

Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 06/24/2020)

This report created by the Neighborhood Planner and included with staff reports to City Boards and/or Commissions.

Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: Spring Hill Park Improvements	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Spring Hill Civic League Residents Applicants
Parcel Number(s): 47-B-180, 47-B-195, 47-B-500, 47-B-240, 47-B-275, 47-B-290, 47-C-120, and more	
ZDR Application Number: N/A	
Meeting Location: Via Zoom	
Date: October 25, 2023	
Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm	
Applicant: Department of Public Works	Approx. Number of Attendees: 10
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Public Art & Civic Design Commission	

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

<p>Project Goals: update spray feature, renovate and reconfigure playground equipment and court amenities and sport fields, remove / replace existing trees in poor condition. Looking to add lighting and safety improvements, ADA connections between two areas of site (separated by two topographical features), and updates to restroom and kitchen areas. Also, looking to improve drainage, provide new signage and trail connections.</p> <p>Schedule – initial engagement at start of 2023, developed programing and inventory analysis, created concepts during the spring and summer, held another community engagement session in September 2023 with good turnout to present the results here tonight. In the winter of 2024 we will go through he permit and approvals process, bidding to occur in spring 2024 with construction to occur summer/fall 2023 through Spring 2025.</p> <p>Presented revised concept plan and a 3-D view as well. Maintaining 2 of 3 parking spots (one will be ADA). Added pavilion with picnic tables and grills based on input. Spray feature area, play equipment for 2–5-year-olds and 5–12-year-olds. Addition of Pickleball Court. Stormwater management opportunities in the green spaces. Walking path connects to an accessible path. Including embankment slide and updating restroom and rentable community building. Benches and furniture provided throughout.</p> <p>Provided images of play equipment for both the 2–5-year-olds and 5–12-year-olds, spray features / exercise equipment, and standard park features.</p> <p>Discussed the park building renovation. Allows for community use / rentals for parties, community meetings. Will also include public-facing restrooms and an update to the kitchen.</p> <p>Next steps include going to Public Art & Civic Design Commission, then Construction documentation and permitting. Bid process during the summer, and construction to begin in Fall 2024.</p>

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Are the trees on Romanhoff Street going to remain.	Yes.
The community seems very excited. Thank you for your work.	
Engage PGH is a good location to get updates.	
You have done a great job of incorporating community input into the design.	
City in the Streets – Could we combine that for a ground-breaking for the park? Maybe we can try to coordinate with the Mayor’s Office. This is a major investment in the neighborhood and we need to celebrate this.	We can connect with the Mayor’s Office on this. Great idea!
What is happening with lighting?	Proposing new lighting in upper recreation area. Updating other lighting near the fields. There will be site-wide lighting.
Does it stay on all the time?	There are 2 types. The courts and the fields have timed or push-button activated lighting (only during certain hours). Around the playgrounds are dimmer pedestrian scale lighting and those will stay on.
So it is dark sky compliant?	Yes.
On the Romanhoff hillside, are there plans for that?	Maintain as is. The steps were replaced a couple years ago so those will remain in place. Trying to make access from South Side Ave more prominent because it is more accessible.
Will the storage unit building be removed?	The spray feature controls will be housed in there. We will paint it and make it look nice.
Tell me about the water usage in the spray feature.	Not repurposed and not on all the time. It can only be turned on during certain times of the day and lasts so long. By code we have to divert water to sanitary sewer.

Other Notes

N/A

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