

McKenzie Park Neighborhood Meeting #1 Summary

Meeting Date: 5-29-03

Location: Purgatory Creek Room, Minnetonka Community Center

Time: 6:00 p.m. (start) – 6:45 p.m. (completion)

Resident Attendance: 7/13 (start/completion)

Staff/Consultant Attendance:

Perry Vetter, City of Minnetonka Recreation Services

Craig Sinclair, City of Minnetonka Public Works

Jason Amberg, Brauer and Associates, LTD.

George Watson, Brauer and Associates, LTD.

- I. Introductions by staff, process explanation and meeting schedules were given. Next meeting is June 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be held in the Purgatory Creek Room of the Community Center (same location as first meeting).
- II. Potential program elements were handed out to those in attendance. Element ideas were taken from the Parks, Open Space and Trails System Plan (POST).
- III. A backstop is needed for informal play/neighborhood level use.
- IV. Turf conditions should be improved; potential fall herbicide on a 3-year application schedule was thought to be reasonable.
- V. Number of new families is increasing around McKenzie Park and there is still a large number of adolescent/teen that use the park. Finding a balance for all age groups was thought to be crucial.
- VI. Improvements to the warming house were discussed...windows and other aesthetic improvements were favored.
- VII. Restrooms would be ideal, portables would be nice all season long, instead of just during programming.
- VIII. Those in attendance were in favor of future sidewalks on Williston Road to the park and connecting to the trail/civic center. Staff will work with them to bring their request to the park board.
- IX. Basketball court is extremely popular. It should be a full court with better quality rims/backboards that are more durable. An adjustable basket or lower basket for younger kids is desired as well to keep the balance of age appropriate activities. Staff has concerns it may be abused by older users as a slam dunk hoop.
- X. Crown on rink is thought to be too high on north end causing ice to melt to early. Staff will check grades and research color coating.
- XI. Portable skateboarding equipment (rotated between parks) was thought a great idea. Discussion on the future MME site was conducted for informational purposes.

- XII. A gazebo/shade structure was desired. The current structure at Ford Park was thought to be appropriate. Sitting areas in the sun were also desired for those that don't want to sit in the shade.
- XIII. A small trail loop inside the park was a good idea for walkers, strollers, and roller-blades.
- XIV. Storm water problems on Walker were brought up; resident most affected is in contact with the Engineering Department as they are working on solutions to the problem.