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E.		AGENDA: 1. Winter Activities
	F.	INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT 2021 Calendar
	G.	ADJOURNMENT:

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  - 1. Community Garden Survey Results
    - The commission reviewed the survey regarding community garden expansion and noted that most of the responders to the survey were home owners versus renters, most did not currently have a garden plot, and most were in favor of expansion. The commission also discussed additional amenities to be offered at the garden and how best to communicate them to the public. Based on the results of the survey, the Commissioners voted to support expansion of the community garden plot next spring. This motion will be presented to the City Council.
  - 2. Winter Activities
    - The Commission discussed possible winter activities in the parks and how to promote community involvement while creating a safe environment during the pandemic. As the City will not be providing a warming house or rink attendants for the 2020-2021 skating season, the commission discussed strategic orientation of existing park amenities to ease donning/doffing of skates and accessing the ice at Curtiss Field and The Grove as well as installation of a timer for public access to lights. The commission also discussed the possibility of installing additional ice rinks at Community Park or Falcon Heights Elementary School. The commission also reviewed feedback from a neighborhood social media discussion board to solicit ideas

for winter activities. Suggested activities include: snow sculpture competition, providing a map of area sledding hills, creating a large snow mound for kids to climb on, and creating ski trails around the city. In addition, the commission appealed to the City Administration for information on available funding for the creation and promotion of winter activities as well as recruitment of citizen leaders.

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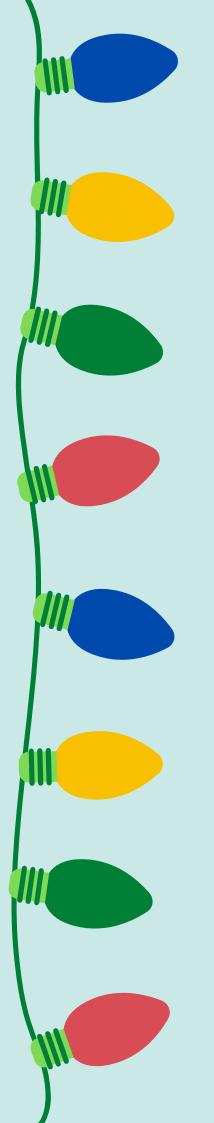


# ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	December 7, 2020
Agenda Item	Consent E1
Attachment	See below.
Submitted By	Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff

Item	Winter Activities					
Descriptions	At the November 2, 2020 Parks Commission meeting, staff and Commissioners discussed several ideas around additional winter activities that can be offered to the community and promote physical distancing.					
	Due to COVID-19 concerns, the warming house will not be returning for the 2020-2021 skating season. The City will provide picnic tables and park benches at Curtiss Field for skaters to change in and out of their skates. Staff has requested quotes for additional picnic tables that will promote physical distancing. The City will also be providing a skating rink at Community Park this season as well.  The Commission also discussed ideas including Holiday Light Tour, Snow Sculpture Competition, and use of funding for additional activities.					
Budget Impact	N/A					
Attachment(s)	Holiday Light Tour Elver / Earm					
Attachment(s)	-Holiday Light Tour Flyer/Form -Safe Skating Poster					
Action(s) Requested	Staff looking for continued discussion in regards to setting a schedule for the ice rinks (pleasure/hockey use), and additional topics from the November meeting.					

Families, Fields and Fair



# Falcon Heights Holiday Light Tour

Are you planning on decorating your home with festive holiday decorations? Or looking for a safe and family-friendly activity this winter? We have good news! Falcon Heights will be participating in a Holiday Light Tour! You can submit your address to us <a href="height-new-address-here">here</a> and we will include it on a map.

Please submit your address to us by December 14th. The map will will be available starting December 18th. Stay tuned to our weekly newsletter and social media pages for a link to the map! Stay safe and Happy Holidays!







# RESPONSIBLE USE OF ICE RINK

Skate at your own risk, youth under the age of 18 should be accompanied by an adult

Wearing a mask is highly encouraged

Maintain a distance of six feet from all skaters

There should be no more than 10 skaters on the rink at a time







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