

# **Franconia Park Master Plan Revision**

PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2014

KEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, VA

A Public Community Meeting was held on the evening of November 12, 2014 to present the revised draft master plan revision for Franconia Park to the community. The 67 members of the public in attendance were then invited to share their comments on the proposed park plan. Below is a summary of the meeting and concerns discussed.

## **OFFICIALS AND STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff McKay	District Supervisor
Taylor Holland	Chief of Staff, District Supervisor's Office
Sandy Stallman	Manager, Park Planning Branch, PDD
Andy Galusha	Project Manager, Park Planning Branch
Phil Hager	Park Operations, Area 2
Patricia Dietly	Garden Plot Coordinator
Taylor Dixon	Neighborhood and Community Services

## **INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS**

Jeff McKay	District Supervisor
Sandy Stallman	Manager, Park Planning Branch, PDD

## **STAFF PRESENTATION**

Overview

Sandy Stallman provided an outline of the evening's agenda.

Background and Conceptual Development Plan

Andy Galusha provided background on Franconia Park and presented the elements of the revised draft master plan.

## **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

- Why are you proposing more fields?
- Who gets priority on these fields?
- What is application process?
- Is this application process published?
- Why so intent to put playing fields here?
- Traffic, two cars cannot pass each other on these roads
- Parking along the streets is a main plug to accessing the park
- Not about kids because of lights
- People come out of the park and run stop signs

- Drunk people are sometimes in the park at night after lights go off
- Park Authority responsible to go to VDOT for Citizens
- Estimate 1200-1500 cars per Saturday for ball games
- Lights stay on past 1 a.m.
- One individual spend a lot of time picking up bottles and caps
- Can't leave driveway empty or someone will park in it on weekends
- Tournaments are going to clog the neighborhood
- Look closely at trees, not replacing with nature trail
- Sledding hill would break neck
- Should have local draw features like basketball, tennis, etc, opposed to soccer that is external draw
- Serious need to address current issues first before adding other facilities
- Are side effects going to be considered?
- When would this be built?
- Feel that Hooes Road Park should be upgraded with lights before Franconia gets more lights
- Consider conserving the large mature trees to aid in preventing noise and light pollution
- More parking in lot on Bowie Dr, but further away from the homes on Thomas
- The current sledding hill is where the new parking lot will be. The new sledding area bottoms out in a drainage area
- Our streets cannot handle increased traffic. Do not want speed humps
- Traffic issue is very serious right now
- Security is a big concern. Adding more space and increasing the time the lights are on will exacerbate the situation
- Noise is a big concern. Some folks are unable to sleep because of noise
- Cutting trees will create more security issues.
- Speed bumps are needed on Cloud Drive prior to the park entrance (at Kroy & Cloud) Twin Court & Cloud Dr.
- Want a buffer from lights on Kroll Drive that back to Park
- See lots of Maryland tags in the park
- Should have major arterial access to park
- Renovations will make park more attractive for tournaments on weekends
- Can't take away facts, roads are too small, still no solutions
- Buses on these roads will cause vibration damage to our houses
- Why is tennis eliminated?
- Get rid of porta potties, they are unkept, need real bathrooms

## TOPICS OF CONCERN

- Traffic
- Limited Access
- Demand
- People coming from other areas to use park
- Lighting
- More Policing
- Public Record
- Lit fields til 11pm, limit lights to 9pm
- Parking
- Benches on sledding hill
- Dropping values
- Emergency access compromised
- Safety issues
- Tree impacts from parking lot to mature vegetation
- Sledding area
- Manage and monitor traffic
- Need security lighting
- Beer cans in park
- People in park after dark
- Local needs
- Phasing needed – address current issues first before adding facilities
- Bathrooms needed