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Project: Schiffler Park Renovation Project
Purpose: Task Force Meeting No. 1
Location: Beaverton Community Center Vose Room
Date & Time Wednesday, October 21, 2009 12:30 to 2 PM

Attendees: Patty Freeman, THPRD Project Manager Allen Wells, THPRD Maintenance Michael Janin, THPRD Security Steve Gulgren, THPRD Planning Ron Chacon-Herrera, Cedar Hills Community Center, Adult Soccer Melissa Marcum, THPRD Natural Resources	Nancy Hall, First Baptist Church Dorothy Fisher, Park watch Ken Rencher, City of Beaverton Greg Cody, ACAC Jack Franklin, NAC Todd Marcum, DEA Gill Williams, DEA Brynn Reimann, DEA
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Distribution: Attendees

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Patty Freeman gave a brief overview of the project after introductions:
 - ♦ Schiffler is a 'community park,' which means it serves residents within a three-mile radius. A successful redesign will require balancing adjacent neighbors' sense of ownership while meeting the needs of this larger service area.
 - ♦ An on-going issue facing the Park is little street frontage and many abutting properties.
 - ♦ The project has a good construction budget and is not anticipated to be a minor renovation. It is likely to modify most built features, although most existing trees will be protected.
- Patty discussed the role and goals of the Task Force:
 - ♦ Represent the needs and views of the community.
 - ♦ To provide their expertise for the community this park serves.
 - ♦ Give consideration to the next 20-30 years in anticipation of the assumed increase in urbanization and densification of the neighborhoods surrounding the Park, and how it should be shaped now to serve the area over this period of time. This significant investment will not be repeated in the near future.

II. QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS/SITE ANALYSIS

- Gill Williams highlighted some of the site's opportunities and limitations:
 - ♦ The delineated wetland and associated Clean Water Services buffer requirements are physical limitations to certain park program elements due to its size, location, and regulatory requirements for impacting it. High number of residential neighbors creates noise limitations for certain program uses.
- Patty reviewed the highlights of the Park survey, which realized a 10% response return (considered very good).
 - ♦ Walking is by far the largest use.
 - ♦ Desire for sports facilities, restrooms, and off-leash dog areas also indicated on the survey.
- Greg Cody asked for the definitions of neighborhood, community and regional parks.
 - ♦ Steve answered; the main factors are size, service radius, and facility types.
 - ♦ Neighborhood parks are typically smaller; 2-5 acres and offer simple facilities: open space, play grounds, tennis, etc.
 - ♦ Community parks tend to be larger: in the 10-acre range - and, like Schiffler, are intended to serve a three-mile radius and so serve several neighborhoods. They often have a wider range of facilities, including various sports.
 - ♦ Regional parks are largest and intended to be destination facilities of a special type to attract a wide group of users.
 - ♦ Request made to THPRD for context inventory of parks and open space facilities and resources within the three-mile analysis area. Steve agreed that would be useful. THPRD to follow up.

III. PROGRAMMING

- Gill reviewed the list of potential program elements:
 - ♦ Basketball is large existing use; groups queuing up to use.
 - ♦ Skate spot would be focused on younger users if included.
 - ♦ One restroom option would be a vault, above ground unit; another would be a porta-potty enclosure to screen the porta-potties.
 - ♦ Off-leash dog run takes very large area, most likely much of Schiffler's available area. Consensus is this isn't the place for it.
 - ♦ Comment made that walking for quiet and serenity (i.e. around the loop path) is a very popular existing use, Jack expressed concern for cramming too many programmed activities into the space and as a result driving away quiet walkers.
 - ♦ Recollection of Schiffler as site of the annual "Good Neighbor Days".
 - ♦ Reminder that neighbors have invested their time and sentiment into the park (gardens, memorials), and that these tributes must be respected during redevelopment.

- ♦ Opinion shared that this might not be the place for programmed sports, but instead unprogrammed open space with room for kids of all different age groups to burn off energy. For example, a baseball diamond without a skinned infield allows the field area to be used more widely for soccer and lacrosse.
- ♦ Lighting the park at night: THPRD policy is not to light unless seen as necessary for safety, such as a restroom building.
- A concern was shared regarding spending so much money on an existing successful park and the satisfaction with the park as it is now. Task Force participated in the dot vote:
 - ♦ Play area: 8
 - ♦ Basketball, Skate spot: 7
 - ♦ Youth sports fields, Restroom: 6
 - ♦ Performance area: 5
 - ♦ Community garden, Futsal: 3
 - ♦ Off-leash dog area, Splash pad: 2
 - ♦ Additional parking: 1

Thanks to all for an excellent meeting. Patty will follow up with requested information and scheduling options for our December meeting.

IV. SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS

- Request made for 1-2 additional Task force meetings. Patty agreed that was a likely possibility.

V. DESIGN MODIFICATION REQUEST

- None at this time.

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- None at this time.

VII. NEXT MEETING

- TBD, within the first two weeks of December.

Meeting Adjourned 2:00pm