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SUMMARY

Mount Vernon Woods Park Master Plan Revision
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
February 3, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School Cafeteria

Welcome	Sandy Stallman, Park Planning Manager
Opening Remarks	Supervisor Jeff McKay, Lee District
Presentations	Sandy Stallman, Park Planning Manager Andi Dorlester, Project Manager
Moderated Discussion	Sandy Stallman, Park Planning Manager
Closing Remarks	Ed Batten, Lee District Representative Park Authority Board

Other Staff in Attendance:

- Phil Hager, Area 3 Manager, Park Operations Division
- Kristin Sinclair, Natural Resource Specialist, Resource Management Division
- Karen Lindquist, Cultural Resource Specialist, Resource Management Division
- Diana Fuentes, Public Information Office
- Samantha Wangsgard, Urban Forester, Urban Forest Management, DPWES
- Lloyd Tucker, Region 1 Manger, Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services
- Taylor Holland, Supervisor McKay's Office
- Dr. Pamela Simpkins, Principal, Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School

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 the role and purpose of Mount Vernon Woods Park as a local-serving park.

Following staff presentations, Sandy Stallman **moderated the discussion** to allow those in attendance to share their thoughts and suggestions for the master plan revision process. A summary of the public input is provided below, grouped by topic.

Skate Park

We need a skate park on this side of the County. Kids are skating in the MV Woods school parking lot and there are conflicts with cars. Kids are also using the handicap ramp at Hybla Valley school for skateboarding. Sometimes people skateboard on the concrete slab in the park pavilion. It is not just elementary school kids who skateboard but all ages and they need a safe place to practice skating.

A skate park could attract people from the wider community because of the absence in the area of good skating facilities.

Playground

Move the playground forward closer to street and make a new big playground.

Picnic Facilities

A few years ago, people used the pavilion for picnics and birthday parties. They brought their own tables and chairs since the picnic tables were removed. Some would like the park to have nice picnic areas with shade/cover and outdoor grills. This would make it a nice, safe place to go as a family.

Athletic Fields

Adults use the open play area to run laps and warm up and they play soccer.

The field needs lights so people can play baseball at night and to help deter crime.

Keep an open play area. People can set it up as they like now for different sports because the space is flexible.

Trees/Wooded Area

Would the wooded area be cut back or left as is? Please leave the trees alone.

Parking

Off-street parking is needed. There is not enough on-street parking for the park, especially when teams are playing on the field.

Condition of the Park

There are no lights or tables in the pavilion, mud on the sidewalks, and trash often on the ground. The park looks neglected. People leave their trash (plastic drink bottles) on the ground in the park because the trash cans are too far away (back near the pavilion). The park needs more trash cans closer to the sidewalk.

Other

Add trails for walking.

The park needs restrooms.

Concerts in the park might be a nice thing to do.