

MINUTES OF MEETING

TO: Kevin Burke and Paul Taylor
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PROJECT: DL Stanton Park **PROJECT #:** 0918
SUBJECT: Southwest Study Group – D.L. Stanton
Park Design Phase 1

Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 29, 2009; 6:30 pm

Location: Emmaus House, 1017 Hank Aaron Drive SW, Atlanta GA 30315

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. BeltLine Update
3. Overview of Agenda
4. Review of D.L. Stanton Park Master Plan & Introduce Design Phase
5. Presentation of Park Design Development Plan and Sections
6. Q & A
7. Next Steps and Wrap-up

Meeting Handouts:

- Meeting Agenda
- Graphics for the following:
 - Site Plan and Survey
 - Restrooms/Changing Facility
 - Playground Elements – Photo Board
 - Playground
 - Site Plan

Meeting Outcomes:

Questions and comments expressed by the community during the presentation – questions and comments were written down and are presented here as close to the individuals original wording as possible:

- Why has there consistently been an effort to break up the playground? The community has made an effort to install the current playground and we are proud of it. Why break it up?
 - *The playground has been moved to incorporate nature, allowing kids to be creative and make choices.*
- The playground is used regularly. It needs shade, but it is the centerpiece of the park. We would like it to remain the centerpiece. I don't see why you need to break it up.
- What is the timeframe for the recreation center?
 - *There are currently no funds to pay for a recreation center nor the operation of said center.*

- Kids need to be able to be inside if it's raining. We need a building. Are you saying it won't happen? I thought the BeltLine was bringing additional funding. What is the BeltLine bringing with all of the changes from the original master plan?
 - *The BeltLine is using opportunity bond money. Funding is limited. The BeltLine never committed to a recreation center – The Beltline is also not building facilities such as rec centers.*
 - *It's important to think of Four Corners Park and D.L. Stanton Park as a system. Four Corners currently has a building that can be used until a recreation center can be built. The Center in Four Corners will not be changed until a D.L. Stanton building is built.*
- Does this budget include money for landscaping at Four Corners Park?
 - *No*
- I don't want to lose the building at Four Corners
- Four Corners Park and D.L. Stanton Park are spaced too far apart for consider using the building temporarily for D.L. Stanton.
- The community did a master plan with Park Pride. Did BeltLine consider this? Have you heard from the community? What is the cost? I don't like breaking up the playground equipment. I want the recreation center.
 - *TSW's master plan represented the Park Pride Master Plan. This new plan takes the TSW master plan and enhances it.*
- We've been working on getting a building for years. What is going on? This makes no sense.
 - *The building will eventually be where the multi-use field is located on this plan. This allows for the initial grading to be finished for the building.*
- The baseball diamond no longer has a concession stand and restrooms. If we're hosting a Little League game, the kids will have to walk to the splashpad to go to the bathroom. I have a problem with that. Also, there is no lighting at the baseball field. Where is it?
 - *There is no funding for lighting nor the power bill that the lights would create.*
- We can't support a game with out lighting.
- Will there be lighting along the path?
 - *Yes*
- Will it be solar? In the original visioning session the community asked for this. We designed a park so it would last 50-100 years. There are solar lights that don't require panels - solar shingles or film (Unisolar)? I'm upset at what I'm seeing. You should look harder for sustainable options.
 - *We are looking at alternatives for lighting. Can't use solar throughout the park if you also want trees. Solar will no longer be effective as the trees grow and shade the panels. Panels can go on buildings or at the top of poles. Also looking into LED.*
- What about irrigation for the baseball field? We have a splashpad, but no irrigation. What about a cistern system (rain pillow)?
 - *We have not yet located the connections for an irrigation system. The splashpad uses a recirculation system. We are looking at ways to capture rainwater/stormwater such as a cistern system, but watering the fields requires a tremendous amount of water upwards of 250,000 gallons for a two week cycle.*
- Will this project be finished by 2010?
 - *Yes.*
- How about using greywater from the bathroom for irrigation?
 - *The bathrooms will produce very little usable greywater.*
- How big is the gazebo?
 - *At minimum it is the same size as the original TSW plan.*
- The City should reconsider lighting around the baseball field.
 - *There is no funding in Phase 1 for lighting for the baseball field.*

- I think the City isn't looking at the park for certain reasons. This Community gets tired of broken promises.
 - *There are certain fiscal realities that are frustrating. Up until last year D.L. Stanton Park was only to get 1.5 million. The decision was made to put all 4 million towards building one complete park and D.L. Stanton was chosen. The baseball field is funded separately. The BeltLine is dedicated to completing this park.*
- This is a small community, but we stick together and we know what we want.
- Safety is the #1 issue. With all of the trees along the trails, we definitely need lighting.
 - *We're looking into lights that are dimmed to about 50% of the light during designated hours (i.e. 2am), but have motion sensors that will power the lights to 100% if someone walks up.*
- The whole initiative should include energy efficiency.
- What about the concession stand at the ball field? Can we add that back?
 - *The height of the press box will allow for a small concession stand to be added.*
- If we're moving the restrooms to the splashpad, we might as well not even have a baseball field.
 - *Fulton County Health Code dictates the location of the bathrooms, and only one bathroom facility will be located in this park.*
- Does this plan negate the ability to meet the requirements to be a certified Little League World Series field?
 - *The field is the exact size of the original field in the TSW plan.*
- I think Greg and William (Teasley) need to sit down with the design team and talk out the design. They know what we want and can represent us.
- This design was sprung on the community. We need to make some adjustments towards sustainability of the park.
- Everyone here wants to get this park done. We need to get clarity on the recreation center.
- I think a Friends Group should come up with the money for the lighting with a fundraiser.
- What was the purpose of this meeting? Will we see a new plan?
 - *The purpose was to present to you a new design and get your feedback. We will consider the comments everyone has made in any changes that may be made.*

These minutes constitute the author's understanding of the items discussed and conclusions reached. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify this author in writing within four (4) working days of receipt.

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