicorn fans, you're in luck, because we have the perfect camp for you! We'll make unicorns that dazzle, sparkle, and shine as we explore a wide array of materials and techniques. We'll draw, sculpt, and even learn the secret recipe for making fabulous, glittery Unicorn Slime! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(2 camp) (Winter Break)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$57.00 per child (2 day camp)	4-9 yrs	7/15	1167



#### Insane Slime with Kidcreate Studio (4-9 years)

Sign up early for this popular class! It's silly and slimy and insanely fun. Messy Time is one of our most popular activities, and that's exactly what we'll be doing all class long! We'll get silly with silly putty, messy with muck and so much more! This is going to be a messy one, so please dress your child appropriately. Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(1 session)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$28.00 per child	4-9 yrs	7/15	2599

Slime is SO popular right now!



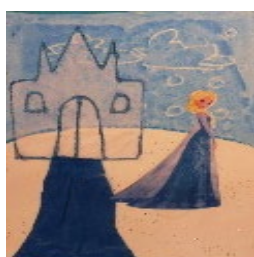
#### Hatchimals with Kidcreate Studio (4-9 years)

Doesn't designing your very own Hatchimal sound like a dream come true? We'll sculpt and splatter our Hatchimal eggs until they look just like the real thing-- we'll even create a tiny fuzzy Hatchimal to go inside. Your artist will love using their imaginations to hatch up the cutest Hatchimal sculptures ever! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(1 session)(MEA or Winter Break)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$27.00 per child	4-9 yrs	7/15	2690

This is a fun one for winter break! I bet Hatchimals will be a popular Christmas gift.



#### The Frozen Princesses with Kidcreate Studio (4-9 years)

We will have a blast in this class as we are inspired by the popular Disney<sup>®</sup> movies *Frozen* and *Frozen 2*. The kids will create a sparkly, wintery castle scene featuring their favorite princess! Please pack a nut free snack and a drink for your child.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(1 session)(Winter Break)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$27.00 per child	4-9 yrs	7/15	2520

Frozen 2 is due out in theaters in November 2019.

## School Age Classes (5-12 years)

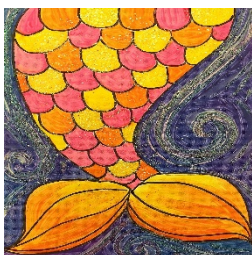


### Olaf and Friends with Kidcreate Studio (5-12 years)

If you're as excited for *Frozen 2* as we are, come join us on an Arendelle adventure! We'll travel through the kingdom with Olaf and his friends, using paint, clay, and so much more to create many icy masterpieces. We'll even get in touch with our ice powers and create our very own snow globes and Olaf bobble heads! This is a class *Frozen* fans won't want to miss! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(2 or 3 day camp)(Winter Break)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$57.00 per child (2 day camp)	5-12 yrs	7/20	1172
\$79.00 per child (3 day camp)			

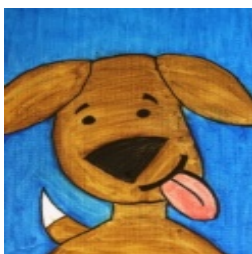


### Glitter & Glow with Kidcreate Studio (5-12 years)

What rules supreme in your child's world? Art projects that glitter or glow-in-the-dark? No need for your child to choose when you sign them up for this art class! We will work with a variety of art supplies including clay, glow-in-the-dark paint, and of course, lots and lots of glitter! The kids will create snow globes that glow-in-the-dark, butterflies that shimmer and glimmer, an Eiffel Tower with stars that twinkle, and so much more. Glitter and glow... here we go! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child each day.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(2 or 3 day camp)(MEA or Winter Break)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$57.00 per child (2 day camp)	5-12 yrs	7/20	1152
\$79.00 per child (3 day camp)			



### How to Draw a Puppy with Kidcreate Studio (5-12 years)

In this class, the kids will learn how to draw an adorable puppy using a simple step-by-step process. The final project will be painted on a real canvas board! Register early for this popular class! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

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TBD	TBD(1 session)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$28.00 per child	5-12 yrs	7/20	2140



### Santa's Toy Shop with Kidcreate Studio (5-12 years)

Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas! Send your little elf to class to create toys that can really be played with. We'll be making snow globes, and much more. Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(1 session)	9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$27.00 per child	5-12 yrs	7/20	2258



### Mother Daughter Holiday Create Night (5-12 years)

Christmas is just around the corner. What better way to celebrate than creating masterpieces with your child? Prepare for an evening filled with holiday fun! You and your child will follow easy step-by-step instructions as you create matching portraits of the most famous reindeer of all-Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer! Each mother and daughter will create their own masterpiece on a real canvas board.

Location	Date	Time	Cost	Course Number
TBD	TBD(1 session)	6:30-8:00	TBD	TBD

Kidcreate Fee	Age	Min/Max	KC #
\$29.00 per child/parent pair	5-12 yrs	7/10	2638

SO popular!

## Community Event (18 Months- 99 Years)

Inspire artists, young and old, at your next community event with a Kidcreate Studio art activity station. Art is tons of fun and great for the brain too! It's a great addition to school carnivals, festivals, dances, fundraiser or any event that needs a creative, fun boost! A Kidcreate art station is easy. You supply the artists; we supply the curriculum, teachers, art materials, giggles, and grins. We even handle the cleanup! We have tons of project options available. We can even match your event's theme! Let's work together to make your event extra awesome!

- Fall & Halloween Festivals
- Breakfast with Santa
- Daddy and Daughter Dances
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Art Festivals
- And more...

## Care Program Class Options (3-12 years)

### No School Day and Holiday Themed Group Art Activities!

Kidcreate offers two great ways to bring art education to the kids in care programs. You can bring the kids to our studio for a fun art themed field trip. Or we can send our teachers to you for an art activity right at your location. Our teachers provide fun, self-esteem building atmosphere where children learn to express themselves through the visual arts. Lessons are 45 minutes to 3 hours long, depending on the age of the children and the project selected. We have 100's of art lessons to choose from including great holiday themed projects. The cost varies depending on class length and the number of students participating.

We can accommodate very large groups with the two above listed classes. If you are not the correct person to contact about these types of classes, we'd love for you to forward this information on to them or give us their contact information so we can reach out to them personally!



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## REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

<b>Meeting Date</b>	August 5, 2019
<b>Agenda Item</b>	Agenda E2
<b>Attachment</b>	Picture
<b>Submitted By</b>	Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff

<b>Item</b>	Good Neighbor Grant
<b>Description</b>	<p><b>a. Story Time</b> Using Funds from the Good Neighbor Grant the City will kick- off an event called “Story Time”. Story Time will focus on intergenerational reading between youth and Seniors. Partnerships will include youth from Falcon Heights Elementary and Coffman Sr. Apartments/Falcon Townsquare Sr. Apartments. This event would occur on September 17th and last approximately 90 minutes.</p> <p><b>b. Curtiss Field Shed</b> Allocated money from the Good Neighbor Fund was \$1,995. The City has purchased a shed for \$1,599.99. This shed will be used to store sport equipment for the community to use at Curtiss Field.</p>
<b>Budget Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	-Shed Images
<b>Action(s) Requested</b>	Discuss further steps that can be taken to enhance the experience of Story Time between youth and seniors.



