

Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park Frequently Asked Questions

How big is the park?

2.5 acres. This park is somewhat smaller than a typical neighborhood park, which is usually between 3-5 acres in size.

When will construction start?

If the master planning, design and permitting processes go smoothly, construction is anticipated to begin in summer or fall 2007.

Who was Sgt. Crawford and why is the park named after him?

Sgt. Brad Crawford worked for the Clark County Sheriff's Office for eight years before he was killed in the line of duty on July 30, 2004. He lived in the Felida area and was very active in his community and church.

In 2005, the Felida Neighborhood Association president was approached by several community members with a request to name a park to honor Sgt. Crawford because he was a highly respected and valued community member. An undeveloped park site was identified within a half-mile of Sgt. Crawford's home, which was originally called "McCann Neighborhood Park" for identification purposes.

After considerable research and coordination with Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, the Felida Neighborhood Association distributed a survey to neighbors around the park asking if they would be in favor of renaming it in Sgt. Crawford's honor. The proposal received overwhelming public support, and was later approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the Board of Clark County Commissioners. A park naming/dedication ceremony was held at the park in August 2005.

What is a Master Plan?

The master planning process is the first step in any park development project. It is designed to bring the technical aspects of park design together with the needs of the neighborhood. The master plan is a graphic representation showing how the park might appear after it's developed. ***It is not a construction blueprint.*** Some aspects of a master plan may not be built if there isn't enough funding available during construction for them. They can then be added to the park at a later date when more money is available.

How is this project being paid for?

Funding to design and construct this project is coming from a combination of sources including Park Impact Fees, which are paid whenever a new residential development is built; Real Estate Excise Taxes, which are paid whenever a property is sold; and funds raised by community to pay for the memorial aspects of the park.

It's important to understand that the county only has enough funding from Park Impact Fees and Real Estate Excise Taxes to pay for basic neighborhood park features, including a perimeter trail, playground, some landscaping, some irrigation, and a few picnic tables and benches. The funding necessary to construct the additional memorial aspects of the park must come from funds raised within the community.

How can I donate money to this project?

The Crawford Family has set up a fund for this park development project with the Parks Foundation. Simply send personal checks, cashier checks or money orders to: Parks Foundation, PO Box 2397, Vancouver, WA 98668.

Checks and money orders must be written out to “Parks Foundation – Sgt. Crawford Park,” or to “Parks Foundation” with “Sgt. Crawford Park” written in the Memo section. It is important that the name of the park be included somewhere on the check or money order. Donations are tax deductible, and contributors will receive receipts for tax purposes. For more information about donating to the Sgt. Crawford Park Fund, please call the Parks Foundation at 693-7050.

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation can help coordinate and promote fundraising events for this park. Contact Public Information Officer Jilayne Jordan at 619-1141 for more information.

What is the total budget for this project?

The original budget for this project was set in 2004 and totals \$297,000. This number includes planning, design, permitting and construction.

How will this project be affected by the Greater Clark Parks District program re-evaluation now underway?

The neighborhood park development projects included in the parks district program will not be significantly affected by the re-evaluation. We are looking at ways to potentially increase the amount of money available to develop these projects. If additional funding is approved, the total budget for this project could increase slightly. If additional funding is not approved, we may need to reduce the amount of landscaping and/or irrigation we put in during the first phase of construction in order to keep the project within its original budget.

What is the current timeline?

If everything goes smoothly, the following is our estimated timeline of events for this project:

September 2006: Second public meeting to review master plan options

October/November 2006: Third public meeting to review preferred master plan

November/December 2006: Present final master plan for review and approval by Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and Board of Clark County Commissioners.

December 2006-Summer 2007: Design and permitting – We give neighbors a progress update at some point during this process.

Summer/Fall 2007: Construction starts

Winter 2007: Construction complete

How can I get more information?

Please visit our new and improved project Web page for regularly updated information:

www.clarkparks.org/projects/crawford.htm

Or contact:

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