Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY MEETING | APRIL 18, 2018

MONTGOMERY REGIONAL OFFICE AUDITORIUM  7:00-9:00 PM
Welcome / Team Introductions

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS

• Park Development Division
• Park Management Staff - Southern Region
• Park Police
Tonight’s Meeting

PRESENTATION

• Background Information
• Park Issues
• Design Concepts
• Project Schedule
• Feedback
Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park

Jesup Blair Local Park
3.62 acres

Montgomery College

Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park
Park Background

- 3.6 Acres
- Former Silver Spring Intermediate School site
- Owned by MCPS
- Managed by Montgomery Parks
Park Features

Practice Field 1
Practice Field 2
Practice Field 3
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Site Inlet

Montgomery College – Takoma Park
Park Issues

- Park Entrances
- ADA Connectivity
- Parking Lot
- Playground

- Grading
- Retaining wall
- Dog walkers
- Basketball court

- Tennis courts
- Drainage
- Sidewalk
- Park Entrances
  - Philadelphia Ave Entrance
  - Chicago Ave Entrances
  - Boston Ave Entrance
Park Entrance on Philadelphia Ave.

Issue:

- Weakened park appearance due to the proximity of bus stop
- Sidewalk entrance into the park is not accessible
Park Entrances on Chicago Ave.

Issue:

- Sidewalk along driveway entrance is too steep and not ADA compliant
- Pedestrian entrance near Boston Avenue stops at the base of stairs. Painted CMU stair cheek walls are not attractive
Park Entrance on Boston Ave.

Issue:

- No paved entrance into the park or playground
- Failing tile retaining wall and barrier need repair/replacement
Connectivity

Issue:

- No ADA compliant access between amenities
- No accessible entrance walkway into the park
Parking Lot

Issue:

- Oversized/underutilized
- Unnecessary impervious paving
- Takes up usable open space
Usage Observation:
5/17/2017 - 5/30/2017

Parking Lot Use - SSIP
5/17/2017 - 5/30/2017
Playground

Issue:

- No connection to other park features
- Not enough seating
Multi-use Open Play Areas

Issue:
- Uneven play surface
Retaining Wall

**Issue:**

- Peeling paint surface
- Railing is not compliant to building code
Dog Walking

Issue:

- Lack of dog walking amenities
Dog Parks Nearby

1. **Ellsworth Urban Park**  
   Dog Park: ~0.5 acres

2. **City of Takoma Park:**  
   Adjacent to Takoma-Piney Local Park  
   Dog Park: ~0.5 acres

3. **Possible Future Dog Park**  
   Jessup-Blair Local Park
Dog Parks Nearby

Takoma-Piney

Ellsworth
Dog Park Comparison

- 3.62 acres
- 0.5 acres
Intermediate Improvement: Dog Bag Stations
Basketball Court

Issue:

- Worn surface and striping
- Decayed wood retaining wall
Intermediate Improvements

Before

After
Tennis Courts

Issue:
- Concerns of underutilized court
Tennis Courts Usage Observation:
5/17/2017 – 5/30/2017
Site Drainage

Issue:
- Storm drainage issue
Sidewalk Along Philadelphia Ave

**Issue:** Safety concerns

- Sidewalk is too narrow and too close to road (Route 410)
- Sidewalk is not ADA compliant
- Non-native invasive plants
- Poison ivy
Sidewalk Expansion Study

At least 10 existing trees will have to be removed to widen the sidewalk, which will significantly impact the urban canopy cover, habitat and overall park appearance.
Intermediate Improvements: NNI plants and poison ivy removal

Before

Before

After
Concept Plans
Option 1

- Parking lot: 8 spaces
- Bus Stop: Enlarged, add accessible walkway into the park
- Soccer fields: Regrade and enlarge the size
- Add:
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Centralized exercise station
  - Sledding Hill
  - Dog trail (Small loop trail 400’)
  - Bio-retention area
Option 2

- Parking lot: 10 spaces
- Bus Stop: Enlarged with seat wall
- Formal park entrance at the corner
- Soccer fields: Regrade, smaller fields
- **Add:**
  - Picnic shelter and picnic area
  - Viewing areas for Field A
  - Looped walkway (1000’)
  - Exercise stations
  - Dog trail (small loop trail 400’)
  - Sledding Hill
  - Bio-retention area
Option 1

Ex. Walkway to remain

Option 2

Proposed walkway
Project Schedule
Proposed Project Schedule and Budget

- **Summer 2018** - Start Detailed Design
- **Winter 2018** – Planning Board Approval
- **Fall/Winter 2019** – Start Construction
- **Budget** - $1.5 M
Questions?
Contact Information

Fill out contact information so that we can send you future updates.

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