

McKinney Park Community Meeting #3

August 9, 2016 @ 6:30

Saint Columbkille Partnership School Library

Attendees:

Cathy Baker Eclipse, BPRD Project Manager

Clara Batchelor, Principal at CBA Landscape Architects, LLC

Megan Tomkins, Principal at CBA Landscape Architects, LLC

Various Community Members—See Sign-up Sheet

Presentation:

Introduction by Cathy – 3rd and final public meeting to create a vision for McKinney Park

The Master Plan is funded through the capital budget

Overview of BPRD Design Principles

Presentation by Clara –

- Meeting 1 & 2 Recap – Context, Existing Conditions, Site Analysis, 3 Schematic Designs from Meeting 2
- Final/Compiled Master Plan
- Community Feedback/Discussion

Community Feedback/Design Suggestions:

- Public Comment – HC accessible parking is desired on site.
- CBA Suggestion - HC spaces could be added to Faneuil Street.
- Public Observation – local kids use hill at Leicester street for sledding.
- BPRD Comment - Artificial turf is still under discussion, but McKinney does not appear to be a great candidate in the immediate neighborhood. Additionally Baseball/Softball/Little League and Soccer have different requirements for artificial turf, so it would hard to accommodate all sports in one artificial turf field.
- Public Suggestion - If field is grass, can it be irrigated?
- Public Comment - path on right side of plan is too close to property lines. Corner of property near St Columbkille's field need extra fencing/buffer.
- Public Comment - Neighbors on Goodenough Street side get baseballs in their yard, may need fence extensions.
- Public Comment - storage container needs to be located away from fence so people cannot climb it and jump into neighbors yards.
- CBA Suggestion - both storage containers can be located near the courts.
- Suggestion - All park fences need buffer to keep people from throwing rocks into properties.
- Public Comment - Swings are too close to abutters properties as shown on proposed plan.
- Public Comment - Softball field isn't used - can it be omitted?

- BPRD Response - Softball field is frequently permitted, and a softball field is being omitted from another neighborhood park. McKinney Softball cannot be omitted.
- Public Question - When would park improvements be constructed?
- BPRD Response - The earliest would be FY 2018.

Follow up Items:

- Ball trajectory study - CBA & BPRD
- Viability of Field Lighting - BPRD
- Viability of Artificial Turf Field - BPRD

Notes by Megan Tomkins