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Douglas Carter Fisher Neighborhood Park Frequently Asked Questions

When will construction start?

Construction may start in late 2010, if funding is available.

What is the construction budget?

Approximately \$340,000.

How is this project being paid for?

Funding to design and construct this project comes from:

- Park impact fees, which are paid by developers whenever new homes are built
- Real estate excise taxes, which are paid whenever property is sold

Maintenance will be paid for with property taxes collected by the Greater Clark Parks District (www.clarkparks.org), which was approved by voters in the unincorporated urban area of Clark County in 2005.

These funding sources are dedicated to parks and cannot be used for other purposes. The economic downturn has reduced the amount of money going into these funds. Currently, there is funding to complete planning, design and permitting. Clark County will monitor these funds to determine when construction can be scheduled.

Will the park have a parking lot and restrooms?

No. Neighborhood parks are designed for people living within the adjacent neighborhoods to walk or ride their bike to, not drive. They are not meant to be “destination” parks that attract visitors from outside the immediate neighborhood. As a result, the budget for this park does not include funding for parking lots or restrooms.

Will there be additional pedestrian entrances to the park besides the main entrance at NE 54th Street?

No. The properties surrounding the park are privately owned and covered in wetlands. The county does not have funding to purchase and develop additional land for this park.

Who will maintain the park after it's built?

After construction is complete, Clark County Public Works will maintain the park. Park maintenance includes mowing, weed removal, tree and plant care, garbage pick up, and equipment repairs.

Why is the park called “Douglas Carter Fisher Neighborhood Park”?

The family who sold the property to Clark County asked that the park be named after their late son, as a condition of the sale.

How can I get more information about this project?

Please visit the project Web page at: www.clarkparks.org/projects/dcfisher.htm.

Or contact:

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