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Department of Parks and Recreation

Business Operations Division



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Friendship Community Meeting
June 24, 2015
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Janney Elementary School

Meeting Notes

- Design Team (Fanning Howey) reviewed latest conceptual plans for recreation center and park.
- Aerial views of site showing areas of construction as well as nearest playground, courts, recreation center were passed out to those in attendance.
- DGS notified community that CFA & ANC approvals are still needed.
- DGS advised that site is closing on 7/13/15 to prepare for construction and obtain required permits.
- DGS advised that construction period lasts approximately 12-14 months, depending on weather, permits, unforeseen conditions, etc.
- DGS answered questions about days and times of construction; construction workers will be parking on residential streets due to lack of parking on site.
- Community requested that architect look at swapping the co-op and community room locations.
- Community requested something advanced for ages 8-12 in the older child play space.
- Community asked about rat abatement. Contractor can place rat traps and DOH can be notified if conditions continue.
- Community commented that the existing large trees make the park special. Design Team reiterated the plan to keep all trees on site. Community also asked if possible to add shade trees strategically throughout design.
- Community asked about holes in the roof; will they hinder shade/shelter? Roof design to be further refined at future meetings.
- Community asked where water fountains are other site amenities would be placed. Design Team commented that future meetings will help drive those decisions.
- Dumpster enclosure and placement is critical due to rat problem and amount of trash in the park.
- Friends of Friendship Park would like to purchase dog waste bags & dispensers for park.
- Design Team, DPR & DGS to ensure "Karen Rosenthal" plaque be kept safe and replaced on new building (all memorial plaques will be kept safe and replaced after construction).
- Community asked if a third party is willing to supply outdoor restrooms, can DPR accept and where could they be placed?
- Homerun Baseball is considering providing restrooms and a temporary shelter during construction. DPR would need to coordinate with HR Baseball regarding these items.
- Representative (Dee Smith) from CM Cheh's office commented on the need to keep DPR property mowed during construction.

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