

# **Oakbrook Park**

## ***Community Workshop #1A- Meeting Notes***

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Natomas Service Center

Attending: (22 residents signed In)

City Staff: Ray Tretheway,  
Councilmember District 1  
Randi Kay Stevens, Special Projects  
Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape  
Architect  
Tin-Wah Wong, Associate Landscape  
Architect  
Jeff Nittka, Landscape Technician

### **Meeting Notes**

- A. Introduction
  - 1. Gary Hyden did the introductions and then the residences introduced their selves and their main issue with the proposed park.
- B. Project Background and Location
  - 1. Presentation of the Planning Area 9 Map showing the park location on the map and presenting the Site Aerial.
- C. Plan Presentation
- D. Question and Answers - Community Participation Process
  - 1. Discussion and request for a Dog Park
  - 2. Typically Dog Parks are Community Park Elements but Staff will look into seeing if this element will work at Oakbrook Park.
    - a. The dog park would be a good idea for this community.
    - b. Dog parks typically draw people which would help to keep vandalism down.
    - c. Some residence would not like a dog park at this park due to the smells and noise.
  - 3. Relocate the basketball court away from home and closer to San Juan, possibly put in a ½ court instead of full court.
    - a. Don't install trees around basketball court for visibility reasons.
    - b. No lights at the basketball court.
    - c. Move the basketball court to the South East Corner. (away from residences)
    - d. ½ court and relocated to a different location.
    - e. No basketball courts due to the noise.
    - f. Possibly remove the basketball court so there is it does not become a hang out. Residence can use the basketball courts at Natomas High School.
    - g. Full basketball courts have more benefits, can have a full court game or two ½ court games going on at the same time.
  - 4. Remove the basketball court and install a tennis court. Tennis Courts are typically community park elements. Also Tennis courts are expensive and need lights.
  - 5. Should there be less trees to open visibility? Trees are trimmed up so they will not provide a hiding area.
  - 6. Relocate the main amenities (Play Area & Picnic Area).
    - a. Move to middle of the park.
    - b. Relocate to where item 8 is located on the original master plan.
    - c. Picnic area is going to be hang-out so move away from the homes.
  - 7. The meaning of the meeting
    - a. Re-master plan this park site.

- b. Residence would like to see if the City could post the process on the Cities web site and indicate where the Oakbrook Park is in this process.
- 8. Issues & Concerns for the residence
  - a. Parking is an issue there is not enough parking in this neighborhood and the streets are too narrow.
    - i. Can a parking lot be added to the park site? (Parks does not install parking lots in neighborhood parks)
    - ii. Neighborhood park are meant to serve residence within a half mile so residence can walk to the park.
    - iii. Parking lots are expensive, there is not enough funding in the budget to put in a parking lot and develop the park.
    - iv. Is there parking along San Juan (There is currently no parking along San Juan, Parks is looking to see if this can be converted to have on street parking)
  - b. Can the Park be fenced
    - i. The City only fences parks in extremely bad neighborhoods or they only fence the play grounds which are too close to street.
    - ii. Can a mini fence be added (only around the playground if it is less than 50' away from the street)
  - c. Residence are concerned with undesirables hanging around the park (Parks has a park safety patrol) residence would like park safety patrol phone number.
- 9. Vandalism is a issue in the surrounding neighborhood
  - a. Fences have been vandalized repeated
  - b. Community Pool has had vandalism along with the pool area furnishings.
- 10. What items do the residence like about the exiting master plan and what would the like to see at this park.
  - a. Walking Trail
  - b. Open space
  - c. Dog Park
  - d. Large boulders around the park
  - e. Want amenities to Children (Playground, etc.)
    - i. Play Equipment should have a nature theme
    - ii. Swings, slides, jungle gyms, and rock climbers.
    - iii. These items will increase the number of kids and families using the park site.
  - f. Install site furnishings with holes so they cannot be tagged / graffiti so easily.
  - g. Leave in the fitness stations.
    - i. There are concerns with equipment with moving parts because they may rust quicker.
    - ii. Have pull-up bars, stretch and upper body strengthening equipment.
  - h. Decomposed Granite Jogging path is a desirable item for runners and walking groups.
    - i. Add Mile Markers to Jogging path.
    - ii. Have a wider walking trail so people can pass by one another easily.
    - iii. Can the jogging path be
  - i. Picnic area
    - i. Is it going to be a reservable picnic area (Parks will checked with the Reservation office and they indicated that this will be a reservable picnic area).
  - j. Barbeque Grill (Residence cannot barbeque within ten feet of their homes so barbeque grills are desirable).
    - i. Group barbeque grill.
  - k. Add horseshoe courts.
  - l. Have a rock / wood natural concept.
  - m. Solar lights added around the trail.
    - i. Add lighting at location #9 on the original master plan. This area is extremely dark.
  - n. Drinking Fountain with Dog Fountain.
  - o. Fabric shade canopy over the picnic area (This item will be an additive alternate).
  - p. Baseball/ Softball Backstop.
  - q. Volleyball
- 11. Oakbrook Park budget is \$845,000+ for the design and construction.

## E. The Next Steps

1. The city will have another meeting in January 2010 and two draft plans will be presented and discussed.