MEETING MINUTES

Date of Report:	May 27, 2018		
Subject:	Mayerling Neighborhood Park Bloc Design Project: 00533.00		
Date of Meeting:	May 7, 2018, 6PM	**Location:**	Albemarle Road Rec Center
Meeting Attendees:	James Williams (Mecklenburg County - PR) Lee Jones (Mecklenburg County – PR) Brian Bennett (Mecklenburg County – AFM) Peter Cook (Mecklenburg County – PR O&M) Alex Rohleder (Mecklenburg County – PR O&M)		

Remarks: A community meeting was held to present the schematic design and scope for the neighborhood park to the community attendees and get their input. Below is a list of the comments and concerns that were mentioned during the presentation of the project and during the breakout session.

1. Officer Matt Cooper (Community Coordinator, Independence Division) opened the meeting with community update, and requested that residents contact he or his partner (Officer Ron Webster) with issues and concerns within the neighborhood. CMPD will be a resource for patrolling the new park, along with P&R operations and maintenance staff and Park Rangers.
2. Question was asked about park signage and where it would be. It was explained that there would not be a large sign out on the main road, but only a small sign at the park entrance. There will be a small brown park sign on the road mainly so emergency responders can locate the park quicker. The concern was bringing people to the park from other areas in addition to the neighborhood.
3. Question was asked is there a walking trail proposed on the CMUD sewer easement. The trail might meander in part of the easement, but it would not extend off of the property for future connections. Any proposed trail network would be contained within the park property.
4. There where concerns about on-street parking for the park. There are currently issues with on-street parking by neighbors and the concern is that the park would create more. Neighborhood parks are intended to serve the immediate surrounding neighborhoods and parking is not provided for them. The neighborhood can petition NCDOT to install no-parking signs however that will also prevent residents from parking on the street. If the park entrance is blocked by people illegally parking in the street, Park Rangers will call for those cars to be removed in order to maintain access to the park.
5. Question was asked if there will be park lighting. It was explained that neighborhood parks are open from dawn to dusk and lighting tends to attract after hours activities. No lighting is planned for the park.
6. Question was asked what happens if the recently paved streets are damaged by construction traffic. The park construction will not require major heavy equipment however if the roads are in fact damaged as a result of contractor equipment, the park contractor would be required to repair any damages as part of their construction contract.

7. How was the site selected? The county looks at regionally where they have deficiencies in neighborhood park locations and looks for land in those areas. Property was acquired in 1988.
8. Will there be basketball courts? There is a desire from residents to have basketball within the park since there are a few on-street goals in the neighborhood and the kids are playing within the street now. Typically, basketball courts are not located in Neighborhood parks because the County would require parking and bathrooms which are not provided in Neighborhood parks. Since this site is in the ETJ of Mint Hill, the option to have a half-basketball court within the park will be explored.
9. Question was asked what type of paving will be at the park entrance. Park entrance will be paved with a hard surface suitable for maintenance trucks to enter the park for service. Lockable bollards will be provided to prevent the general public from driving into the park.
10. Question was asked will park and rec maintain the creek for flooding, etc… Park and Recreation does not do this, Meck County Stormwater Services would respond to any calls about creek blockages that are creating additional flooding concerns.
11. Question was asked how large the pavilion would be? The proposed shelter would be able to have 4 picnic tables and would have 1 charcoal grill.
12. It was explained how the current park name is only named after the street they are located on and there is a process that the association can go through to formally request a change to the park name.
13. Precedent imagery of various park program elements where displayed and attendees voted with placing dots on their favorite items. The results of those are attached to this report.
14. The residents in attendance expressed a unanimous excitement about the park and support the project.

(End of Meeting Minutes)

Examples of elements

1/2 Court Basketball →

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