

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Public Works
DATE: 1/28/2020
SUBJECT: Boulware Park Renovation Project (PE-17005)

RECOMMENDATION

No action to be taken. This report provides an update on the Boulware Park Renovation Project (PE- 17005) to obtain input from the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on future park facilities.

BACKGROUND

Capital improvement funding of \$495,000 was approved by the City Council in 2017 to address park maintenance needs in Fiscal Year 2018. The renovation included infrastructure, accessibility and maintenance improvements. The project was postponed to Fiscal Year 2019 due to budget constraints. During that period the Birch Street property, adjacent to the existing Boulware Park and owned by AT&T was put up for sale. In fall 2019, the City finalized the purchase of the Birch Street property and began a community-based design process to determine how the existing Boulware Park and the Birch Street property would be developed as one park.

The first community meeting was held on November 9, 2019. The goal of this meeting was to allow the community the opportunity to provide input on what park amenities should be considered in the renovation and expansion of Boulware Park, and to gage the community on the removal of a portion of Ash Street and the schedule to implement the renovation.

The community was requested to provide feedback on park facility ranking them on preference and priority. The facilities presented were drawn from existing facilities in Boulware Park and facilities that were highlighted in the Parks Master Plan to be considered as part of all park renovation projects. Attendees at the community meeting were asked to place sticker dots next to their desired facility and to prioritize the choices. These facilities included:

Existing Facilities at Boulware Park

- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Group Picnic Area
- Open Turf Area

Master Plan Park Facilities

- Restroom

- Dog Park
- Community Garden
- Loop Walking Path
- Adult Fitness
- Pickle Ball
- Shaded Seating Areas
- Habitat/Native Planting
- Security Lighting

Upon the completion of the first community meeting an online facility survey was released for those who could not attend. As part of the meeting survey the community was allowed to write in other facilities that were not found on the list provided. As a result, the following additional facilities were added on to the online survey:

Facilities Added After the Community Meeting

- Creek Lookout
- Bocce Ball
- Horseshoes

As of January 21, 2020, the survey received the following information:

Community Meeting Survey (26 Meeting Attendees):

Facility Selection Question

- Playground: 25 stickers
- Open Turf Area: 17 stickers
- **Restroom: 33 stickers**
- Basketball Court: 16 stickers
- Group Picnic Area:
- Community Garden: 12 stickers
- Loop Walking Path: 13 stickers
- Dog Park: 17 stickers
- Adult Fitness Area: 9 stickers
- Pickle Ball Court: 11 stickers
- Shaded Seating Area: 16 stickers
- Habitat/Native Planting: 17 stickers
- Security Lighting: 16 stickers

Facility Priority Question

- Playground: 25 stickers
- Open Turf Area: 18 stickers
- Restroom: 26 stickers
- Basketball Court: 18 stickers
- Group Picnic Area: 14 stickers

- Community Garden: 10 stickers
- Loop Walking Path: 10 stickers
- Dog Park: 22 stickers
- Adult Fitness Area: 8 stickers
- Pickle Ball Court: 1 sticker
- Shaded Seating Area: 10 stickers
- Habitat/Native Planting: 12 stickers
- Security Lighting: 14 stickers

On-line Survey results (55 Participants):

Facility Selection Question

- Playground: 38 votes
- Open Turf Area: 28 votes
- Restroom: 27 votes
- Basketball Court: 16 votes
- Group Picnic Areas: 22 votes
- Community Garden: 12 votes
- Loop Walking Path: 25 votes
- Dog Park: 12 votes
- Adult Fitness Area: 8 votes
- Pickle Ball Court: 4 votes
- Shaded Seating Area: 30 votes
- Habitat/Native Planting: 18 votes
- Security Lighting: 31 votes
- Creek Lookout: 20 votes
- Bocce Ball: 4 votes
- Horse Shoes: 4 votes

Facility Priority Question

- High Priority: Playground, Open Turf Area, Restroom
- Medium Priority: Shaded Seating Areas, Basketball Court, Group Picnic Area, Loop Walking Path, Security Lighting, Community Garden, Habitat/Native Planting
- Low Priority: Dog Park, Adult Fitness, Creek Lookout, Bocce Ball, Pickle Ball & Horseshoes

Three additional questions were included in the on-line survey including: a question concerning the communities' interest to close a portion of Ash Street that would connect the two properties into one park, and two questions on timing of the renovation.

Question 1

Would you be in favor of renovating the full park site in phases (over multiple years), as opposed of doing the full renovation at one time?

Survey Response: 43% of those surveyed are supportive of doing the project in phases.

Question 2

Would you be in favor of renovating the full park site at one time, dependent upon city funding to complete a large park renovation project (funding of project in 3-8 years)?

Survey Response: 67% of those surveyed are supportive of doing the project all at once even if having to wait a few years for funding to become available.

Question 3

Would you be in favor of eliminating Ash Street and making Chestnut Avenue a Cul De Sac to connect the two parcels together into one park?

Survey Response: 88% of those surveyed are supportive of removing a portion of Ash Street.

DISCUSSION

Staff requests input from the Commission on the potential facilities for the park, and the preliminary draft park plan included in Attachment 'A'. Information gathered from the community meeting, online survey and Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will guide which facilities would be included in the draft park layout plan, which will be reviewed by the community at the second phase of outreach.

NEXT STEPS

Tentative schedule is presented below.

- Community Meeting #2 Preliminary Plan Review: February
- Community Meeting #3 Finalize Park Layout Plan Design: Spring 2020
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting #2 Review Final: Summer 2020
- PRC Meeting #3 – Adoption of Park Improvement Ordinance (PIO): Summer 2020
- Bid Document Preparation: Fall/Winter 2020/2021
- Council to Adopt (PIO) and Approve Contract: Spring 2021
- Project Bidding: Spring 2021
- Construction Begins: July 2021 (start of FY 2022)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed recommendations are consistent with Policy C-26 of the Community Services element of the Comprehensive Plan that encourages maintaining park facilities as safe and healthy community assets; and Policy C-22 that encourages new community facilities to have flexible functions to ensure adaptability to the changing needs of the community.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Preliminary Park Plan

Attachment B: Community Comments from Community Meeting

Attachment C: Presentation

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