



Crestview Park
City of Boulder

Neighborhood Meeting No. 2

Location: Boulder Friends Meetinghouse
May 14, 2014

Attendees: See sign in sheet
Doug Godfrey, Project Manager, Parks Planner, City of Boulder
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Comments:

On May 14, 2014 from 5.30-7.00 pm, the Parks and Recreation Department held a public meeting at the Boulder Friends Meetinghouse, 1825 Upland, to review and discuss proposed improvements at Crestview Neighborhood Park. The proposed improvements are part of the November 2011 Capital Improvement Bond. The public meeting was an open house format where members of the public were invited to review and comment on the concept plans for the renovation of the park and playground. The plans were developed following the February 1, 2014 neighborhood public meeting that was held at the same location.

At the meeting, Parks and Recreation Staff and design consultants presented plan graphics illustrating the location of the proposed improvements, as well as conceptual imagery as to what the improvements could potentially look like. Boards included:

- a. Overall park concept plan
- b. Project vision and goals + park program elements outlining proposed features in the park
- c. Playground improvement plan + imagery of proposed play equipment
- d. Bubble diagrams of desired park improvements generated by Meeting #1 participants.

Based on the input from Meeting #1, the proposed park concept plan includes:

- New playground equipment & elements to meet current guidelines, focused toward the 2-5 year old age range. It includes a play log, treehouse play structure, and a slope wrapping around the play space with a hillside and two hill climbers. Separated by a walk are swings with 2 belt seats and 1 toddler bucket seat. A dramatic play area located on the other side of the shade shelter includes a playhouse, a stump table with log seats and a sand play area.
- Replacement of the main concrete walk to meet ADA and provide a consistent 6' width. A new walk connection will provide better access from Tamarac into the center of the park and then to Crestview Elementary.
- Field improvements include removing the 2 existing backstops; installing a 3' wide soft surface path around the field/property edge to create a loop walk in the park; new sod and irrigation for about 1/3 of the existing field for multi-use recreation; and removing weeds, reseeding and minimal irrigation for maintenance in the remainder of the field area.

- New site furnishings and picnic amenities including 2 benches along the main walk, 2 benches at the playground, trash/recycling receptacles, bike rack, picnic shelter with picnic tables, and possibly a drinking fountain if budget allows.
- Planting improvements include shrub and perennial beds around the playground and picnic area and shade and evergreen trees.
- No work is being shown at The Knoll or The Habitat.

Based on comments and feedback that were received at the meeting, the Parks and Recreation Department will be moving forward with the concept plan that was called out as the “Park Concept Plan” and the “Playground Concept Plan” on the graphics boards at the meeting. Construction of the proposed improvements are expected to begin in the fall of 2014. Updates will be provided as construction documents are developed for the project.

Below is a summary of the comments that were received from the public. The comments are generally grouped in topics that emerged during the meeting.

OVERALL PARK

- Happy with the level of improvements shown. Plan seems a good balance of desires expressed at the last meeting. (several comments)
- Plant flowering trees and shrubs to attract pollinators.
- Include a fountain.
- Yes to a drinking fountain.
- Include a port-a-let.
- A port-a-let could also bring problems.
- There is a need for more adult recreation opportunities such as tennis courts.
- Include 2 tennis courts in the park.
- Need off-street parking so cars of park users don't consistently park in front of homes adjacent homes. Or restore the gravel parking area along Upland on school property that was damaged during the flood and is a mess.
- Park signs to enforce using parking area at east end.

PLAYGROUND

- Provide equipment for 5-12 year olds as well as 2-5 year olds.
- Include some real wood and real natural materials for the play features, such as for the stump table and seats. Children need access to real natural materials.
- Include a climbing rock.
- More swings for older kids and adults.
- Need 2 buckets swings seats in addition to the 2 belt seats. This park gets a lot of toddler use.

FIELD

- Replace one of the backstops with a new one. There are a lot of kids who use the park for kickball and would use more if the field were improved and the backstop were better.
- No irrigation, please.
- Less / minimize sod and irrigation.

WALKS & CIRCULATION

- Include kids' skills bike spurs off of the soft surface path similar to amenities at the popular Valmont Bike Park. Bumps and rock features.
- Excited about the concrete walk access from Tamarac. (2 comments)
- Like the soft surface path around the field. Since there is not a sidewalk along Upland students will be able to use the path when walking to and from school. It provides a safer route.
- Can a soft surface trail be added that connects Sumac to the school where social trail currently exists?

DRAINAGE

- Drainage improvements are needed along Upland. (3 comments) The existing swale isn't able to handle capacity.
- Clean up The Habitat. It is overgrown and not “friendly”.
- The Habitat needs restoration.
- Concern over the water quality of The Habitat (before and since the flooding).

DOG USE

- No enclosed dog area. There is a large dog park at Foothills Community Park nearby.
- No off-leash dog park please.
- Bags for dog waste, signs for dogs on leash, enforce. (2 comments)

- Need larger dog leash signs and better enforcement in the park.
- Is it possibly to have a fenced in dog park? Park is currently functioning as an off-leash dog area.

Additional comments may be received on the dedicated website for the park. Comments may also be emailed to Doug Godfrey, project manager, GodfreyD@bouldercolorado.gov.