Draft Park Program and Concepts

Public Input Meeting #2
July 26, 2017
Tonight’s Agenda:

• Presentation
• “Voting” and Discussion
• Site Walk
How is Brentwood Park special to the Brentwood Neighborhood?

- Dog walks
- Family photos
- Preserve access to/for the school, many memories there
- A place to bring friends and meet new friends
- Cooking out
- Great history here
- Stop at the bridges to view the creek, watch nature

What is the future of Brentwood Park?

- Community hub
- Connect our short greenway to more greenways!
- Upgrade community building
- Preserve the trees
- Improve play spaces and include all age ranges
- Great history here
Park Values or Themes:
- Nature = 16
- Fitness = 11
- Accessibility = 15
- Community = 8
- Education = 10
- Play = 24
- Sustainability = 7
- Fun = 6
- Connectivity = 16
- Interactive = 12
- Safety = 14
- Multi-generational = 10
- Hub = 7
- Family = 13
- Happy = 4

Top rated Park Values:
- Play
- Nature
- Safety
- Connectivity
- Accessibility
Program Elements:
• View of Stream = 12
• Picnic = 8
• Environmental Education = 8
• Greenway = 19
• Sustainability = 8
• Sprayground = 13
• Public Art = 9
• Natural Play = 9
• Shade = 8
• Open Play = 10
• Soccer = 24
• Tennis = 3
• Restroom = 13
• Community Garden = 6

- Playground = 23
- Festival Space/Community Events = 7
- Wildlife = 10
- Neighborhood Center = 19
- Basketball = 7
- Ball Field = 5

Additional Elements:
• Pickleball
• Incorporate history
• Exercise classes
• No dog park
• Staffed Neighborhood Center

Top rated elements:
- Open play/Multi-use
- Playground/Nature play
- Nature
- Neighborhood Center
- Greenway
- Sprayground
- Restroom
What works well:
• Plantings and mature trees, open space
• Field gets lots of use (soccer and kickball)
• Greenway and trails
• Glen Raven Bridge & Entrances
• Wildlife: deer, fox, owls
• Shelters are heavily used

What’s not working well:
• Drainage in field, creek overflow
• Pedestrian circulation & accessibility
• Entrances and wayfinding
• Concerns about maintenance
• Not enough shelters, seating and shade
• Basketball courts and playground too small, tennis not used
• Perception of safety
• Lack of vegetation on creek bank, debris
• Building is outdated, creepy
• Restrooms often locked
Summary of Issues

**Flooding** – this has to be planned for, ongoing maintenance
solutions: add vegetated buffer, move facilities out of the floodway

**Accessibility** – we can fix this
solutions: design all facilities with proper access

**Safety & Security** – perceived vs. real, CPTED principles, we can help this
solutions: improve visibility, encourage more park use, improve accessibility

**Connectivity/Circulation** – we can fix this
solutions: provide better internal circulation as well as more connectivity to neighborhood
Brentwood Park will increase accessibility and connectivity for a diverse community of all ages and abilities to safely gather, play, exercise and enjoy nature.
Proposed Park Program – Top 5 Values

• **Play**
  - New playground – accessible for all
  - New sprayground – flat area with interactive nozzles
  - Open play areas – soccer, kickball, etc
  - Basketball
  - Pickleball
  - Outdoor gym/fitness stations

• **Nature**
  - Small nature play area
  - Stream restoration and interpretive areas
  - Nature observation of various habitats
  - Public art
  - Ornamental garden area

• **Safety**
  - Renovate building
  - CPTED principles
  - Reconfigure parking to allow for emergency vehicles

• **Connectivity**
  - Improve entrances, internal circulation, and wayfinding
  - Sidewalks and trails, boardwalks
  - Expand greenway
  - Neighborhood history

• **Accessibility**
  - New sidewalks and trails
  - Renovate building
  - Additional shelters/shade
Concept A – Play Zones

- Renovated Neighborhood Center with new entrance, plaza and trellis
- Ramp extends through the existing trees to the north
- Terraced play area with spray plaza at pedestrian entrance to the park
- Wide set of ramps provides accessibility to lower park
- Combination Restroom/picnic shelter and playground near the Center
- STEM/nature play space
- Improved accessibility and circulation
- 45 space parking lot, loop for emergency vehicles
- Existing greenway alignment adjusted to add a vegetated buffer
- Several loops for fitness walking
- Paths, boardwalk and nature play at existing drainageway
- Three areas of open play, two with picnic shelters
- Ball field is removed, basketball remains, tennis courts converted to pickleball, new outdoor gym area
- Pollinator garden along edge of open play area with new shelter/outdoor classroom
- Nature trails, boardwalks, overlooks and observation areas in forested wetland area in the southern portion of the site
Concept B - Interactive

- Expanded and renovated Neighborhood Center
- A wide patio overlooks the park
- Boardwalk through the existing trees to the north
- Small “tree house” challenge course
- Improved accessibility and circulation
- Outdoor gym area at Center, single basketball court
- 50 space parking lot, loop/drop off area for emergency vehicles
- Planted detention areas - nature and sustainability study
- Paths, boardwalk and nature play at existing drainageway
- Combination restroom/shelter and large playground with integrated seating and planting at park entrance
- Mist sculpture - new park icon
- Small pollinator garden and climbing sculptures/public art
- Greenway re-aligned through the park, connecting amenities, vegetated buffer along creek
- Several loops for fitness walking
- Three areas of open play, two with picnic shelters
- Shelter/outdoor classroom at open play area - hub for nature trails, boardwalks, overlooks and observation areas