

May 23, 2016

Subject: Proposed Redesign Plan for Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot

Background: At the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's (PRAB) May 18, 2016 meeting, the Board considered the Greenbelt City Council's request regarding the proposed redesign plan for the Buddy Attick Park (BAP) parking lot. Sharon Bradley of Bradley Site Design, Inc. presented two site plan options. Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, City of Greenbelt also was present.

Both site plans were designed to improve storm water management and improve the pedestrian entrances from the parking lot. Option #1 had 99 parking spots and a wider bio swale in the center of the parking lot, but removed one row of pine trees. Option #2 showed 103 parking spots with a narrower bio swale, but retained both rows of pine trees.

Discussion: Generally PRAB liked the concept of improving the green space in the parking lot, defining the pedestrian access points and increasing storm water management. Several questions and concerns were raised by the Board: 1) Would there be any funds to improve the interior pathways leading from the newly established entrances? PRAB has long advocated for pervious hardening of the pathway from the parking lot and creating an ADA accessible pathway from the playground/restroom area to the lakeside path. 2) Is a permit lot for Greenbelters necessary? 3) Can the permit parking be located closer to Public Works buildings for the City employees? 4) Should both rows of white pines be removed now (due to tree health and age) allowing for more green storm water management in their place? 5) Could a pedestrian pathway from Crescent be established to safely lead people into the park from cars parked on Crescent Road? 6) Where would bike racks be located? 7) Could a configuration be found to allow for safe pedestrian drop off at the entrances from the parking lot?

Conclusions: PRAB would prefer a more comprehensive plan for Buddy Attick Park rather than piecemeal improvements. PRAB continues to advocate for a revision of the BAP master plan. PRAB would prefer addressing entrance paths in conjunction with the redesign of the parking lot, but acknowledges that the funding available for storm water management makes the parking lot redesign feasible at this time.

Recommendations: PRAB members favored Option #1 of the two options presented.

Vote: 5 to 1

Respectfully submitted by:

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