

# Community Meeting Update

## Poll Results and Fence Selection Process

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### Meeting Summary

- Parks Deputy Director, Mike Riley, opened the meeting and introduced staff prior to PowerPoint presentation.
- Project update:
  - Phase 1 (approx. 6,000 ft. from the bridge connecting the new trail section with the existing trail near the old mill race to just beyond Anndyke Way near Anndyke Pl.) is complete;
  - Phase 2 (from Wynnfield Dr. near Laurel Hill Way to Wisteria Dr.) currently under construction; and
  - Phase 3 (from Waters Landing Dr. near Neerwinder St. to Wynnfield Dr. near Shore Harbour Dr. ) to be constructed following the completion of Phase 2.
  - The entire trail section is scheduled to be completed late summer 2012.
- PowerPoint presentation provided information pertaining staff's professional judgment and applicable codes affecting the placement of fence; site photos of existing side slope conditions requiring fence; and safety fence survey poll.
- Community Raised Issues:
  - (1) Inadequate notification prior to meetings;
  - (2) Staff to post signs and send postcard notices to those along Section 2 of the trail (trail section adjacent to the townhomes near Shore Harbour Dr. and Ambassador Dr.);

- (3) Some in attendance considered the Fence Selection Survey Poll flawed;
  - (4) Staff to consider rustic 3-rail wood option and without wire mesh;
  - (5) Many of the affected community members were not in attendance;
  - (6) Main disadvantage of using the wire mesh backing – weed growth throughout wire. Should also leave gap at bottom of fence for trimming and mowing and for turtles to pass through.
- Staff stated that appropriate measures were taken to notify community and that all safety railings/fencing will be installed on the lakeside and not residential side of the trail except at the culvert crossing (between Hazelnut Ct. and Spinning Wheel Pl.) and the old mill race where fencing will occur on both sides of the trail.
  - The consensus of the meeting attendees preferred the “Rustic 3-Rail Wood” fence option without the wire mesh backing.
  - Park staff agreed to investigate possibility of deleting wire mesh backing.
  - Attendees requested to limit the amount of proposed fencing.
  - Staff agreed to conduct field walk to explain rationale for selection of fence placement.
  - All permanent fence locations are identified in the field.
  - Brief discussion concerning bike speeds were raised along newly renovated trail.
  - Staff agreed to request Park Police to patrol facilities once trail officially opens.
  - Staff agreed that appropriate trail signage will be considered and added upon completion of trail construction.