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**Project:** Schiffler Park Renovation Project  
**Purpose:** Community Public Open House, No. 1  
**Location:** Fir Grove Elementary School Library  
**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 6, 2010 6:00 – 8:30pm

**Attendees\*:** Patty Freeman, THPRD      Ken Rencher, City of Beaverton  
Allen Wells, THPRD      Dorothy Fisher, Park Watch  
Michael Janin, THPRD      Greg Cody, ACAC  
Nichole Paulsen, THPRD      Nancy Hall, First Baptist Church  
Steve Gulgren, THPRD      Jack Franklin, NAC  
Todd Marcum, DEA  
Gill Williams, DEA  
Brynn Reimann, DEA

\* See attached sign-in sheets

**Distribution:** Attendees

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Steve Gulgren of THPRD thanked everyone for coming out to participate. He briefly introduced the project and explained how Schiffler relates to the district's comprehensive plan and bond measure. The park renovation project is unique in that its program was not pre-defined, rather, the community has been invited to participate in deciding how it will be renovated and what features will be included in the future.
- Patty Freeman of THPRD introduced the park site and renovation process. She described the roles of the public survey data, District staff team, and the Community Task Force in determining the program for the park renovation. She provided a general timeline of the project and important steps moving forward. Final design will be completed in 2011 followed by construction document creation; construction is expected to begin in 2012.
- Patty also encouraged everyone to provide comments: comment cards with questions were passed out; sticky notes were available to post likes/dislikes or comments directly on the board images; flip charts were available for people to write general observations and comments; and the community was asked to show their preferences through colored indicators on photographs showing images of potential park elements.
- Gill Williams of David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) then described park design options A and B, highlighting their similarities and differences. His descriptions induced several questions from the community: see below.
- The participants were then provided about an hour to view the design option boards and discuss. The designers were available to answer questions and provide information on the

schemes. The plan image boards were accompanied by boards of photographs showing options for some of the key program elements: basketball half courts, skate spot features and 'skateable art', boardwalk design, porta-potty screens and picnic shelter styles.

- Also, several image boards were presented that showed different options for play equipment and design: ranging from modern to traditional to examples of natural play design. Again, people were asked to comment on their likes, dislikes and response to the images presented. Overall, people were very enthusiastic about the natural play concept and some of the ideas presented.
- The open house ended around 8:15 pm.

#### **COMMENT SUMMARY FROM THE PARTICIPANTS: SEE ATTACHED**

- Comment sheets; comments posted on image boards [separate .pdf file]
- Comment cards
- Comments received via email
- Comments received from online comment period (open two weeks following open house)

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM PATRONS**

- Q-Is the East side of option A a walkway?
  - *Yes, and it also establishes a boundary between passive and active use.*
- Q-The wetland seems to be shown bigger than it is.
  - *It may seem to be bigger since the buffer area is included but that is the true wetland area.*
- Q-In the summer the wetland dries out and you can use it, do you plan on digging it out more?
  - *It will be more like re-contouring rather than digging it out.*
- Q-Will the existing performance area be torn down (wall ball area)?
  - *Yes, although a new performance area will be incorporated in the new design.*
- Q-Will the performance area have a backstage?
  - *For safety and visibility purposes there will not be a tall wall type backstage area.*



- Q-Are you putting in an area for larger picnics and where?
  - *Areas are shown on both designs to put in a larger pavilion along with more picnic tables and/or open area to have a blanket picnic.*
- Q-What about performance in the lower area like a theater bowl?
  - *Another patron stated that the sports field areas need to be flat and if a sloped performance area is in the lower section combined with the active sports field area then it will compromise all other uses.*
- Q-Are you concerned that more people will come to the park since you are redeveloping it?
  - *With more people coming to the park for positive activities it may help naturally eliminate unwanted behavior.*
- Q-In the summer the shelter is taken almost every day and some crowds have left a mess. Will we get more shelter area since it is always so crowded?
  - *Yes, the District has received a grant for a larger shelter.*
- Q-I am concerned about the basketball and skate park noise for the church.
  - *The elements have been designed so as not to create an aggressive overwhelming atmosphere. The skate spot would be beginner level equipment and the basketball courts will be 1/2-courts so as not to allow for full court aggressive basketball. The intent is to have these elements available yet not have them become a “destination” element.*
- Q-Safety is a main concern; I walk a lot and don’t drive. The bathrooms have been burnt down, homeless people camp on the edge of the park, why would you screen the bathrooms. It seems like screening them will allow for non-visible areas.
  - *The screens will not be solid; the screens will act like art so the porta-potty is more aesthetically pleasing. The screens will be partially transparent.*
- Q-Is there security lighting in the budget for security purposes?
  - *The park is open from dawn to dusk. We do not want people to believe the park is open since it is lit. We have not assumed lighting will be included in the final plan.*



- Comments from patrons during the Q&A section
  - *We are not asking for more lighting but we do NOT want to lose the current lighting (multiple patrons emphasized this point at this time).*
  - *The Schiffler Park Watch really appreciates Mike Janin and his continued work to make Schiffler Park a more secure park.*
  - *The swings should be kept since there was a strong effort from one of the local neighbors to get that paid for and installed for all of the young children. There is also a memorial stone that was put under the cedar tree nearby.*
  - *The area near Berthold could have a good picnic area.*
  - *Plantings in the wetlands will need to survive through the summer when that area dries up.*

#### **SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS**

- None at this time

#### **DESIGN MODIFICATION REQUEST**

- None at this time

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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#### **NEXT MEETING**