

Centennial Park Public Meeting #3

July 14, 2010 6:30pm

Questions and Comments from the Public:

Handicapped accessibility?

Yes, park will adhere to federal laws and codes. Details will be worked out in the schematics phase.

Parking near art center will be enough?

In a previous master plan the Parthenon had an additional building that had an orientation and assembly area?

It's possible that this programming could be incorporated into the Winter Garden.

Truck access to amphitheater?

That needs to be worked out in the schematic phase. Acoustics studies will also be done before access is determined.

Considerations of expansion?

Multiple parking areas have been moved outside of the park expanding the site. As of now the team has not developed any programming other than parking outside of the park boundaries.

Ballpark costs?

Phasing will be next. No numbers have been assigned.

How will the lawn and meadow relationship work? How much smaller is the lawn? When will the meadow be mowed?

The meadow can be mowed to expand the event space.

Other parts of the park will be developed to offer additional size and types of event spaces.

Have you considered fruiting trees as a part of urban agriculture?

No opinion, but will consider it. Must think about maintenance on this. Master plan allows flexibility to make changes like this.

Could there be a smaller playground near the arts activity center?

Yes. Considerations about age groups should be taken into account and multiple playgrounds could be included. Please submit ages to GGN, so this can be considered.

Will there be a new building for the arts activities?

Yes. Users have a lot of input!

Will information be on the Parks website?

Yes. Very soon.

What I always liked about the park was the amount of open space. Will the pick up games still be an option with this plan?

Yes. Now the land is greatly compacted. It will be better served for use once it is engineered for high impact and frequent use.

I like to drive my parents through the park. Will that be able to happen with this plan?

No. They will have to park with this plan.

I think the plan is overworked. Can't you move some of these programmed ideas to other parks? This park is small. It's not Central Park.

The park is 132 acres, so it's not too small. We have heard these requests from the public and we have designed this park so that all of these ideas can work together. It will not be as overwhelming as you may think. There are a lot of areas that are untouched. Over 50% of the park will look the same as it does today. Currently you are only using 50% of the park. We are giving more parkland than you current have.

Will the dog park be the same size?

It is not clear now. At this level of the design, it appears to be the same size. We are aware how important that there is a significant dog park community, so we are working to improve on what you have, not take anything away from it.

Is there any chance the park could get bigger?

The design team was told Previous attempts to buy land were too expensive to consider it.

Could more trees be planted for cover in the dog park?

If the park users want that, then yes.

Drainage for event space? Mowing? Engineered lawn? Is it plastic?

The type of grass we intend to plant is still grass is just a more durable variety. The drainage it is graded to allow for positive drainage and well-percolated soil will be

We would like to see more education and interaction regarding the existing varieties of trees in Centennial Park.

Yes, good idea.

The elderly and unfit population will not come here if they can park and right in the park.

We need to be very careful in our evaluations. In our surveys, we got an overwhelming majority that the public wanted the parks out. We need to make sure it works will for everyone. We will re-look at how this can work better.

Loved the park ideas presented. It's beautiful, best ideas we've seen in a long time. Seems to incorporate all the ideas that we would want in a park

How do you incorporate the needs of the one time visitor to the park? Someone driving by? How can people admire from afar? Views from the Parthenon? Relationship between Parthenon and Winter Garden.

There is a long history of one-way parks in all the parks in Nashville. It was just recently that they made it two-way. One-way vehicular path would be highly desirable.

Why don't you move the service area to another area in town to free up more park space?

It has been considered. Bike paths are proposed around there. We are considering greening the area and making it optimized and more efficient. It is very good idea to have some maintenance area near the park.

What will the new Centennial Café area look like?

We are not sure, but we think the new location will be better. We do not really want to put more restaurants in the park either. We do want no more stand alone rest rooms. We want them to be tied to a building for safety reasons.

The historic gates memory that was mentioned, is that idea still alive?

Yes. The idea is still valid, but what is the role of the gate? Will it be closed at 11pm? That is a decision the community needs to make.

What about lighting the Parthenon?

Yes, this is important and needs to be considered in the schematic phase.

I would love to see the park reconnected to the City. The edge near the lake is really disconnected.

Please note the significant grading and drainage needs brought on because of the Lake. We are considering opening up the vegetation to help with the connection to the City.

Will there be some kiosks or an information center about upcoming events? How will information about current events be shared in the park?

We are interested in developing a signage program to dissipate information to the public. We want to implement a signage strategy to help people use the park and make the most of their visit.

Dog Park: include a physical separation between large and small dogs.