



Rehm Park MP 2 Public Meeting Re:

Location: September 21, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Ms. Jan Arnold, Executive Director of the Park District, made the introductions and provided background on the history of the master plan. Ms. Arnold welcomed the attendees and introduced Josephine Bellalta and John Mac Manus of Altamanu, members of the design team.

Ms. Arnold then handed the meeting over to John Mac Manus of Altamanu, Inc. Mr. Mac Manus presented a PowerPoint presentation and then requested comments.

The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on line at Website: www.pdop.org

Public Comment

- Most attendees like the proposal of adding permanent restrooms attached to the Fire Station.
- One attendee commented that most people like Rehm Park the way it is now. It was noted that the park already has natural areas that people use with their kids. Another attendee wanted a new playground to be built exactly the way the current one is.
- In general, there was a feeling that the playground site lines posed issues with young children, making it difficult to supervise kids in the 3 different sections of the playground. Another parent commented that her friends with children will meet her "anywhere but Rehm".
- There was support to replace the playground with the same type and style of play equipment that the existing playground has now.
- There was consensus that there should be improvements to the entrances into the park and that desire lines are an issue and a clear entrance is needed.



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- There was discussion and support for a shelter near the volleyball court and playground. The group desired to locate the shelter between the volleyball court and playgrounds, and add additional benches near the playground.
- There was support for an additional shelter at the east end of the park where the tennis courts are currently located.
- There were a couple of requests to keep the area between the playground and the volleyball court clear, so that children can also use the sand area of the volleyball court when not in use by players.
- Expanding the playground further south was agreeable as long as it did not remove the SW grassy area from other uses. The playground could shift south easily by removal of the existing fence south of the current playground.
- There was discussion of how to use the grassy SW corner of the park. There was a general agreement that the area is often used for pick-up games, practice, and unorganized activities and it should remain as-is. Improvement could be made by adding some periphery mounding, boulders and plantings (as long as planting does not obscure visibility).
- Discussion about using fences for the safety of children in the playground and park were discussed. Some fences are needed, but the group decided the entire park does not need to be fenced off.
- The group decided that some tennis courts should remain. The two southernmost side-by-side courts should remain; but the north single court could be removed.
- The group did not like the idea of including an adult challenge course in the park. Most attendees were not in favor of this proposal.
- Having a clearer entry or entries on the east side had a favorable response. Inclusion of plantings, boulders, mounding and sand, was seen as positive.
- More benches in general around the park were requested.



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- A curb cut for bike access to the park was also requested.
- Planting buffers up against adjacent homes was not necessarily desirable. If plantings were to be added, they should have openings and leave clear views to discourage nefarious activities in the park.

Ms. Arnold thanked the attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

End of Minutes

This is a general understanding of the comments made at the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Josephine Bellalta and John Mac Manus of Altamanu Inc.