

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00-11:30

Topic: Project Introduction & Kickoff

Meeting Date: 5/12/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282.01

Attendees:

Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds

Introductions of team and attendees

Renee McRae, City of Edmonds

Project Overview and Presentation (Carrie Hite and Walker Macy)

Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds

Questions and Discussion:

Frances Chapin, City of Edmonds

Chris Jones, Walker Macy

- The grandstand is undergoing structural review.

Lara Rose, Walker Macy

- Historical analysis was added to the scope; Walker Macy has added Bola Architects to their team specifically for this.

Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy

- The park grant funding has restrictions on approximately 6 of the 8 acres that prohibits certain things such as impervious cover (only 10% allowed, excluding pathways)

Rob Chave

- The council is in the process of reviewing vacation of the public rights-of-way from the former streets and alleys that transected the property

Valerie Stewart

Barbara Chase

Doug Sheldon

Steve Shelton

Lesly Kaplan

Joe McIalwain

Alex Witenberg

Kyla Blair

Pat Woodell

Bob Rinehart

John McGibbon

Diana White

Emily Scott

- The project team will be in conversation with the Boys and Girls Club to determine their interests
- Park users currently use the church parking lot to the north for parking. Parking will be considered in the list of possible park programs. The project team will need to know daily use requirements for design consideration.
- Are there city ordinance and/or curfew limitations on park hours and evening uses? Currently yes, there may need to be some review depending on desired uses.
- What is the process for capturing public input? It may be useful to start at a higher level and suggest themes such as Health & Wellness before getting specific on program.
- Discussion around the public process: Public Open Houses generally include a short presentation and small group interaction. We will also be employing graphics and models to elicit information and ideas. At the second Open House, three schemes will be shown that demonstrate possible designs that incorporate ideas and priorities from the community. The final Open House will present a single scheme that has been distilled from the prior three as priorities and desires are refined.
- There will be a kiosk on site for park users to provide feedback.

Not in Attendance:

Dave Teitzel

Dick Van Hollebeke

- A parkour trail and Tai Chi are other program considerations. LaCrosse is also currently very popular.
- PAC would like Walker Macy to also share examples of things that didn't work on prior park projects such as Pioneer Courthouse Square. A lessons learned discussion will be considered for our next PAC meeting.
- What kind of park access hours will there be and will the fence remain? This is open for discussion.
- If PAC members have additional comments or theme suggestions for Open House #1 they can send them to Carrie to be shared with the project team.
- The next PAC meeting is scheduled for July 7. We will be reviewing input from stakeholder interviews and Open House 1 to determine program priorities.

Site Visit

- The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) has a bi-annual track meet. This is the only formal event that uses the track. Residents and workers regularly use the track for exercise.
- Many residents walk through the park to get to downtown / work.
- There are problems with geese. Any design interventions to reduce geese should be considered.
- Skate park noise is a challenge; currently there are mats along the fence to reduce noise.
- The baseball field is rarely used (only by the 12 and under children) for baseball. It's more frequently used for soccer and lacrosse.
- Views are precious, trees should be low.
- The grandstand is "historic" (which means greater than 50 years old) but this does not necessarily make it "significant."
- Parks maintenance staff is limited and sometimes utilizes volunteers. A "friends of" group for the park should be considered. The Edmonds Community College Horticultural program may also be a good resource for support.
- Adjacent streets should be considered in the park design. During the Taste festival, buses drop off along 7th and vendors park on the baseball field. On-street parking and re-striping should be considered for parking solutions. There is interest in a mid-block crossing, particularly across 7th, for better/safer pedestrian access to the park. There is not a recent parking study for the City.
- A park restroom, shade structure, or even a year-round pavilion are all open for discussion and will be dependent on the intent for the existing BGC and grandstand condition report. Retrofit of some portion of the existing grand-stand could also be considered.
- There are standing water issues on the southeast portion of the site.

- Emergency vehicle access during events is challenging.

Action Items:

| Item | Description | Action by | Due date |
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| 1 | Post presentation, including existing list of park uses | WM & EPR | 05/13/2016 |
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