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## Public Meeting Notes

**Project:** Barsotti Park  
**Location:** Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Robin's Nest  
**Date & Time:** May 30, 2012, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Staff Present:** Tim Bonnin, Park Planner  
Gery Keck, Senior Planner  
Steve Regner, Office Tech

**Consultants Present:** Kurt Lango, Lango Hansen Landscape Architects

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Tim Bonnin welcomed the audience of approximately 25 neighbors. Tim gave a brief background of the property, noting that it had been acquired by THPRD in 1996, and the 2008 bond measure has provided funds to finally develop the park.

Some work has already been done on site, including removing the structures on-site, as well as decommissioning two wells.

### 2. Barsotti Family History

Bruna McBride Barsotti gave a brief background of the history of the family on site. The property was a family farm for over fifty years, and a gathering place for the family. Brunna is thrilled that the area is becoming a park, allowing it to become a gathering place for new families for years to come.

### 3. Site Analysis & Design Concepts

Project site has a slight grade, running south to north, dropping 10-12 feet over the length of the site. Washington County will require THPRD to develop half street improvements.

Kurt Lango discussed amenities that are likely to go into designs at Barsotti Park, including a softball field, multi-use sports field, community garden, play equipment, picnic shelter, and on-site parking.

#### *Concept 1*

- Ballfield oriented with the batter facing north for drainage/solar orientation reasons.
- 15 parking spaces on site at the north end and 15 parking spaces on-street.
- Community garden in northwest corner, adjacent to parking lot, approximately 20 plots.
- Land form seating in southwest corner of park to provide natural spectator seating for ballfield
- Playground and picnic shelter in northeast corner.
- Screened port a potty.

### *Concept 2*

- Ballfield and multi-use field same as Concept 1.
- 15 parking spaces on and 15 parking spaces on-street same as Concept 1.
- Community garden in northwest corner same as Concept 1.
- Playground and picnic shelter in northeast corner, same as concept 1.
- Various organic landforms in south side of park.
- Sport court in south east corner.
- Screened port a potty.

Some trees will be impacted by development. THPRD will plant trees to replace, but the species has not been decided.

### 4. Questions/Discussion/Comments

Q: Why use a port a potty instead of a permanent building

A: Security issues and cost are the main reasons for choosing to use port a potty.

C: Glad to see it is a port a potty and not permanent bathroom.

C: Kids love the trees.

Q: Can we access the park from our backyard?

A: Yes. The park is for public use.

C: Hoping to see no park lighting.

A: Only Washington County required street lighting.

Q: Will the sidewalk be concrete and ADA compliant?

A: Sidewalk and loop path will be ADA compliant. Surface will either be concrete or asphalt depending on budget.

C: Worried about traffic impacts, would like to see speed bumps added (other attendees not in favor of this idea).

A: Traffic control devices like speed bumps are regulated by Washington County. They would be unlikely to be required for this project.

C: There should be more than one handicapped space on-site.

Q: Will sport court have basketball hoop? That would be a good use of the concrete pad. (other attendees in favor of this idea)

A: That could be one of the options for the multi-use court.

Q: What is the shelter size? I would like it to be as big as possible.

A: It is currently planned to be 20'x30'.

Q: Will there be any perimeter fencing?

A: None is planned. There will be a low fence between ballfield and parking lot.

Q: Will there be a soccer field on-site?

A: The multipurpose field can hold youth soccer games, as well as lacrosse.

Q: Will drainage be addressed?

A: Yes, but exact details have not been designed yet.

Q: Will there be any fencing to protect the play area from stray softballs?

A: Home plate will be over 250' away from the play area, and the site will not be programmed for kids over 14, so it is unlikely any balls would reach the play area.

Q: Any thought given to adding a disc golf course?

A: THPRD has a course in Greenway Park. A DG course would take up too much room at Barsotti Park.

Q: Will this be an animal friendly park?

A: This will be a dog-on-leash park.

C: The playground and/or picnic shelter should be farm themed.

Q: Will there be any sandboxes?

A: Sand has proven to be a maintenance issue, so no.

Tim Bonnin surveyed the audience to gauge the preference between Concept 1 and Concept 2. Of those who voted, Concept 2 was favored by ten attendees, while Concept 1 was favored by one attendee.

## 5. Next Steps

Next meeting to be held in mid to late July, and will go before the THPRD Board of Directors for Master Plan Approval on August 13. Construction is expected to begin summer 2013, and conclude by the end of 2013.