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# Hazel Dell Sports Fields Public Comment Summary

Comment Period: April 21-May 10, 2009

This is a summary of the comments received at the public meeting held on April 21, 2009, and through e-mail after the public meeting. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript of all the comments received.

## General project comments:

- Would prefer that the entire site be designed as a park without ball fields.
- Appreciate that sports fields will be built here instead of residential or commercial developments.
- Keep neighbors informed throughout all stages.
- Concerned that this development will negatively affect property values and decrease livability in the immediately adjacent neighborhood.
- Having access to the soccer fields at King's Way Schools is very important.
- Consider forming a neighborhood advisory group to provide input on design issues.
- Concerned about the Boomsnub Superfund site and possible contaminants.
- Concerned that the development will attract additional crime to neighborhood.
- Install screening/privacy fencing for adjacent neighbors.
- Looks great. Kids and young families in this community need a place like this.
- Concerned about the noise that this type of use will create.
- Design the stormwater facility to be more natural and "green."
- Build a noise wall between adjacent neighbors and the fields.
- Don't allow people to use the fields as off-leash dog parks, and enforce the scoop law.
- Take advantage of all available technologies to eliminate light pollution to neighbors from the ball fields.
- Work with Northeast Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association to implement interim improvements to the future neighborhood park site on the north (i.e. trails, benches, picnic tables, etc.).
- Allow passive use of the wetland area in the northwest corner (i.e. nature trails, wildlife viewing areas, interpretive signs, etc.).
- Address all noise, traffic and safety concerns before completing design.
- Provide a noise and privacy buffer between the sports fields and houses on 80<sup>th</sup> Street, including the soccer and lacrosse fields planned at King's Way Schools.
- Concerned about people trespassing and parking at the Cindy's Park Place development.
- Do not allow this site to be used for things like fireworks shows.
- Ensure that lights are off at 10 p.m.
- Make sure that any restroom facilities are locked when the park closes.
- Ensure that people aren't allowed to park after hours.

- Make sure the development does not cause water to drain towards adjacent houses.
- Providing ball parks for our youth is a wonderful idea.
- Provide two additional practice/warm-up fields so there's no wasted time between games.
- Concerned that there won't be enough parking. Use all available space.
- Include a ticket booth and single point of entry to help direct visitors.
- Provide easily accessible and secure storage facilities for field preparation/maintenance equipment and materials.
- Include a large steel and concrete stadium like Propstra Stadium, seating 1,700.
- Clear underbrush from the future neighborhood park area to make it less appealing for transients.
- Mandate full-time security during games.

**Traffic and road related comments:**

- Concerned about large amounts of additional traffic on NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Street during games and practices.
- Prefer that the connector road through the park not connect to 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Improve 82<sup>nd</sup> Street east to St. Johns Road with sidewalks and bike lanes so people can safely walk or ride their bike to the park and sports fields.
- Don't want the proposed park access road.
- Don't connect 80<sup>th</sup> Street to the park access road. Leave it as cul-de-sac and park entrance.
- Concerned about the new stoplight going in at the park access road on 78<sup>th</sup> Street. There are already a lot of traffic signals on this stretch. It may cause additional traffic problems.
- Do not install any median curbs or barriers that restrict turning access to adjacent properties.
- Make sure all the different developments in this area have an integrated approach to traffic flow.
- Don't want the access road between the county property and the King's Way property. It is too close to houses on 80<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Install a four-way stop sign at the north end of the park access road at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street to better control traffic.
- Install speed humps on the park access road to keep traffic speed down.
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- Concerned that people will park on 80<sup>th</sup> Street and block driveways or create other problems.
- Provide ample off-street parking in the park and at the school so people won't park on the streets.
- Only allow on-street parking on the south side of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of the park.
- Do not allow on-street parking along the park access road.
- Make sure the access road does not block existing natural drainage patterns.
- Sheriff's Office needs to do a better job controlling traffic speed in this area.
- Avoid mixing different types of conflicting traffic.
- Install turn lanes at the intersection of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and St. Johns Road. Concerned that additional traffic will increase accidents at this intersection.
- Install street lights along 78<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Concerned that the park access road will be used as a main entrance for King's Way Schools and Church. Keep the access road between the two properties gated when not in use for by sports teams.
- Install speed humps on 83<sup>rd</sup> Way to help slow traffic down.

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