Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY MEETING #2 | JUNE 12, 2018 | 6:00-8:00 PM
Welcome / Team Introductions

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS

- Park Development Division
- Park Management Staff - Southern Region
- Park Police
Agenda

Part 1 - Presentation

• Site Analysis
• Review of community meeting #1
• Present (4) park improvement options

Part 2 - Discussion

• Gather community input on the four options
Silver Spring Intermediate Park
Site Analysis
- Existing Amenities
Existing Park Amenities
Existing Park Amenities

- **Parking lot** (20 spaces)

  - Oversized/underutilized
  - Unnecessary impervious paving
  - Takes up usable open space
Usage Observation:

Parking Lot Usage - SSIP

- Parking
- Dog walk
- Field
- Basketball
Usage Observation:
5/17/2017 - 5/30/2017

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

- Parking
- Dog walk
- Field
- Basketball
- Bike
Above: 10am, Saturday, 5/5/2018

Left: 6pm, Wednesday, 5/2/2018
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
  - Low Fencing
  - Decayed wood retaining wall
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- **Tennis Courts** (2)
  - Highly used
  - Small backstop wall
  - Consider pickleball use
  - Ponding water on the surface
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- **Playground**
  - Built in 2001
  - No connection to other part of the park
  - Safety concerns along street
  - Seating conditions
Above: 4pm, Saturday, 4/28/18

Left: 10am, Monday, 4/10/17
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Playground

**Open play areas**
- Soggy and standing water
- Rolling hill terrain
- Important and cherished by the community
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Playground
- Open play areas
- **Retaining walls**
  - Unsafe guardrails
  - Worn/peeling wall surfaces
  - Rotten timber wall
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Playground
- Open play areas
- Retaining walls

**Site furniture:**
- Porta potty
- Movable picnic tables
- Trash cans
Existing Park Amenities

- Parking lot (21 spaces)
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Playground
- Open play areas
- Retaining walls
- Site furniture
- Trees and non-structured natural setting
Site Analysis
- Park Connectivity
Park Connectivity

- **Entrances**
  - ★ (4) Entrances
  - ➢ No accessible entrance is provided
Park Connectivity

- **Entrances**

- **Walkway**
  - Series steps at walkways
  - Steep asphalt access
  - No connection from the playground to any part of the park
Park Connectivity

- Entrances
- Walkway

**Philadelphia Ave sidewalk**

- Improvements are to be done by City of Takoma Park
- Invasive plants and poison ivy are noted
Site Analysis
- Grading and Drainage
Park Grading and Drainage

- Existing grading and open play areas
  - Open Play Areas
  - Sloped wooded area
  - Steep slopes
Park Grading and Drainage

- Existing grading and open play areas

- Drainage Pattern
  - Main inlet
  - Impervious drainage
  - Wet areas
Park Grading and Drainage

- Existing grading and open play areas
- Drainage patterns
- **Sloped area**
  - Runoff needs erosion control
#1 Community Meeting
- Review
General Comments At The #1 Meeting
On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

What do you think is the most important feature of the park that gives it its unique character?

Answered: 45

- Open unstructured Green spaces
- Multi-purpose use for every one of different ages
- Mature trees
- Not overly programmed
- Great social opportunities
- Diverse array of options
On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

Are you interested in a loop path within or around the park?

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On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

If you would like a path, how important is it that the loop path is fully accessible (with no steps or steep slope along the path)? (0 being not important at all, 5 being very important)?

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## On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

Are you satisfied with the current playing fields? If not, what improvements would you like to see? (select all that apply)

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<td>No, I am not satisfied. I would like to enlarge the field size.</td>
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<td>No, I am not satisfied. I would like benches or a seating area to watch games.</td>
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On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

Would you like to see exercise station(s) installed in this park?

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Would you like a shade structure in this park?

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On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

Drainage issue

1) Drainage and flooding issues outside of the park boundary
2) The worst drainage is at the entrance to tennis court and the field near playground.
3) Standing water at the field adjacent to the white wall
4) Muddy and soggy field near the playground is concerned to parents
5) Though there may not be standing water, the ground is saturated and remains soggy for many days after a rain
6) There has always been some drainage issues but not enough to stop us from using the park. The water only remains for a few hours
On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

Other comments - Park usage

1) The park is already **well used** by many people in a variety of ways
2) Several request of discourage **off-leash dogs**
3) **Table** at BB court between the court and Chicago Ave
4) **Water fountain**, and a real **bathroom**
5) Keep the **memorial bench**
Other comments - Playground and Fields

1) Provide covered / fenced / lighted play fields to allow for all-weather, day and night play
2) Provide better surface for soccer play
3) Fenced area allow for off-leash dog and multi-purpose for sports
4) More diverse and challenging structures in the playground;
5) Play opportunities should be able to grow with the children. Some natural landscaping could be used to provide more play spaces for kids
6) Exercise station shall be away from playground, or consider kids friendly equipment
On-line Comments After The #1 Meeting

Other comments (continued)

1) Many concerns of standing water and saturated grass area at the fields after rain events or snow melting

2) Clear invasive plants

3) Tree planting program

4) Regular grass cutting

5) Better grading and storm water solution

6) Turn the concrete slope near the tennis courts to retaining wall
Park Improvement
- Four Options
General Improvements
General Improvements

1. Parking lot

- Remove unnecessary paved area and replace with grass
- Identify accessible parking space location
- Identify porta potty location
- Add bike racks
General Improvements

1. Parking lot

2. Retaining walls
   - Improve guardrails for safety
   - Remain the feel of openness
Guardrail Options
General Improvements

1. Parking lot
2. Retaining walls
3. Basketball courts
   - Repair rotten timber wall
   - Increase fence height
   - Add fixed table and benches
   - Add shade tree(s) at the west side
General Improvements

1. Parking lot
2. Retaining walls
3. Basketball courts
4. Tennis courts
   - Resurfacing
   - Relevel and regrading
   - Pickleball overlay
   - Possible larger backboard
Pickleball Overlay at Tennis Courts
General Improvements

1. Parking lot
2. Retaining walls
3. Basketball courts
4. Tennis courts
5. **Playground**
   - Add fencing
General Improvements

1. Parking lot
2. Retaining wall
3. Basketball courts
4. Tennis courts
5. Playground
6. **Storm Water Management**
   - Bioretention facilities, Swales
   - Inlet Repair
   - Erosion control
Option #1

Minimum improvements
- Existing amenities to remain
- ADA accessible entrances at Boston and Philadelphia Ave
- Repaint retaining wall
Concrete Walk  Ramp with railings  Flexi-Pave

Materials
Concept or Retaining Wall
Concept #2

Moderate Improvements
- ADA compliant walkways
- Boardwalks design
- Drainage improvements at lawn area
- Seating at Chicago/Boston Ave Entrance
Concrete Walk
Ramp with railings

Material Options
Flexi-Pave
Boardwalk
Option #3

Moderate Improvements
- ADA compliant walkways
- Boardwalks design
- Open green space regrading
- Seating area at playground

Option #3
Option #4
Extensive Improvements
- Reduced parking lot with overflow parking
- ADA compliant looped walkway
- Natural play opportunities
- Shade structure
- Exercise stations
- Multi-purpose courts
- Drinking fountain
- Regraded open green space
Design Options – Shade Structure
Design Options – Exercise Stations

Static

Dynamic
Design Options – Multi-purpose Courts
Design Options – Natural Play
Design Options – Stormwater Management Facilities
Project Schedule
Proposed Project Schedule and Budget

- **Summer 2018** - Start Detailed Design
- **Fall/winter 2018** – Planning Board Approval
- **Fall 2019 – Summer 2020** – Construction
- **Budget** - $1.5 M (design and construction)
Community Feedback
- Input and Questionnaire
Community Input

Most **favorite** design option and components

Most **undesired** design option and components
Questionnaire

1. Which of the four (4) Options *best represents* the vision that you see for Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park?

2. Are there specific aspects of an Option that work better than others?

3. Please list some of the advantages and disadvantages of how the amenities and circulation are arranged in the various Options that were presented.
Contact Information

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

Email questionnaire to Project Manager.

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