



Future Use of City Property 401 West St. John's Follow Up Recommendation Presentation

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Resolution 20130926-077

City Manager directed to hold a community meeting to solicit suggestions and ideas:

- 1) Using the entire tract for storm water management
- 2) Using the entire tract as a park including a storm water management pond and relocating University Hills Optimist sports
- 3) Reconfiguring the site to allow both public park uses, a storm water pond, and continued youth sports activities
- 4) Maintaining the site in it current use and configuration with modifications necessary to include a storm water pond

Resolution

- Five Stakeholder Input Meetings (November, 2013 through February, 2014)
- April, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Presentation and Recommendation
- Sixth Stakeholder Meeting held May 13, 2014

Project History

- Maintain in perpetuity a storm water management pond approximately 1 acre of the 7.464 acres
- Maintain the two 125 foot lighted fields currently located on the Southeast corner of the property for tee-ball, coach pitch and kickball until park master plan process completed

**Immediate Proposed Use
Recommendation**

- Retain the Northeast side of the property as open space- removing fencing to allow for open park feel and allowing soccer to continue
- Continue to explore partnership opportunities for youth sports delivery between Gus Garcia Recreation Center and University Hills Optimist

**Immediate Proposed Use
Recommendation**

- Limit park development or deconstruction in immediate future and allow the master plan process to guide future park development decisions

**Immediate Proposed Use
Recommendation**

- Preserve the existing tree line
- Allow master plan process to guide park development and not lock into any particular existing conceptual plan
- Open to kickball/soccer remaining in future, with the relocation of fields providing acreage does not exceed 1.3 acres of the 7.464 acres

Master Plan Recommendation

- University Hills Optimist Club
 - Generally supports recommendation
- Highland Neighborhood Association
 - Prefer not to wait for Bond money to begin development
 - Recommends request of funding formerly designated for demolition to partially become seed money for master plan
 - Recommend funding be appropriated for relocation of kickball fields and master plan
 - Willing to be active partners in raising funds for master plan
 - Request this park be included in future bond package

Stakeholder Feedback

Action

- Land Acquisition
- Initial Park Readiness
- Master Plan
- Park Development

Estimated Cost

- \$0
- \$10,000 initially prep
- \$12,525 annually
- \$100,000
- \$1,000,000 estimate

Actions for Implementation

**Make a recommendation to Council
regarding the proposed use of City
property at 401 West St. John's**

Action