

Reich Park
Neighborhood Meeting #2 Summary
March 2, 2004
6:00pm, 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
Shirley Waataja, Recreation

Reich Park concept plans A and B were presented to residents for their evaluation. Residents can either choose one of the two plans, or combine features from each plan into one Master Plan. The following items were discussed concerning redevelopment of Reich Park:

- The Pond is man-made, therefore not a functioning pond, and could be filled in;
- Parking lot on the East side was questioned: Will it prevent or encourage undesired activity? Police Department will be consulted.
- Parking on South La.: No evidence that the Reichs indicated no parking along the lane. Parking lot off of street was generally accepted after discussion.
- Plan A was generally accepted, with modifications:
 - Loop the paved trail around the North side of the tennis courts;
 - do not include a woodchipped path;
 - do not include an arbor/shade structure;
 - add bushes/shrubs on SW side of paved trail to shield the trail from adjacent homes;
 - possibly look into keeping the pond and building around it;
 - add minimal lighting around playground area.

The following items require further information from City Departments:

- Drainage in the lower open green space: Consult Engineering dept.
- Adding a sign on South La. To prevent people from driving into people's driveways and causing damage: Consult Engineering dept.
- Location of East-side parking lot: Consult Police Dept. on patrolling issues.

The next meeting for Reich park will be an official Park Board meeting, held on April 7th, 2004, at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers. Please attend! The Park Board will be reviewing the Master Plan for four parks. Exact times for each park have not yet been determined.