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Kate & Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park Preliminary Concept Plans Comment Summary

Comment Period: April 23-May 10, 2009

This is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the April 23, 2009 public meeting, and the written comments submitted through the project Web page April 24-May 10, 2009. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript. Comments about issues outside the scope of the park development project have been brought to the attention of the appropriate departments or agencies.

A proposed concept plan for the park will be developed based on neighborhood feedback, program needs, project funding and site requirements.

Staff presented four preliminary concept plans to neighbors for input:

- [Concept A](#)
- [Concept B](#)
- [Concept B-2](#)
- [Concept C](#)

Safety and Security:

- Concerned that park visitors will park at the end of 102nd Street. This street is very narrow and parking should not be allowed.
- 102nd Street has very poor visibility that makes it unsafe to walk or bike on.
- Locate the basketball court and playground in areas that are visible from 99th Street and adjacent neighbors.
- Lock the park at night to prevent after-hours use.

Access:

- Do not put an entrance to the park on the east side of the property along 99th Street (like in Concept C). This will help dissuade people from crossing 99th Street near the blind curve.
- Bicyclists often feel unwelcome on trails in parks. Post signs stating that bikes are allowed to use the trails.
- Provide a handicapped drop-off area for vans with wheelchair lifts. Using 102nd Street for this purpose would be challenging because of the narrow width of the road and the likelihood that other cars will be parked there already.
- Consider providing a crosswalk across 99th Street similar to the pedestrian crosswalks at Andresen and Mill Plain.
- Make 102nd Street a no parking zone.

- If you don't provide parking spaces, people will park on 102nd Street to access the park. Believing that people will only walk or bike to this park is unrealistic.
- Widen 102nd Street to two lanes with sidewalks on both sides as part of the park development.
- Provide fencing along the 99th Street side of the park to prevent children from running out into this busy street.
- Don't like the indirect path from 99th Street into the park in Concept B and B-2.
- Like the double entrances from 99th Street shown in Concept C.
- Provide a crosswalk across 99th Street.
- Post "No Parking" signs on 102nd Street or sign it for handicapped parking only.

Trail Alignments:

- Prefer the longer loop trail alignments shown in Concept B and B-2.
- Prefer the trail alignment in Concept C.
- Prefer that the walking trail on the north side of the park be paved.
- The northern trail alignment comes too close to adjacent houses in Concept B and B-2.

Open Lawn Areas:

- Like the separated grassy areas in concepts A, B and B-2. This makes it possible for multiple groups to play games or hold events at the same time.
- Like the large open grassy area in Concept C.
- Like the "significantly graded" lawn area in Concept C. Make it as flat as possible for pick-up games.

Playground:

- Prefer the large playground shown in Concept C.
- Please provide playground equipment for children under age 2.
- Really like the teeter-totter at Marshall Park. It is safe and the weight of the child doesn't matter.
- Include small rocking spring toys.
- Include a tire swing that more than one child can sit on.
- Like the separation between the playground and the basketball half court in Concept A.
- Don't like how far apart the playground and basketball half court are from each other in Concept A.
- Like the location of the playground in Concept A.
- Don't put the playground close to 99th Street, which is very busy and noisy. Locate it closer to 102nd Street.
- Make sure the playground equipment is handicapped accessible.
- Provide a sand play area for children who can't use the structures.
- Include toddler swings.

Landscaping and Trees:

- Install privacy fencing or substantial buffer plantings along property line for noise abatement and privacy for neighbors on 46th Avenue (northwest side of the park).
- Use organic fertilizers and no pesticides near the creek.
- Leave as much natural area intact as is possible.
- Leave mature trees and plant more trees.
- Please don't plant any screening vegetation that will obstruct the views from the neighboring houses on 46th Avenue.
- Not enough screening plants along the northwest side of the park in Concept B and B-2.
- Include screening plants/bushes along the west fence line that separates the park from the livestock pasture.
- Don't like all the trees around the playground in Concept B and B-2.

- Dislike the rows of ornamental trees in Concept C. Looks like you're trying to hide the park.
- Like the plantings and colorful trees in Concept C.

Basketball half court:

- Don't like the location of the basketball court in Concept A. It's too close to the farm house on the west side of the park.
- Locate the basketball half court farther away from the trail.
- Keep the basketball half court away from the houses near 102nd Street.
- Locate the basketball half court as close to 99th Street as possible for better visibility.
- Don't like the location of the basketball half court in Concept B-2. It may encourage teenagers to park on 102nd Street.
- Most children will enter the park from 102nd Street, so the basketball half court location in Concept B-2 is good.
- Separate the path from the basketball half court with a small wall.
- Like the location of the basketball half court in Concept C.
- Like the separation between the playground and the basketball half court in Concept A.
- Don't like how far apart the playground and basketball half court are from each other in Concept A.

Other Park Amenities:

- Include space for one or more future picnic shelters and BBQ grills in the concept plan.
- Identify space for additional, future benches in the concept plan.
- Provide for future restroom plumbing/facility in the concept plan.
- Provide historic/wetland/wildlife interpretive signs.
- Provide lockable bicycle parking.
- Like the meeting area proposed in Concept C.
- Include more benches in the plan, especially next to the basketball half court and the wildlife viewing area.
- Provide more activities on the north end of the park, like Frisbee golf.
- Please show where the benches will be located on the plan.
- Please show the type of privacy screening that will be used in the park on the plan.
- Include dog waste bag dispensers.
- Include garbage cans.
- Include portable toilets.
- Include parking and restrooms.
- Provide two drinking fountains if the playground and basket ball half court are separated from each other (one at each location).
- Prefer a covered picnic shelter rather than an open roof structure.

General:

- Like Concept B-2 the best.
- Like Concept C the best because it provides more open space that can be used for future unfunded amenities.
- Very excited about this park development.
- Like Concept A the best.
- Like Concept B the best.
- This park is useless without sidewalks on 50th Avenue, parking or restrooms.
- Don't like how space is used in Concept B. It is too cluttered looking.
- Too many active use areas on the south side of the park in Concept C. Spread them out more.

- Include on-street parking on 99th Street.
- Like all the possibilities that Concept C provides for our children.
- Keep this a walk-to park. Don't provide any parking.

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