



Meeting Summary Date	MEETING NAME: Neighborhood Meeting #2
Location	DATE: April 27, 2011
	LOCATION: Garden Home Community Center

Meeting Agenda and Overview

The meeting's goal was to review the Preferred Master Plan and design examples for the play environment. The group seemed pleased with the updated plan for much of the park. A majority of the attendees had a major concern with the community garden. They feel their neighborhood has a traffic problem and believe the proposed community garden will have a big impact on the traffic. Many attendees were very angry with the new plan showing the community garden, and there was much talk of opposing it at the Board of Directors meeting. They requested mailed notice of the Board of Directors meeting when the master plan is taken for approval.

The following are the comments captured on flip charts and placed on plans and images by attendees. They accurately capture the meeting topics and comments, but do not reflect the frequency of comments, especially those concerning community garden opposition and traffic, which were the dominant topic and consumed much of the meeting.

Discussion

The following comments were documented on a flip chart:

- The need of a traffic study in regards to the impacts of the improvements primarily the community garden (CG)
- Concern that the CG decision did not account for the limited access to the park (steep drive into a cul-de-sac)
- Liked the existing short basketball court format
- Think that there will be basketball crowding with format shown on plan
- Make sure the ditch is bridged with pathway to Fanno Creek Trail
- Make sure with any new plantings or walls there is visual access – security
- With the current CG proposal there are trees being removed that were part of the initial mitigation/buffer of the tennis court from the neighbors
- Several people indicated they did not receive the CG questionnaire – 10 households
- There is support for interpretive signage

- Make sure there is shade around the park – this is currently a problem
- Make sure to address the standing water and mud problem
- Drain open space
- Like the location swap of the play area and basketball court
- Traffic study is desired
- Expect additional traffic – very concerned
- Shift community garden west – save trees?
- Can a path (wood chips) be placed around the tennis courts and CG (west and north side) – (where existing path has been shown removed) additional post it comment mentions earlier wood chip paths that were horribly muddy due to wet site
- Mail to meeting attendees the date, time and location of the Board Meeting that will approve Master Plan
- Shift basketball court to opposite positions, include center line, make both baskets regular height
- Add a hopscotch, small basketball hoop, and 4 square areas to the space for the play area
- Add a small covered picnic shelter or cover for the play area - Sunshade

The following were the notes posted by the neighbors on the Preferred Master Plan:

- Nice Design – Thank You
- Need to resurvey CG many did not receive it
- The more access to nature the better – Thanks for the viewing area
- Will you have interpretive signs?
- The path along the south side of the tennis court – This path has bikes, walkers & dogs, not enough room for wheel barrows
- Even though I like the CG in this location, it would be great to if you could keep the big conifers
- Keep path around north and west tennis court
- I like community gardens, it builds Community
- This is the only shady spot for people and dogs (posted in the NW corner of the site)
- Less trees on south end for more sun
- South portion of major loop trail comments – No Path use the Fanno Creek Trail; Move pathway out to have it incorporate into the other path; Soft surface for variation and jogging
- Removing Cottonwoods? That's just brilliant how about Tualatin Hills and tree removal District
- What's with taking out mature trees and replacing them with sapling every 10-15 years?
- Every effort should be made to save mature trees
- Basketball Court Area – Odd hoop arrangement and less than before is not good; Full court basketball in this place, put kid hoops in the play area; I like this area that the basketball

is moved away; Placement of basketball courts in this area is too far from play area, families now use both at the same time; Place baskets north & south, small paved area in play area for little ones, basket and four square; Why get rid of 4 hoops in exchange for 2 hoops, less hoops for people to use

- Like viewing platform
- Comment over drinking fountain – water management please
- Fewer parking spaces (9 proposed)
- What sort of land use approval process is will be required for this project and where do I get an appeal application?
- Because of the steep access road, it is too dangerous for people who live there and those who are unfamiliar with curves and steepness (refers to impact on neighborhood traffic)
- The only access point (to park) is thru a residential neighborhood. These increased improvements will increase traffic, negatively impacting the neighbors
- Why spend \$ (taxpayers \$ by the way) on a well-functioning park? The park is a great amenity as is.
- The Tennis backboard should not be placed on the north side – they should be placed on the south side of the courts away from the homes north of the courts
- Comments around the CG – not enough room for community gardens; No CG, leave the mature trees; Soft surface NW corner; No CG, refusing to do a traffic study is an affront to the neighbors; No CG, traffic; CG belongs in an area abutting / accessed by at least a minor arterial, NOT a neighborhood cul-de-sac
- Who is responsible for vandalism or other problem issues in the garden?
- Tim Foley 6650 SW 85th – Generally the preferred plan is good; The siting of the CG is bad; Move them to the south of courts and save all west side trees

Play elements comments:

- We love water features
- Sand and water – very popular with my kids
- Dynamo Swing – This would be fun
- Spica – great

Other verbal comments:

- Eliminate blackberries and other invasive plants before planting natives for mitigation.
- Educate the staff doing the removal so they only take out the invasive plants which was not done at other east areas along the Fanno Creek Trail
- Use a view blind design and do not place open view platform into water or wood ducks will leave