

DL STANTON PARK
CITY OF ATLANTA / ATLANTA BELTLINE INC
SOUTHWEST STUDY GROUP COMMENT FORM
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The following is a list of questions / comments brought up at the previous Southwest Study Group meeting on July 27, 2009.

1. 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. Additionally, the changes allow us to create distinct and separate spaces for <5 year old children so as to minimize interaction with older children.

2. 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.

The playground remains the focus and centerpiece of the park. All of the changes that are being incorporated are meant to further enhance the user experience, including the splashpad, baseball field, gazebo, restroom and shaded seating area. The new playground areas will promote play for all age ranges.

3. What is the timeframe for the recreation center?

There are currently no funds to pay for neither a recreation center nor the operation of said center.

4. What is the timeline for a recreation center? Four Corners Park and D.L. Stanton Park are spaced too far apart for consider using the building temporarily for D.L. Stanton.

There is no current funding available as the monies for construction of the Recreation Center was anticipated to be part of the second transfer of Opportunity Bonds. The date for that second offering is currently unknown. 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 at this time.

5. Does this budget include money for landscaping at Four Corners Park?

No

6. Are there plans to remove the Recreation Center at Four Corners Park?

The Center in Four Corners will not be changed at this time.

7. Park Pride created a master plan with the assistance of the community. Did Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. consider this with the current design plans?

TSW's master plan represented the Park Pride Master Plan. This new plan takes the TSW master plan and advances the design to the next level. As was explained during the Master Plan process, final designs never match the Master Plan exactly. All the elements that are in the MP are in the current design with a number of enhancements including the splashpad, the separate Gazebo and restrooms, areas of shaded seating and additional playground elements.

8. The baseball diamond no longer has a concession stand and restrooms. There is concern over the distance from the baseball field to the restroom facility. Also, why is there no baseball field lighting?

There must be a restroom / shower area adjacent to the SplashPad. The restroom area has been centrally located to serve the entire park. A concession stand will be included in the park as well as an area for grilling, water, and electricity. In regards to sports field lighting, there is no funding for lighting nor the power bill that the lights would create. Additionally, lighting the ballfields was never part of the Master Plan.

9. Will there be lighting along the path?

Yes. Pedestrian scaled lighting will be included through out the park. The lights will be high efficiency LED lights.

10. Will it the park lighting be solar? In the original visioning session the community asked for this.

There are plans to install a solar canopy along the main walk which will serve to not only provide shade along the walk but more importantly will provide enough solar power to light the park. Through the installation of these solar panels we intend to have a net zero energy load.

11. Will the baseball fields be irrigated?

Yes

12. Will this project be finished by 2010?

Yes.

13. How about using greywater from the bathroom for irrigation?

The bathrooms will produce very little usable greywater.

14. How big is the gazebo?

It is the same size as the original TSW plan. It will accommodate 6 picnic tables.

15. The City should reconsider lighting around the baseball field.

There is no funding in Phase 1 for lighting for the baseball field.

16. 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 a complete park and D.L. Stanton was chosen. The baseball field is funded separately. The BeltLine is dedicated to completing this park.

17. The whole initiative of this park should include energy efficiency.

All stakeholders are committed to this goal.
