



Vision – “We Create Community Through People, Parks and Programs.”

Northwoods Park Public Meeting #2 Meeting Report

DATE: May 22, 2008
TIME ALLOTMENT: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
MEETING LOCATION: Sunrise Recreation & Parks District Main Office

- I. Introductions
 - A. District & Special Guests
 - B. Beals Alliance
 - C. Public
 1. Area of Influence (Pin where you live)
 2. Ground Rules

- II. Context, Purpose & Result
 - A. Context- Beals Alliance has been contracted by the Sunrise Recreation and Park District to complete a master plan for the Northwoods Park Expansion.
 - B. Purpose- Allow for the community, the Sunrise Recreation and Park District and the design team to work together in designing a successful neighborhood park.
 - C. Results-
 1. Allow for community input on the outcome of their future park.
 - a. Receive input on concepts presented which will assist in developing a preferred plan.

- III. Review of Public Meeting #1

A brief overview of the following items from the first public meeting was presented to make sure everyone understood where the process currently stands.

 - A. Park Site Information
 - B. Open Forum
 - C. Planing Session (Dot Exercise & Outcomes)

- IV. Written and Visual Program
 - A. Overview of Written Program
 1. **Project considerations reviewed at the first public meeting were combined with input from the District and community participants to develop a consensus of direction for plan development. Three (3) conceptual designs were created to respond to the group consensus in differing ways as outlined in the Visual Program presentation.**
 - B. Overview of Visual Program
 1. **Concept 1 provides a looped system of varying trail types that roughly follow existing demand paths on site. Unpaved trails help complete the loop in areas where trails do not currently exist. A large equestrian-only rest area and a shared pedestrian/equestrian area are located west of the existing oak tree, within the power line corridor. A gathering area designed for more active**



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recreation is located around the mature oak tree and provides connection to existing Northwoods Park.

2. **Concept 2** provides a central trail system that brings pedestrian and equestrian users in closer proximity to each other. Several smaller rest areas occur along the system bringing both trails and user groups together. A gathering area designed for more active recreation is located north of the mature oak tree. Accessible pathways connect to existing Northwoods Park to the north and south of the existing site’s west edge.
3. **Concept 3** provides developed entry areas at the north and south ends of the corridor. A central meandering trail system including pedestrian and equestrian users provides more separation than in Concept 2. Multiple trail crossings do not include shared rest areas. Instead, passive rest areas are provided along the pedestrian trail and a large gathering area designed for more active recreation extends into the heart of the corridor to provide a central shared space for all users. The addition of a rest area within existing Northwoods Park would allow materials used throughout the corridor’s development to be introduced into the existing park site, enhancing the perception of one continuous park space.

V. Break

VI. Community Input on Concepts

- A. Do any of the concepts include parking?
 1. No, but C Bar C Park to the north can provide nearby parking.
- B. Can the Oak tree on the hill be lowered to allow for better police views into the site?
 1. No – the tree will need to be protected due to regulations and changing the grade of the area within the tree’s canopy could lead to it dying.
- C. Bike/BMX is not shown on any of the plans and should at least be considered.
 1. Considerable outreach was made to include those groups to participate in the public meetings, but no one has shown up to push hard for that use to date. Participants did not list it as a priority at the last meeting so it was not specifically included in the concept plans.
- D. Consider providing informational signage in the park. Plant identification signs or signs explaining area and/or park history.
 1. This will be considered once the Master Plan phase of the project is complete and funding is secured to allow for the construction drawing development to begin.
- E. The larger equestrian rest area presented on concept 1 is large enough to consider as an arena area where horse owners could bring their horses and have room for training beyond their own properties.
 1. This is an idea that will be considered for the Master Plan
- F. Consider the use of sand as a material for the equestrian trail.
 1. Actual construction materials will be considered after the Master Plan phase of the project is complete and funding has been secured to allow for the construction drawing development to begin.



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- G. Considerable group discussion about all three concepts lead to a consensus that Concept 3 was the preferred alternative to develop as the final Northwoods Park Expansion Master Plan. The following elements from Concept 1 were also favored and will be combined with Concept 3:
1. Add un-paved trails to compliment paved and equestrian and provide looped portions of the trail system
 2. Add larger-scaled equestrian activity area within the central shared space for all users
 3. Add more developed path transitions from mature oak to existing Northwoods Park

The resulting combined concept plan will become the final design direction for the proposed Northwoods Park Expansion Master Plan.

VII. Conclusion

- A. Project Schedule / Next Steps
1. Public hearing and presentation at 7:45 pm on June 19 to the Sunrise Recreation & Park District Advisory Board of Directors. District staff will submit a recommendation to the board for approval of the Master Plan subject to any environmental review.
- B. Questions
- C. More Information
1. Contact Sunrise Recreation & Park District
 - a) All information is also available on the homepage (1) <http://www.sunriseparks.com/>
 2. <ftp://ftp.bealsalliance.com>
 - a) Username- northwoods
 - b) Password- northwoods