Walnut Street Park Site Analysis Meeting at the Church of God on Walnut Street
Tuesday March 29, 2005
7pm-9pm

Attended: Paul Kuhn and Doug McRainey from Town of Cary Parks
Brian Starkey and Kate Work from OBS landscape architects
Estimated neighborhood attendance: 120 +/-

Meeting introduced the site and definition of a neighborhood park

Paul addressed the town's commitment to provide parks around Cary and the goals of a park master plan.

Brian described what a neighborhood park is and explained the site through the site analysis slide show explaining each component of the park site: Vegetation, Soils and Hydrology, Slopes, and the Surrounding Land Use.

Comments/Concerns that were addressed at the meeting:

- Sewer adjacent to Lawrence Road, pipe under Walnut Street
- Vehicular access to the park and the impact of increased traffic at the Lawrence Road/Walnut Street intersection.
- Hours of operation
- The location within the park site of restrooms, intensively used areas, and any proposed lighted facilities.
- Planned use for the existing residence at the site
- There was a significant concern regarding pedestrian circulation, sidewalk proposals, and storm-water runoff towards Beaver Pond.
- Doug addressed the concern regarding proposed sidewalks and suggested that during the planning process OBS and the Town will evaluate this issue in the design of the park.
- Beaver Pond: Storm water runoff, dredging, flooding, and silt critical problems to neighbors.
- Walnut Street and Lawrence Road widening are a concern for many regarding the increase in runoff (retention ponds were suggested) and the effect on the park circulation
- A gentleman suggested a survey be done for Beaver Pond to test and monitor the runoff associated with the park and its effects on the neighbors.
- Sediment problem down to Debra St. towards the neighbors.
- Parking: provided on site, connection the neighborhoods.
- Adjacent land vacant and for sale, could be used as an addition to the park site. Possibilities? Audience suggested removal from the site.
Stream Buffer: Waive some portion for development? Possible?

Size of the park vs. the size of the residential area. Concerns about whether it will be large enough to support the area.

Demographics of the 1 mile area around the site discussed.

Sidewalks as mentioned previously. Concerns about the pedestrian connections and safety to the neighborhoods vs. driving to the site, want to promote a healthy environment so that a person could walk, ride a bike, etc. to the park vs. driving.

Lighting concerns, tennis courts, etc. and the lighting associated with it, safety concerns but also the amount of light towards residences. Finding a medium balance at that site. Dependable lighting, existing parking lot: safety concerns regarding when the park is built.

Connections with the Arboretum: An inter-governmental partnership, education through schools around with an association of the environmental issues on the site. Stream and wetland conservation, etc.

Budget: $1.5 million

Comments about the programming of the park site:

- Dog area/park
- Picnic area
- Bird area
- Physical fitness stations with fitness machines, trails
- Paved trails around the site (1 mile) and would like them level
- Connecting the park with the arts. Perhaps a sculpture area or art throughout the park
- Playground (young children area)
- Water play areas (spray park)
- Variety of uses for all age groups
- Preserve open space
- Horseshoe pits
- Salvage materials from existing house on site (use in park or habitat for humanity)
- Future development: Commercial around the site?
- Skate Park
- Frisbee Golf (under open space)
- Basketball court
- Fountain, cool space in the summer to sit (water element)
- Sand volleyball
- Demographics of single family, apartments, etc, know who is using the site
- Benches, Furnishings
- Ti Chi

Meeting ended with comments and discussion about the Design Committee Sign up and scheduling for future meetings.

Meeting ended at 9.00pm

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Walnut Street Park Site Analysis Meeting at the Town of Cary
Monday, April 18, 2005
1pm-2pm

Attended: Mary Henderson, Doug McRainey & Paul Kuhn from Town of Cary Parks
Jane Strickland from Town of Cary Engineering
Beth Lewis from Town of Cary Planning
Brian Starkey and Kate Work from OBS landscape architects

Meeting introduced the site and definition of a neighborhood park, Brian went through site analysis of the park. Brian described what a neighborhood park is and explained the site through the site analysis slide show explaining each component of the park site: Vegetation, Soils and Hydrology, Slopes, and the Surrounding Land Use.

Discussed where the site is, the effect of the widening of Walnut Street and the potential to widen Lawrence Street.

There was a brief discussion about the land adjacent to the park (south of the park) and the potential to buy that ½ acre site to use in the park.

"Jane was asked to find out where the sanitary sewer was on Walnut, in case the site would tie into that instead of the sewer south of the site.
"Jane was also asked to find out about the R/W dedication for Walnut Street, there is still some question about the width.
"Also she will find out about the potential of widening, adding curb and gutter to Lawrence
"Will Lawrence have a right turn lane?

*Need to find out what the site will be in acres minus the buffer

*There was a question regarding where the water from the stream is coming from. The question is: Does it come just from Walnut Street or is it being carried from across the street at the Church

The meeting discussed what the neighbors wanted for the park, from their last meeting: dog park, basketball, picnic shelter, playground, etc.

The staff’s comments of what they wanted to see at this park are as follows:
- Something unique and different from the other parks in Cary
- The internal park should also address the external streets, people driving by should also experience this park
- Sidewalk issues along Walnut and Lawrence. There is a question as to when they would put those in. Also potential to bring them into the park a bit more and use them as part of an overall trail in the park
- Playground, unique, shaded area, climbing boulders, something for children who don’t just want to swing - similar in size to MacDonald Woods.
- Parking issue: 30+ spaces (Jane checking on requirements)
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter: not a large one, maybe two smaller ones
- Small skate park elements: Fun box (research)
- Large open lawn area for multi-use rec.
- Trails, sitting areas, natural areas
- Bridge to traverse across the stream to the small area
- Existing house to be demo, keep plants and use as possible public art area
- Educational element: Botanic garden? Arboretum?
- If the land next to the site along Walnut Street becomes office space, there will be a brick wall along its rear,
something to think about for the park connection.
- Shared parking with the Church?
- Don't over develop, landscape is important too.
- No baseball, soccer, tennis courts, skate parks or dog parks. Too small to support
- Visibility-safety
- Small swings, buckets, schools don't provide anymore
- Need a sand area, separate from the rubber surfacing at the playgrounds…
- Pastoral feel of the lawn areas

Next steps:
Find out from Jane the improvements: begin to get a cost estimate together: BUDGET

*Research: Drive around to other parks in Cary that are similar in size and photograph, use as precedents for our site. White Oak Park, picnic shelter, playground 1/3 of Kid's Together
*History of the area? Incorporate somehow

**Next Staff meeting either May 6 or 9th Bring some concepts and Budget, also demographics, and items listed above, buffer acres

**Next citizen design committee meeting: April 26 Site Visit: 4.30-5.30pm, Meeting @ 6-8pm, go over site analysis, comments, and questions

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Walnut Street Park Site Visit and Citizen Design Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2005
4.30pm-5.30pm Site Visit, 6-8pm Discussion Meeting

Attended: Paul Kuhn Town of Cary Parks
Brian Starkey and Kate Work from OBS landscape architects
Citizen Design Committee

4.30pm-5.30pm Site Visit
Walked the site, discussed overhead lighting, potentially bury the lighting around the park
Discussion about the existing building and whether it could be used for a craft center-
There are no art center's close by, so there was discussion that Paul would look into whether the building could be salvaged, it was decided that whether or not the building remains, the materials will be recycled.

Site visit ended at 5.20pm, everyone was to meet at Page-Walker for the 6pm meeting

6-8pm Citizen Design Committee Meeting
Introductions were made

Paul discussed the role of the Design Committee, which would be to bring feedback from their neighbors to the Town and OBS. Also to comment on the initial design concepts for the park. The design committee provides a reasonable size to discuss the initial concepts and the comments from the neighbors.

Paul opened the floor to questions before Brian recapped information from the last Public meeting.

Questions that were addressed were as follows:
1. What was the budget for the park?
   1.5 million and that will be included construction cost
2. What existing parks were comparable in cost/size of the proposed park?
   Sears Farm Road which was around 1.3 million dollars, MacDonald Woods was closest in size (14 Acres)
3. What will be the timing for this process?
   There will be another Citizen Design Committee meeting which will discuss the concepts for the park and comments addressed, then there will be another public meeting with the park concepts, and discussion from the neighbors about the concepts, and another meeting with the Citizen Design Committee meeting to present the final plan, comments will be heard and then a final public meeting with the master plan.
4. Does the cost of the park include future maintenance and upkeep?
   No, there will be a meeting with the maintenance staff to review the plan and make sure that the design selected works with what the staff can do.

Comments from the Committee about what they have heard from their neighbors:
"People want this park to be something UNIQUE, different from other Cary Parks"  
"History of the site, perhaps use that in the design process"

Brian briefly went through the Site Analysis again, discussing key features of the site, widening of Walnut. The park will not have to use their money to widen Walnut, but will have to provide a 17' Right-of-Way dedication.

There will also be improvements to Lawrence Road, curb and gutter will be added on the park side, with a 5' Right-of-Way dedication on that side. The opposite side of the park on Lawrence will also have a 5' Right-of-Way but will not have to put in curb and gutter unless they want to.
There was a comment about the stop-light on Lawrence and how other roads from the neighborhood have to use that road when there is a lot of traffic. Paul mentioned that he would speak with some people in the engineering department to find out about a left turn lane, and signal on Lawrence.

Sewer extensions were discussed. Brian and Paul looked at some different areas where they might use the sewer hook-ups for a potential restroom on the site. The sewer south of the site is still the closest for the park site and will probably be the one used.

There was a question about the run-off to Beaver Pond, and Brian discussed that while designing the site, he and his staff will be using storm water techniques to reduce the run-off to the neighbors south of the site. There was a comment about making the storm water large for community storm water, as opposed to site specific storm water area which would hold less water.

The small piece of property with the trailer on it south of the site has been looked into for buying and adding to the site. The Town of Cary is still awaiting a decision on that.

There was discussion about the putting in a compost toilet and if that would be more cost effective. OBS said they would look into that.

Greenway connection to the site: There is potentially a connection from Greenwood Circle and Pirate's Cove to connect to the proposed park site. The greenway connection would be added in about 6-8 months when the sewer is added on Walnut Street.

There was a question about if the trail would connect to the East and North, and no definite plans to connect across Walnut Street, however Paul mentioned that there may be a future connection north to SAS soccer complex.

Attributes to the park:
100' buffer along the creek on site.
There may be a chance to cross the creek with a bridge, opportunity for two different places on the site, because it is divided at the North West.
Abundant wildlife on the site, want to maintain that throughout the park: Deer, opossum, fox, hawks, owls, etc.
Along the creek, work on ways to control erosion on the banks, could provide for an educational element for school children and anyone using the site.

Potential theme to this park: Green Park, ecological park with all elements having some response to the environment.

Possible funding grants from State/Federal if we wanted to look for a way to clean/restore the creek.

Further Comments:
There needs to be some theme to the park, like the ecological idea discussed
Trails must be a good length for walking, and accessible
Playgrounds need to be educational/natural no primary colors, exploratory environments: Maze park, boulders, grassy slopes, sand box with Dinosaurs' bones to dig up
Visibility from the street
Opportunity for school children to visit the park as an educational element
Tree protection will be put in place for the trees that should remain
Potential for a fabricated tree that you could climb in, throughout the park
A walking trail should have a marker to show how long it is
Preserve trunks that the trees were needed to be cut for construction, so that it could be an educational element: fill with antifreeze to preserve it

Name of the park? Usually named after a mayor

Look into various play equipment materials: material/wood

Recycled material used throughout the site, benches, paving

Tire surfacing for the playgrounds

Balance the site with amenities

Fitness stations along the natural trail, seating as well

Benches and furnishings throughout the site

Potential for street parking, so we wouldn't use up the space on the park site? Have to look into that

Add Walnut trees to the site?

Remove any invasive plants on the site, Princess tree, etc.

Lighting issues, parking lot lighting will be designed to not be intrusive to the neighbors

Scheduling:

**Next Citizen Design Committee meeting will be May 17 from 6-8pm at Page-Walker OBS will provide initial design concepts (3) and will receive comments from committee

**Next Public meeting, still to be determined: June 7 or 14. OBS will refine concepts based on Citizen Design Committee comments and present them to the neighborhood public meeting.

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Walnut Street Park Design Concept Meeting with Paul Kuhn
Thursday, May 5, 2005
8.30am-9.30am

Attended: Paul Kuhn Town of Cary Parks
Brian Starkey, Jeff Claus, Kate Work of OBS landscape architects

Discussed the different design concepts (4)

Paul's comments on the concepts to change for the staff meeting on Monday the 9th of May are as follows:

1. Separate the programs somewhat from each plan (too much similarities)
2. Think about one concept having on street parking with a turn-around
3. Change the basketball court in the circular concept to be between the road and the parking lot
4. One scheme to have only one crossing over the creek
5. Fountain in one scheme
6. Change the area of the restrooms in some schemes
7. Boardwalk over constructed wetland
8. Review Sears Farm Road sidewalk and parking lot layout
9. Show formal entry in Jeff's scheme with sidewalk close to the road
10. Label plants in the botanic garden scheme
11. Mounds in lawn area
12. Preservation as one scheme, botanic garden as another, etc.

Add new road line to the base (12' addition to Walnut Street)

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Walnut Street Park Design Concept Staff Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2005
1pm-2pm

Attended: Paul Kuhn, Doug McRainey, Mary Henderson Parks and Recreation, Town of Cary
Brian Starkey, Kate Work with obs Landscape Architects
Steve Boles, Public Works
Jane Stricklin, Engineering
Elizabeth Lewis, Planning

Brian presented the different design concepts (4)
Concept A with emphasis on natural environment/educational opportunities
Concept B preservation and maximizing the lawn
Concept C focus on display of plant materials, botanic garden
Concept D pastoral landscape

Comments for the concepts are as follows:
   Doug: Parking in Concepts A and C are best, parking in D is similar to Sears Farm Rd, which they are having a problem with
   Lawn in B and D are the best (large open lawn spaces)
   Relationship to the picnic area and playground in the concepts where they are together
   Basketball court in D should not be between the parking and road, put off to the side
   Boardwalk that runs throughout the constructed wetland would be nice
   Signature place with art at the entries and Walnut and Lawrence as the terminus
   Mary: Concept A and D are best. The combination of the elements work in both schemes, would like to see older playground near the younger (still buffered)
   Natural trails are nicer than the formal arc trail
   Spread out the picnic areas, tables around the playgrounds
   Restrooms close to parking is nice like in Concept A
   Loop the trails, not a circle, but natural
   No dead ends
   Bike racks
   Steve: Parking on the street is a safety concern, did not recommend it
   Some separation of the playgrounds is nice with trees or a path
   Redbud promenade is very nice, something different than other parks, organizing element doesn't have to be an arc, could go throughout the park…
   Basketball court near Lawrence Road might be lit, want to have a buffer from neighbors
   Rain garden in Concept A is nice, different from other parks
   Beth: Identifiable entrance to the park from intersection of Walnut and Lawrence would be nice
   Small picnic areas not a large shelter
   Connection to NW corner with the sidewalk
   Think about the distance for the sidewalk off of Walnut, how far can it be…?
   One loop of a trail paved, must be able to get to the natural trails to maintain
   Identify distance on the loop trails
   Art throughout the parks
   Lawn areas throughout the park in different shapes as shown on concept D is nice for multi-use

Meeting ended at 2pm

Concept B is removed for presentation, all others have the elements from that concept; don't want to show on street parking
For Citizen Design Committee Meeting on Tuesday May 17, obs will show concept A, C, and D with no staff changes, but keep them in mind
For the public meeting, changes will be made from the discussions of the staff and committee members.
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A brief introduction to what was going to be presented in the three concepts for the park was presented by Brian. Kate presented the schemes beginning with the similarities of each of the concepts. They each have addressed the Right-of-Way dedication for Walnut Street and Lawrence Road; they each have a lawn area, play area, picnic area, restrooms, trails, and parking. Kate continued with the presentation introducing:

Option A which focused on the natural environment with various educational opportunities
The design of Option A also included:
- A constructed wetland
- Ecological Succession Area: allowing the natural plants on the South West side of the park to grow back with a trail and signage for an educational element
- There are separate playgrounds for the younger and older children, younger to the south portion of the site, while the older children were to the north
- Expansive trail network, with varying widths and materials
- Fitness stations located along the outer loop
- Small lawn area (1/2 a football field in length)

Option B focused on a pastoral landscape
Included in the design of Option B were:
- A large meandering lawn with open space for a "pick-up" game, and smaller areas to kick a ball around, or throw Frisbee
- Single entry to the parking lot
- Consolidated play areas/picnic facilities
- Basketball court

Option C focused on the display of plant materials/ Botanic Garden
Included in the design of Option C were:
- Formal elliptical lawn area
- Redbud promenade/ connects the north and south entry
- Circular path system with art objects idea: metamorphosis
- Viewing area from highpoint/ telescopes/ orientation
- Native plant areas
- Curved parking lot with basketball court separate from other play areas

After the concepts were presented, the committee had some dialog about the various plans and elements in the plans. Paul explained that the existing house on the site was discussed about re-using it, but as of right now, there is no plan to use it on the site as a craft or classroom building. The cost to rehab the building plus the Town’s goal to have the most efficient operation makes the reuse of the building not feasible with the Town’s goals.
There was discussion about re-using the materials from the building. The ironwork and fireplace may be incorporated into the park site.

There was a discussion about the lawn space and the size that was desired. The committee suggested a middle-sized lawn space that was still meandering and preserved as many trees as possible.

There was a comment about the picnic shelter, and Paul discussed how the staff felt about not having a large, rentable shelter at this location which would increase the need for more parking. The committee agreed but suggested some type of small shelter with one or two picnic tables, for shade. Other picnic areas could be mixed throughout the site.

The older kids and younger kids playgrounds should be in close proximity to each other, but still separated whether it is with vegetation or a trail, do not block the two with a restroom or shelter. Need visibility. The restroom should be nearby.

Elements of each design that the Committee wanted to incorporate into one scheme were:
- Constructed wetlands with a boardwalk that was accessible throughout the wetland area (educational tool)
- Lots of trails, with various widths and materials, main trail should be easy to walk on for older people and parents with strollers. Maintenance accessibility will need to be considered for any trails that are not paved.
- Need lots of benches on the trails and throughout the park.

The committee recommended that a basketball court not be included since there are basketball courts nearby at other parks. Paul was going to confirm with staff the need for a basketball court at this park.

Fitness trails: Mixed reaction for the fitness trails. They could be incorporated at any time along trail system and would not detract from the park. Paul mentioned that the Town has installed them in the past but they were not used. Town staff also found it difficult in the past to maintain and find replacement parts. There was discussion about if there were fitness trails, perhaps the materials could be wood like at Bond Park, easier to maintain than the metal structures.

Fencing or other barrier was suggested along Walnut Street to deter children from running out to the street.

The lawn area should be relatively level. North Cary Park has a lawn but it has a slope which balls will easily run down to the bottom of the hill limiting the type of activity. A retaining wall was discussed as a possibility in order to ensure the lawn area is flat enough to be useable.

Artwork: Could be located at the corner of Lawrence and Walnut, not to be climbed on to keep children away from the intersection. The visual connection from Walnut to the park site is important, however, also do not want it to be a visual distraction that could be a safety concern.

Parking scheme in A and C with a rain garden in the island toward Lawrence Promenade which still would incorporate the various trails

Educational opportunities: Entire park can be an educational tool, wetlands, natural areas, labeling trees, etc.

One concept will be presented at the public meeting based on the staff and committee’s comments. Paul discussed sidewalk connections and asked the committee for feedback on areas that should be addressed in their neighborhoods.

Meeting ended at 8pm

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SECOND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY
Walnut Street Park Master Plan Meeting
June 14, 2005 7pm
Church of God on Walnut Street

Staff: Doug McRainey, Parks Planning Manager, Paul Kuhn, Parks Planner & Gail Taylor, Administrative Specialist
Town Council Members: Jack Smith
PRCR Advisory Board Members/Greenway Committee: Tom Hemrick, Toby Kennedy, Steve Smutko, Tullie Johnson, Susan Davenport
Citizen Design Committee: Jane Dienes, Rob Evans, Michael & Linda Madigan, Julie Ridenour, Wayne Rogers, Duane Westin
Project Landscape Architect from the Office of Brian Starkey (OBS):
Brian Starkey & Katherine Work

Estimated neighborhood attendance: 70+/-

Meeting began with introductions by Paul Kuhn and a quick overview of how the committee, staff, and project landscape architects worked towards a final "concept" plan.

Brian gave a brief presentation of the site analysis reiterating what was discussed at the first meeting.

Brian continued with the presentation of the initial 3 concepts and described the differences between each one.

There were some questions about trail length, wetlands, rain gardens, and Brian answered the questions and continued to present the final concept plan which he described was a collection of the three initial concepts.

There was a discussion from the public about the basketball court, and one of the CDC members spoke about how they had voted unanimously against the basketball court.

Doug McRainey spoke about how there is a need in this area for basketball. It has been a detail in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Facilities Master Plan adopted by Town Council as Volume III of the Town of Cary Comprehensive Plan in December 2003. Further discussion continued, and will continue regarding this issue as the master plan develops.

After Brian discussed the final concept, there were some questions about crossing Walnut Street and the safety of the individuals doing so. Paul and Doug mentioned that the issue of the size of Walnut Street will have to be addressed to the transportation engineers at NCDOT and Town of Cary.

Mr. Smith, a Cary Council member spoke and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and participating in this process.

The meeting continued with further comments:

- Lighting/security
- Basketball court vs. another court: volleyball, etc.
- Tennis instead of basketball
- Balance the parking to reduce the amount of use to the basketball court...
- Consider a larger amount of parking
- Horseshoe pits
- Park will come before the Walnut Street expansion
- Fence along Walnut Street or brick wall
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- Discourage use of fruit trees along the promenade
- Consider intersection- discuss with transportation-sidewalks
- Restrooms- Male and Female, size to be determined- more female than male
- See-saws, swings, materials-temperature/ shade
- Rubberized surface for playgrounds
- Vehicular access from Lawrence
- Sidewalk along Lawrence- trail system
- Lighting along Lawrence-street lighting

The public was asked to come up to the concepts and write down any comments they had about the design of the final concept and the comments will be reviewed when designing the final master plan.

Comments/ Concerns at the meeting were requested on sticky notes:

- No fences along Walnut Street, use the trees and plants that are existing as the buffer
- No fence, perhaps a brick wall 2-4' tall
- Need a water feature-not a regular fountain but water that recycles, use river rocks more like a Japanese type feature, could be at the entrance
- Entry grove and promenade are excellent features
- No basketball
- No volleyball
- Entrance on the plan is too close to the intersection of Walnut and Lawrence
- Use natural under story trees that feed birds, Hawthorne, Dogwood, also bushes for the birds. Check with NSCU for good choices.
- Tear down Bradford Pears
- Fish pond
- No Tennis, park is too near major highways, other neighborhood parks have basketball, will draw others to area
- Volleyball would be used more for family groups to play, no room for Tennis courts
- Water play area, sprinklers, similar to Lake Johnson pool
- No basketball-the neighborhood is the exception to the master plan
- Sea-Saws would be nice in play areas
- Play area: one swing set with infant and standard swings immediately adjacent to each other so that the parent can push both kids at the same time.
- 1 basketball court and 1 tennis court-room for both
- 30 parking spaces is enough
- Sidewalks along Lawrence
- Tennis Courts maybe 3
- More open spaces
- Traffic camera on Lawrence and Walnut
- Other park aspects: Art
- Speed bumps on Lawrence
- No speed bumps on Lawrence
- Sidewalks in neighborhoods to get to the park
- Bluebird trail
- Keep park as natural as possible
- No courts, keep peaceful park, larger play areas
- Street lights for safety
- No street lights park will be closed at night
- Tennis courts: majority wants them
- Tunnel under Walnut Street to get to the park

Meeting ended at 9.00pm

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CONCEPT REVIEW MEETING  
July 8 2005 11am  
Cary Parks and Recreation Department

Staff: Doug McRainey, Parks Planning Manager, Paul Kuhn, Parks Planner

Project Landscape Architect from the Office of Brian Starkey (OBS):  
Brian Starkey & Katherine Work

Meeting discussed what a cost estimate for the park would include.

Basketball will be shown on the plan, labeled: Future Phase: it will be included in the cost estimate. Not going to show lighting at this time or ever.

Label the triangle area as future park expansion, showing a rain garden in that area and just show plantings in the area near the parking lot, do not label that area "Rain Garden".  
Issues with the "visual impact" of the Rain Garden at the Parking lot.

Parking lot will be lit: Lease from Progress Energy as well as the restroom facilities.

**Call Jane Strickland at Town of Cary:  
1. curb and gutter required in parking lot?  
2. sidewalk distance from road?  
3. curb and gutter: can it be waivered along Lawrence?  

Widths of sidewalks/paths in the park:  
10’ Promenade with special paving: brick  
8’ asphalt paving on outer loops and other trails, nothing below 6’  
6’ natural trails

Pedestrian boardwalk across the creek: grading of the constructed wetlands: further design needed

Major maintained access needed for the park: with gate off Lawrence: driveway off the parking lot that connects to the trail heading west on the park

Overlook deck large enough to hold outdoor classroom: 40x15 large enough

Change Greensward to Open Play area (large lawn area)

Cool season grass in lawn area

Picnic shelters: 3 shelters on concrete pad with 2 picnic tables per shelter. Bring one shelter near the young play area

Review Sears Farm Road shelter layout: perhaps something like it at Walnut.

Metal roof at the restroom to match the shelter as well

Restrooms: 3 stalls in each

Create a future trail link through the triangle piece of property along with the rain garden design
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Recycled plastic benches, etc. think about materials for the park in the cost estimate

Trees along the promenade: design for less maintenance

Natural areas vs. Developed areas-calculate out LABEL on the plan
  Active
  Passive
  Natural
Future: passive vs. active

((Acres of_____ natural etc.))

Dashed line for mowed/manicured lawns along the road vs. natural past the loop trail

100’ buffer stay out of

Cost estimate for play areas: keep conceptual

$200,000 for play area
More seating: recommendations from the committee: need to hear

Visit McDonnell Woods and Ritter: colorful paving, swings, sandbox

Preliminary Grading plan

Review the plan that Paul gave OBS for the layout of natural vs. developed areas

Actions:
Cost Estimate to Paul and Doug by July 25, review and finalize the master plan for committee meeting

Meeting ended at 12:30pm

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Final Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes here:
Final Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes here:
Transportation Information Regarding Walnut Street and Lawrence Road Widening:

- Walnut Street will have a 102’ Right-of-Way and will become a 6-lane median divided cross section.

- Lawrence Road will need to be widened to a collector street (maximum width 45' back of curb to back of curb) within a 67' Right-of-Way. This would allow for 3 lanes at the intersection with Walnut Street. Signal modifications will need to occur at this intersection once the widening has been constructed.

The differences in the Walnut Street road widening from what is there now is listed below:

- Proposed Right-of-Way 102’
- Existing Right-of-Way is 90’

The difference is a 12’ increase this will be on both sides of Walnut Street, the park site is required to provide an additional 6’ of right-of-way dedication for the new road widening.