Citizen Planning Committee Meeting #4

Communicating the Vision

Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan

September 18, 2017
Tonight’s Meeting Agenda

- Recap Meeting #3
- Master Plan Document Outline
- Walnut Creek Wetland Park: Long Term Vision
- Presentation of Illustrative Park Master Plan
- Work in groups to refine design, discuss programs
- Wrap-Up + Next Steps
Recap Meeting #3
A. EDUCATION THROUGH INTERPRETATION

An increase in community interaction with the site through multiple connections and interpretive educational spaces allows visitors of the park to experience and gather within the Walnut Creek Wetland site.
B. CULTURAL AWARENESS
Culturally unique and artistic exhibits inform park visitors about the wetland features while preserving a significant amount of the site for invasive species management and conservation.
C. STEWARDSHIP AND ACCESS
Access and views from the perimeter of the park site are improved through branding, signage, artistic entry gateways and enhancements to existing street bridge crossings to increase the community’s awareness and appreciation of the cloaked wetland park.
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Highlights from Work Session

- Internal and external signage is very important
- Provide access to Rochester Heights neighborhood
- Keep play areas and outdoor classrooms consolidated and close to Wetland Center
- Provide creek access and wetland access from boardwalks/trails
- Take advantage of improvements along adjacent streets: traffic calming, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking
- Provide a variety of trail types
- Provide loops for the walking paths
- Integrate cultural, historic, and natural elements don’t make them mutually exclusive
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• Acknowledgements
• Executive Summary
• Park Planning Process
  – Introduction
  – Project Schedule
  – Stakeholder Outreach
  – Situation Assessment
  – Citizen Planning Committee
  – Community Participation
  – Approval Process
• Inventory and Analysis
  - History and Setting
  - Site Context
  - Previous Planning Efforts
  - Physical Conditions
  - Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination
  - Stormwater
  - Unmanned Aircraft System Technology
  - Site Opportunities and Constraints
• Concept Analysis
  - Park Vision and Objectives
  - Park Design Program
  - Alternatives Analysis
  - Preferred Park Concept
• Recommendations
  - Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan
  - Enlargements and Site Details
  - Park Features
  - Programs
  - Phasing Strategy
• Implementation
  - Probable Costs for Master Plan Elements
  - Operations and Maintenance
  - Partnerships
  - Funding
• Appendices
  - Situation Assessment
  - Citizen Planning Committee Charter
  - Summary of Public Input
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Long Term Vision:

Bill Floumoy
Your Consensus Choices:

1. **Endorsement** (Member fully supports it)

2. **Endorsement with minor point of contention** (Member likes it)

3. **Agreement with minor reservation** (Formal disagreement, but will not block or hold up the proposal/provision)

4. **Stand aside with major reservations** (Formal disagreement, but will not block or hold up the proposal/provision)

5. **Block** (Member will not support the proposed plan)
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- **No Consensus** = Any committee member rates the proposal as a 5
Let's Vote!

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Presentation of Illustrative Master Plan
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1. NATURE PLAY/WILDLIFE EXHIBIT, WETLAND GARDEN, AND AMPHITHEATER
   PROGRAM: AN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY; THE SITE’S NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDLIFE

2. PUBLIC GARDENS
   PROGRAM: POST CIVIL WAR, THE YOUNG FAMILY, AND THE SITE AS A FARM

3. HORTICULTURAL WALK
   PROGRAM: BRIMLEY BROTHERS AND THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES, SHAW UNIVERSITY, AND NC STATE; A SITE FOR RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION

4. CREEK RESTORATION WALK
   PROGRAM: URBANIZATION AND IT’S EFFECTS ON OUR WATERWAYS

5. CREEK ACCESS AND BRIDGE
   PROGRAM: PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (PEJ): ST. AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THEIR RECENT WORK TO PROTECT THE WETLAND

6. OBSERVATION TOWER
   PROGRAM: THE MASTER PLAN AND THE FUTURE OF THE PARK
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Group Work Session
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CPC Schedule + Duration

- **Second Public Workshop:** Sunday, October 15\textsuperscript{th} from 2:00-4:30 PM
- **Final CPC Meeting:** Monday, October 16\textsuperscript{th} from 6:00-8:00 PM

Save the Date!