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MEETING SUMMARY

BROOKFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT – PUMP TRACK PROPOSAL

Public Comment Meeting
May 7, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
Crestwood Elementary School, Springfield, Virginia

Welcome and Introductions	Supervisor McKay, Lee District Ed Batten, Sr., Lee District Representative, Park Authority Board
Background Information	Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Presentation of Pump Track Proposal and Master Plan Amendment	Jay Rauschenbach, Project Manager, Park Planning Branch
Moderated Public Input	Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Adjournment	

Staff in attendance:

- Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/CFO
- Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
- David Bowden, Director, Planning and Development Division
- Sandy Stallman, Park Planning Branch Manager, PDD
- Ed Richardson, Area 4 Manager, Park Operations Division
- Mathew Kaiser, Deputy Public Information Officer
- Justin Roberson, Natural Resource Specialist, Resource Management Division
- Sajan Pokharel, Project Manager, Stormwater Planning Division, Department of Public Works & Environmental Services
- Joan Clark, Staff Assistant, Supervisor McKay Office

Staff presentations (available on the project website) included an overview of the Park Authority and the park master plan process, information about the site’s history and existing conditions, and details about the proposed bicycle pump track and potential master plan amendment needed to facilitate the facility.

Following staff presentations, Judy Pedersen **moderated the public input** session to permit those in attendance to share their thoughts and suggestions regarding the proposed pump track and master plan amendment. A summary of the public input



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regarding is provided below, though please note that the speaker summary is not verbatim and is only intended to provide the general impression or sentiment of the speaker.

The meeting **adjourned** after 13 speakers.

Speaker #1

- Opposed to any additional construction in the park, including the proposed pump track. There is an abundance of existing trails in the area already, such as those located in Lake Accotink Park and Wakefield Park. Suggests to retain the area in question as an open play field or to allow it to go fallow for educational and interpretational purposes.

Speaker #2 (Springfield Civic Association)

- SCA has supported TYO for years and supports the proposed pump track as it will be a positive improvement to the local community. SCA unanimously voted to support this effort on September 17, 2013, except one dissent vote. The facility will better utilize a field that is not currently used by youth and will complement the family-oriented nature of the park. Further, it will be a safe environment for children to learn biking skills.

Speaker #3

- Opposed to the proposed pump track on the basis that it will not be safe for children due to its isolated location in the park.

Speaker #4

- Supports the proposed pump track as it will provide a safe environment for children to learn biking skills; reflects that the trails in Wakefield Park are not kid friendly due to its size and intensity of use. Suggests providing adequate signage around and within the park about nearby biking children and that parent supervisor is required. Also suggests facilitating a sledding hill within the park.

Speaker #5

- Supports the proposed pump track as there are not many accessible trails from the Springfield community. Further, suggests enlarging the proposed facility.

Speaker #6

- Supports the proposed pump track as it is an exciting opportunity for his children to bike locally in the Springfield community. Reflects that TYO is a great organization that cares about the local youth and providing safe biking skills.

Speaker #7

- Supports the proposed pump track as it will provide a facility for the local youth within an underutilized area in the park. Reflects that Brookfield Park needs enhanced trail connections to the existing trails in the area, such as the nearby Lake Accotink Park.



Speaker #8

- Concerned that the proposed pump track will distract maintenance of existing facilities that already need repair, particularly the playground and picnic pavilion.

Speaker #9

- Trails in the park should be more accessible to the Cross-County Trail.

Speaker #10

- Does not have a firm opinion about the proposed pump track, but questions the funding source, maintenance obligations, and time restrictions at night.

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO, answers: Funding and maintenance will be provided by Trails for Youth according to a future memorandum of understanding if the proposed facility is approved by the Park Authority Board. The facility will be restricted to regular parks hours of dawn to dusk, and will not include lights.

Speaker #11

- Questions the intended audience of the proposed pump track and safety of the overall park. Reflects that facilities that accommodate a wide range of ages and abilities will afford more park users and consequently improve safety in the park.

Speaker #12 (Trails for Youth)

- Supports the proposed pump track as it will be a community asset and valued recreational opportunity for local youth. Further, it will provide a safe environment for children to learn and build biking skills prior to using the larger mountain bike trails, such as Wakefield Park. In addition, the proposed neighborhood-scale size is appropriate for the park and intended audience, and will complement the existing facilities in the park as a family-oriented activity.

Speaker #13 (Lynbrook Elementary School)

- Supports the proposed pump track as it will be a community asset and valued recreational opportunity for local youth. Reflects that many students at Lynbrook ES do not have access to facilities and recreational opportunities like this, but have enjoyed the mobile pump track demonstrations provided by Trails for Youth.

