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Meeting Minutes

Project: Laytonia Recreational Park Project No.: 715-101

Client: M-NCPPC – Department of Parks

Location: M-NCPPC, Training Center, Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD

Subject: Public Meeting

Presenters: Kim Paniati (KP) – M-NCPPC, Park Development Division
Jai Cole (JC) – M-NCPPC, Park Development Division
Jason Azar (JA) – Huron Consulting
Mark Gionet (MG) – LSG

Park and Doug Ludwig – M-NCPPC, Park Manager

Design Team Mitra Podoem (MP) – M-NCPPC, Chief, Park Development Division

Attendees: Marian Elsasser (ME) – M-NCPPC, Park Development Division
Jim Humerick – M-NCPPC, Regional Operations Manager – Northern Region
Donald Brew – Park Police
Richard Hurney – Huron Consulting
Dana Wilder – Huron Consulting
Debbie Kaplan – Huron Consulting
Justin Haynes – Straughan Environmental Services

Date: April 7, 2010

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| KP | Introduced the presenters and gave an overview of the history of the project. |
| JC | Gave an overview of the Special Protection Area (SPA) Program in Montgomery County, the SPA areas in Montgomery County, and the impervious areas in Montgomery County. |

- JA Gave an overview of the environmental issues for the project and environmental site design elements incorporated into the project. Showed a brief pervious pavement video.
- MG Went over the program changes from the 2001 facility plan and explained the site plan.
- KP Went over the next steps and the anticipated schedule for the project. Gave information to the citizens on how to provide testimony to the Planning Board. Informed the citizens that the presentation would be posted on the Parks website.

QUESTIONS FROM THE CITIZENS

1. What is a swale?
JA A swale is another name for a drainage ditch.
2. Is pervious pavement more expensive?
JA Yes.
3. Where is the church entrance on the opposite side of Airpark Road (east side)?
MG Showed the church entrance on the site plan.
4. Where is the playground?
MG Showed the potential location of the playground on the site plan.
5. Will concessions be available?
MG Explained that concessions are not included but that vending machines will be provided.
6. Are there no bleachers for the rectangular fields?
MG Explained that initially there will be no bleacher seating for the rectangular fields, however, we will try to incorporate an area where they could be added in the future. Bleachers will be installed for the baseball field initially.
7. Please address the traffic and noise issues on Airpark Road. There is a lot of traffic on Airpark and we are concerned about the increasing traffic and noise from the park. We have to use a sound machine to drown out the traffic noise.
KP Explained that there will be added vegetation and berming to the site to buffer some of the noise. Most of the park traffic will happen after rush hour.
8. The existing trees at the curve on Airpark Road are not growing enough to create a buffer.

- ME Stated that Parks typically plants 2-inch caliper trees that are 8-10 feet tall to start with so that there will be much more substantial screen from the trees that will be planted at the park.
9. Is there a cap on the time the park can be used?
- JH Said that most games end by 10 p.m.
10. Will Airpark Road be widened?
- JA Explained that the road will not be widened to the outside edge, but the median will be narrowed to allow for the widening necessary for turning lanes into the park. The thru lanes will be shifted and aligned. The only park access will be from Airpark Road.
11. What is the budget for construction and operation of the park?
- KP Said the construction budget is about \$8 million and that they have a preliminary maintenance budget. Final O&M budget will be approved through the County budget cycle.
12. With the current economic status, does it make sense to use County funds for the construction, operation and maintenance of the park?
- MP Explained that the budgets go before the Council. The construction money for the park is coming from bonds.
13. The new church on Muncaster Mill Road made traffic worse at the intersection of Redland Road. The park will make traffic worse.
- KP Reiterated that people leaving the park should not coincide with rush hour.

ADJOURNMENT

- KP Thanked everyone for coming and directed the citizens to the plans.

Paniati, Kimberly

From: Allen Kay [allengkay@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2010 7:07 PM
To: Paniati, Kimberly
Subject: Laytonia Recreational Site

We received the post card about the community meeting regarding the new park.

We live in Mill Creek Towne within walking distance of the proposed park. We think it's a good idea and welcome it. But we have a request and two concerns.

1. Would you consider putting in a couple of basketball courts? Currently our boys and their friends have to meet at Redland Park to play basketball. We'd love to have them closer to home. Basketball courts are always in demand throughout the county.
2. Can you provide a way for people in our neighborhood to walk to the park? For us it would require crossing busy Muncaster Mill Road at Miller Fall Rd., which is dangerous. The only other way to get there would be to cross Shady Grove Rd. at Mill Run Drive, walk down Shady Grove and cross Shady Grove again and then Muncaster Mill or Muncaster Mill and then Airpark. That's dangerous for kids.
3. This may not be in your jurisdiction but we're not happy about the proposed animal shelter adjacent to the park. We're concerned about noise and to a lesser extent, traffic. If the shelter would have facilities to cremate animals on site we would be very, very strongly opposed. Please build the shelter near the Metro complex off Crabbs Branch Rd.? Or put it in the transfer station property. If it has to go here, could it be located as far away on the park property from homes as possible?

Thanks for asking.

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Paniati, Kimberly

From: mppipta@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 11:41 AM
To: Paniati, Kimberly
Subject: Laytonia Recreational Park

Hi To All the Decision Makers,

As a resident of Mill Creek Towne, this park would be fully supported. Our community is a mix of young families and elderly generations. What a great place to take the kids to play, hold birthday parties and just unite families in a fun way. Please do everything possible to approve this much needed recreational park.

Sincerely,
Mark and Pam Pipta
240-632-0875

Montgomery Parks M-NCPPC invites you to participate in a meeting to discuss a revised concept plan for Laytonia Recreational Park. The park is located on Airpark Road, just north of the Muncaster Mill Road intersection. The facility plan for the park was originally approved by the Planning Board in 2001. Since that time, the park site was incorporated into the Upper Rock Creek Special Protection Area for water quality, and the recreational needs of the County have evolved. An updated concept plan will be presented for your input. The park is proposed to contain four recreational fields (one 90' baseball diamond and three rectangular multipurpose fields), parking for 240 cars and additional overflow spaces, playground, trails, rest rooms, and a maintenance building.

Paniati, Kimberly

From: dan/traci [dt2jbird@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 9:00 PM
To: Paniati, Kimberly
Subject: RE::: Laytonia Recreational Park - Disapproval of proposed county Animal shelter

Ms. Paniati,

I'd like to voice my disapproval of the proposed county Animal Shelter in the proposed Laytonia Recreational Park Site. The park itself is bad enough but building an Animal Shelter so close to the Mill Creek Town residential area is a terrible idea.

There is all ready too much traffic and additional undesirable things next to this neighborhood. The neighborhood can't take anymore. A county Animal Shelter would just add to this. Can I make a suggestion of planting a small buffer zone of trees instead, granted they are kept litter free unlike other forested areas along Munchaster Mill road.

Thank you,

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