

Junction Park
Neighborhood Meeting #2 Summary
March 2, 2004
7:00pm, City Council Chambers

Present at the meeting:

Dave Johnson, Director

Perry Vetter, Program Manager

Craig Sinclair, Park Maintenance Manager

Jason Amberg, Brauer & Associates

Also present:

Mike Pavelka, Facilities Manager

Two concept plans for Junction Park were presented to residents, from which they could either choose one preferred plan, or combine elements from each plan into one master plan. The following items were discussed:

- Concept B was favored over Concept A:
 - Tennis courts are visible from the playground, so watching multiple children playing at both sites is manageable;
 - Lilac bushes on the N. side of the park near the street and parking lot will remain; as will existing raspberries; as will the Oak trees, which will be worked around;
 - Wood or concrete stairs will be installed at W. entrance; wood would hopefully deter skaters/skateboarders;
 - Grades in the open green space will be blended
 - Both playground and hard court areas will be raised; the slope down to the playground will not be as dramatic;
 - Adding Volleyball was discussed, decided against;
 - Lighting should be added around playground area; also possibly on street at the W. side near the backstop area, for security;
 - Porta-potties will not be added, as there are no official playground programs in Junction park;
 - Bike Racks will be installed near the playground area;
 - Trash receptacles will be added, probably at the parking lot, around the playground area, and at entrances to the park;
 - Residents decided against adding Horseshoe pits.

Construction work will begin in the summer if all plans are approved by the Park Board and City Council as scheduled.

The next meeting is an official Park Board meeting, held Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers. Master plans will be presented for four parks, to be approved by the Park Board. Exact times for each park have not yet been set.