

4MRV Working Group Meeting
March 6, 2018
7 – 9:00 PM

Debrief from County Board Work Session and Previous Meetings

- Staff presented notes from the County Board Work Session and comments about the Work Session ensued.
- The Working Group Chair gave an overview of the new Jennie Dean Park Committee and their charge. The Working Group Chair asked the Committee Chair to speak.
- The Committee Chair gave an overview of first meeting, which occurred on March 1, 2018. The Chair then announced the next meeting will be held on March 7, 2018. The Committee Chair stated that the meetings will address park safety, park amenity arrangement, location options, and phasing.

Presentation: Park Master Plan Design Guidelines

- Jim Klein, the consultant from Lardner Klein, prefaced the presentation by stating that the Design Guidelines will be the county's current policies for tree plantings and ADA accessibility. Also, that Design Guidelines will work with any park configuration and will reflect the final Park Master Plan, once a final design is selected.
- A member questioned the image showing Nelson Street and the overlook on the Jennie Dean Park side. The consultant said they would review the images. There were also comments that the Design Guidelines used the Jennie Dean Park design that was presented at the County Board Work Session. The consultant indicated that once there is a revised park design, then the images in the Design Guidelines will reflect that park design.
- A member referenced the 2009 Four Mile Run Restoration Design Guidelines and the need to find an identity for the whole area or the full Four Mile Run Corridor and not just for this one area. The Working Group member stated that there should not be two different types of industrial design aesthetics. Also, the signage should align with the POPS process and should work system wide and not only for this one area.
- A member stated that they appreciated the map on the park signs and the natural elements. They asked if the public will get another chance to review prior to the Working Group making a final recommendation to the County Board. Staff stated that there will be an opportunity for public review moving forward. The member also

suggested a possible contest or public vote on signage designs.

- A member noticed additional seating with a shade canopy on page 26 of the Design Guidelines. They are concerned that this adds more non-casual use amenities to the park. Staff indicated that this area could serve general park visitors and people wanting to use the tennis or basketball courts. Also, staff stated that it was typical to put shaded seating along park pathways and near park amenities.
- A member stated that Shirlington Road is very congested and the park's parking lot is accessed from Shirlington Road. Transportation staff stated that Shirlington Road will be studied and future solutions will be addressed in the mid-term to long-term.
- A member asked what the group thought about lighting the diamond fields. Another member stated that they are not comfortable with lights if the fields remain in their current location. Staff stated that the project charge calls for replacement and expansion. The diamond fields are currently lighted and will be lighted once the park redevelops.
- A member asked about the lighting technology and light spillage. Staff stated that the new lighting technology reduces spillage into the neighborhoods and the lights operate on timers which allow for a precise shut off time. The new Wakefield High School Stadium is a recent field renovation using the new lights.
- A member asked the staff and consultant team to keep in mind that the surrounding neighborhoods have different elevations.
- The Working Group Chair asked about the 2-block area and how it will be represented on the maps. Staff stated that they are updating the maps and the shading will reflect the County Board's guidance.
- A member stated that the presentation to Nauck was disappointing. The Nauck Civic Association wants a park with more open green space, better connectivity, fields in another location, and a more accessible playground. The member was concerned that Jennie Dean Park was presented as a done deal. The member said that there were no notes taken at the Nauck meeting and the community offered a lot of good ideas. Nauck feels like it has not been heard. They thought the Nauck Civic Association presentation did not address transportation issues and there were no opportunities to ask questions at the end of the meeting. Staff responded that questions were asked throughout the Nauck presentation and the presentation included slides addressing transportation but the meeting ended before the topic could be discussed. Also, the presentation included the same design options presented at the County Board Work Session (on February

20,2018). The design options included “Option 3” preferred by the Nauck community as well as the park design presented by staff.

- A member asked how the Nauck community was being informed of the evolving park design and the public process.
- A Nauck representative stated that the community is very well informed and voted unanimously that the current park design is a non-starter.
- A member reviewed the presentation staff provided to the Long Range Planning Committee of the Planning Commission (LRPC). That presentation showed the same park images and explained the park design status. The member thought this was a fair explanation of the facts.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments or questions.

Closing and Adjournment

- The Working Group Chair gave a summary of the next meeting agenda. The Chair mentioned adjustments for the April meeting dates. Asked WG members for their April availability on 10, 11, 12.
- A member asked staff to bring back a summary of each civic and commission meeting. Staff stated that at next meeting there will be an updated comment matrix.