

6.2 Community Meeting Sign-in Sheet

COMMUNITY MEETING ON PROPOSED HARD SURFACE HIKER- BIKER TRAIL AT BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M.

UPCOUNTY SERVICE CENTER, CONFERENCE ROOM 'A' (1ST FL)

12900 MIDDLEBROOK ROAD, GERMANTOWN

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning staff invites the public to participate in a meeting on the proposed Hiker-Biker trail from Picnic Lane to Spinning Wheel Drive in Black Hill Regional Park.

This meeting is the first step in the "facility plan" phase of the trail project. This phase identifies a preferred trail alignment, analyzes the environmental, historical, identifies bridge location, shows grading implications and estimates a construction cost. This information will be presented to the Planning Board for review in December. At that time, the Planning Board will decide whether or not to proceed to design and construction of the trail.

The Black Hill Trail from Picnic Lane to Spinning Wheel Drive is part of the approved and adopted master plan for Black Hill Regional Park.

The Department of Park and Planning welcomes and appreciates your input in the facility process for the Black Hill Trail. The staff will record and address concerns raised at the November meeting as part of the facility process. If you would like to provide input in writing please address comments to:

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Parkside Headquarters
9500 Brunett avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901
E-Mail: Ali.Khan@MNCPPC-MC.ORG

There will be additional opportunity for public input at the M-NCPPC Planning Board Meeting in December.

For more information, please contact Ali Khan at 301-650-2871

Black Hill Park - Paved Trail

Public Meeting

November 20, 2002

SIGN-IN SHEET

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6.3 Community Meeting Oral/Written Comments

*Proposed Paved Biking/Hiking Trails -
cc: - Lyn Coleman -
forwarded 12/6/02
12/10 - Lyn asked that this
letter be forwarded to
Ali Khan*

December 6, 2002

Lester Straw
Superintendent of Parks
MNCPPC
9500 Brunette Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20901
FAX (301) 585-1921

Re: Black Hill Regional Park - Proposed Paved Biking/Hiking trail
Black Hill Regional Park - Proposed Dog Park

Dear Mr. Straw:

My wife and I currently are residents of Black Hills Estates, and live nearby Black Hill Regional Park. Since we use the park's facilities during most of the year, we are in favor of the proposed paved biking/hiking trail currently under consideration.

Under existing conditions there is a dangerous, steep rocky trail that connects the park grounds to the nearby paved bike trail on the Germantown side of the park. This rocky unpaved dangerous trail is difficult for children or adults to access when walking between the park and the asphalt bike trails. It is almost impossible to navigate when trying to walk or carry a bicycle across.

The addition of a connecting paved trail would allow all park residents and nearby neighbors the opportunity to use both bike trails and park grounds in a relaxed and enjoyable manner. It would also greatly improve an existing safety hazard and allow children and adults safe passage to recreational play areas.

The idea of a proposed dog park for Maryland county is an acceptable idea, but should not be located near homeowner's property. The proposed location of the dog park is ill suited to residence of Black Hills Estates. This area was designed for horse trails, hiking, biking, etc. I for one would not feel safe waking the park property with the possibility of numerous dogs roaming free. There are also a lot of children who play in the park and they should not be grouped into an area with unleashed dogs.

The noise level of several dog barking at each other, seven days a week is very intrusive to nearby homeowners. Homeowners should not be forced to have continual noise pollution in their own back yard from barking dogs.

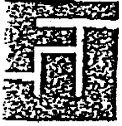
I therefore recommend that current location of the proposed dog park be moved away from Black Hills Estate, and preferably be located outside the park itself.

Certainly, in upper Montgomery county there must be a better site to locate an unsupervised dog park. Please delay construction of this project and allow the community to participate in the selection of an alternate location within the park that will not have such a significant adverse environment impact.

Sincerely,

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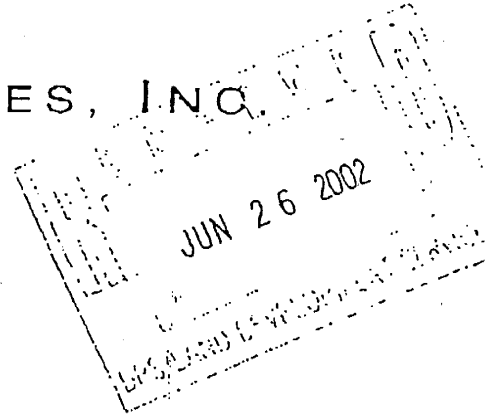
6.4 MCDPS Approval Letter



FREDERICK WARD ASSOCIATES, INC.

ENGINEERS
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June 25, 2002



Mr. Richard R. Brush, Manager
Land Development Division
Montgomery County
Department of Permitting Services
255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850-4166

Re: Black Hill Regional Park - Paved Trail from
Picnic Lane to Spinning Wheel Drive
M-NCPPC-Project # 2000-007

Dear Mr. Brush:

Frederick Ward Associates, Inc. is under contract with the Montgomery Department of Park & Planning to design a paved trail in Black Hill Regional Park. The trail will be approximately 6450 feet in length and eight feet in width and consist of asphalt paving. The trail will follow the existing dirt/gravel Black Hill Trail for roughly two-thirds of the above distance and will traverse a new, wooded alignment for the remainder. Overall, the trail is situated in mature forest with steep to rolling terrain. Bedrock is generally very close to the land surface and outcrops in certain places.

We met with Mr. Richard Gee of MCDPS on Tuesday, June 18 to review the proposed alignment for trail and to discuss stormwater management issues. Due to the narrow, linear nature of the proposed project, the bedrock and the sensitive natural features of the park, Mr. Gee concurs with our position that conventional stormwater management measures for the paved trail would be difficult to implement while possibly destroying many natural features. We intend to provide stormwater management where possible. There are numerous opportunities to address water quality in multiple small structures along the trail. The design of stormwater management measures for this project will be tailored to particular locations and involve a site-specific approach in which each section of the trail will be examined individually with the personal involvement and concurrence of MCDPS officials.

We propose the following SWM design parameters and measures for various parts of the trail:

- 1) At no point in the along the alignment will there be an increase of more than two c.f.s. in point flow for a 10-year storm.
- 2) Where soil conditions permit, provide infiltration trenches or pits in areas of concentration of flow.
- 3) Where the shallow bedrock does not permit infiltration trenches, provide vernal pools at points of concentration.
- 4) Where sheet flow is possible, provide flow disconnection of at least 100 feet through forested terrain.

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Mr. Gee suggested that we request a waiver from the formal stormwater management concept planning for this project, and ask that we be allowed to proceed directly to the detailed design of the trail stormwater management measures with the involvement and cooperation of MCDPS, based upon the criteria stated above. If you concur with our request, kindly countersign below and send a copy to us for our files. We appreciate your time and consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,


FREDERICK WARD ASSOCIATES, INC.

Bruce T. Beasman, P.E.
Project Manager



Richard R. Brush, Manager

Pc: Ali Khan, MCDP&P (via e-mail at Ali.Khan@mncppc-mc.org)
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