Carroll Knolls Local Park Renovation Project

Community Meeting #1 - December 5, 2017
Capitol-View Homewood Park Activity Building
7:00-9:00 PM
M-NCPPC (Montgomery Parks)

- Park Development Division
- Park Planning & Stewardship Division
- Park Management Staff - Southern Region
- Park Police
Tonight’s Meeting

- Part 1 - Presentation:
  - Project goals and background information
  - Project Schedule
  - Existing Park Conditions
  - Existing Park Amenities

- Part 2 - Gather community input and preferences for the future renovation of the park:
  - Potential new park amenities
  - Discussion
Carroll Knolls Local Park
3.85 acre property

Former site of the Montgomery College of Art and Design (MCAD).

M-NCCPC acquired the property through the Legacy Open Space (LOS) program in 2012.

The $1.14 million acquisition provided a significant opportunity to increase access to public open space.

Potential facilities identified for this park during the property acquisition, included a playground, youth-size athletic field, picnic areas, seating, community open space, wooded areas, and courts.
Parks staff performed basic park improvements prior to officially opening the park in April 2014.
Project Purpose / Goals

- To develop a concept design for the renovation of Carroll Knolls Local Park, including a detailed cost estimate and preliminary permits.

- To create a memorable and unique open space that provides a flexible framework to support passive and active recreation and cultural activity needs.

  - The implementation of park improvements may occur in phases, based on available funding.
Project Schedule

- **Fall 2017** – Project Kick-off: Assess existing site conditions, opportunities, and preliminary park program.

- **December 2017** – Community Meeting #1 to gather input and preferences for the park.

- **Winter/Spring 2018** – Develop park renovation concept design alternatives based on input from the Community and Park Staff.

- **Spring 2018** – Community Meeting #2, review concept design alternatives and obtain input from the community.

- **Summer/Fall 2018** – Develop preferred park renovation concept based on community input, and develop cost estimate.

- **Fall 2018** – Planning Board Meeting
M-NCPPC Parks facilities within 1 mile radius of Carroll Knolls Park:

1 - EVANS PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
2 - GLEN HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
3 - WHEATON FOREST LOCAL PARK
4 - WHEATON VETERAN’S URBAN PARK
5 - SLIGO CREEK STREAM VALLEY / SLIGO CREEK TRAIL
6 - SLIGO-DENNIS AVENUE LOCAL PARK
7 - FOREST GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
8 - GENERAL GETTY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
9 - CAPITOL VIEW-HOMEWOOD LOCAL PARK
10 - MCKENNEY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
11 - CAPITOL VIEW OPEN SPACE URBAN PARK
12 - FOREST GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park
- Renovation completed in 2014. Originally a 5-acre park, expanded to 7.42 acres, budget $3,561,000

Park Facilities, include:
- Playground area
- Tennis courts (2)
- Basketball Half-court (2)
- Picnic Shelter
- Pedestrian Bridge

- Stream Restoration
- Open Space / Lawn Areas
- Gathering space / paved plaza
- Pathways - Loop Trail
- Native Plantings
- Public Artwork
Existing Park Conditions
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Environment Resources

• Steep Slopes (>15%, >25%)
• Wooded areas

No evidence of:
• Erodible Soils
• Streams
• Stream Buffer
• 100-year Floodplain

Non-Native Invasive plant removals.
Existing Park Conditions

CIRCULATION & ACCESS - VEHICLES
Existing Park Conditions

Note: Currently, there are no paved pathways into or within the park.
Existing Park Conditions

TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE PATTERNS
Existing Park Conditions

Could fit approximately 50 parking spaces

Woods
Lawn
Young Trees
Parking Lot (60' x 230')
Footpath
Picnic Area
Tall Fence
Preliminary Program

EXISTING PARK AMENITIES

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EXISTING PARK AMENITIES
POTENTIAL NEW PARK AMENITIES?

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Footpath

Parking Lot (60' x 230')

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POTENTIAL NEW PARK AMENITIES*

- Playground
- Youth-size rectangular athletic field
- Sitting & Picnic Areas
- Community open space
- Courts
- Wooded areas
- Natural surface trails

*Identified during the 2012 property acquisition process.
1) If you could add one new amenity to the park, what would it be?
Questions to help generate discussion…

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4) Name a park that you have visited that reflects your vision for Carroll Knolls Park?
Contact Information & Reminders

- THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!

✓ Fill out the comments sheets and leave them on the table.

✓ Fill out contact information so that we can send you a notice for Community Meeting #2.

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