



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

## Northwoods Park Public Meeting #1 Meeting Report

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

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- I. Introductions
    - A. District
    - 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. Present to the community the history of the project and park site.
      2. Present park opportunities and constraints.
      3. Allow for community input on the outcome of their future park.
  
  - III. Park Site Information
    - A. Park boundaries and vicinity
    - B. Existing conditions (Opportunities & Constraints)
  
  - IV. Open Forum for Public (questions and comments)
    - A. **Is it illegal to drive off road vehicles in the park?**
      1. **Yes, it is illegal within park property. If there is a problem please call the city police.**
    - B. **The trash pick-up onsite has recently stopped... will this be continued?**
      1. **The District noted the concern and will follow-up**
    - C. **The current access is difficult and there is little parking (only on the street). Will these items be improved?**
      1. **Both items will be addressed as needed within this public process, the design process and within the Master Plan as required.**
    - D. **Will the new portion remain as a natural setting?**
      1. **The public meeting process allows you to determine what may go into the new space. If the group decides that a natural setting is desired then that is a great possibility that it will remain that way.**
    - E. **Will this be made horse accessible for riding the trails?**
      1. **See previous answer for group determining use. Also see the SACOG plan that hopes to link all of these properties into a greater trail system.**



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- F. Once the park type is determined what happens with the traffic impact, hours of operation, criminal elements, etc?
  - 1. Each of these topics will be addressed within the planning process. Also any specific desires should be expressed to ensure that the desired results are reached.
- G. This property has been waiting for development since 1978 and there has been no action to date... will this pattern continue?
  - 1. This process is intended to create a master plan for the park. This plan will then go forward for approval and the District will then need to secure funding to move forward.
- H. There are concerns that the passive, quiet use will change after being developed... there is no desire to increase traffic.
- I. Can the District post a proper sign that states the vehicle code so that vehicles do not drive in the park?
  - 1. This may be addressed within the master plan. Also the District is making a note to be addressed.
- J. It is felt that the police do not respond and only show for very specific, serious reasons.
  - 1. The police officer has made a note of concerns.
- K. Will there be a wall put up between the neighbors and the park? preferred
  - 1. If one is desired this may happen.
- L. The grasses are currently not maintained and there are fires often. Will this be improved?
  - 1. The concern has been recorded. The planning process will determine the level of development in the park.
- M. There is an overland release problem from Blayden Court into the park (problem starts at C Bar C Park). (This is an FYI)
- N. The water in areas currently sheds into the backyards of some neighbors. Will this be fixed?
  - 1. Typically drainage requires that the water stay on the original site. In this case we would strive to improve the condition.
- O. Are we protecting the oaks?
  - 1. There will be an arborists report associated with the master plan that will determine what will stay and what need to be mitigated.
- V. Break
- VI. Planning Session
  - A. Existing elements
  - B. NRPA typical program
  - C. Neighbor ideas / program elements
    - 1. **Requests**
      - a) Drinking fountain/dog bowl/jug filler
      - b) Dog walking potty stations
      - c) Exercise stations
      - d) Trails (walk, jog, bike)
      - e) Lighting (security, pathway)



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- f) Benches
  - g) Tot lot playarea
  - h) Skate/BMX concrete park
  - i) Equestrian trails
- D. Program “Dot Exercise” and discussion (3 dots per person)
- 1. Outcome of dot exercise
    - a) Multi-use Trails- total of 9 dots
    - b) Green/wooded areas- total of 8 dots
    - c) Drinking fountain- total of 2 dots
    - d) Skate/BMX Park- total of 2 dots
    - e) Tot Playground- total of 1 dot
    - f) Picnic tables- total of 1 dot
- VII. Conclusion
- A. Project Schedule / Next Steps
  - 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