

November 28, 2018
Notes from Friends' Park Neighborhood Meeting
CPRD Administration Office
125 S. Elliott Road
Newberg, OR 97132

Present

Staff:

Jim McMaster, CPRD Parks and Facilities Supervisor
Casey Creighton, CPRD Parks and Facilities
Don Clements, Superintendent

Public:

23 present

Signed in:

Julie Firth
Judy Foster
Lynne Witmer
Shallay Booker
Richard Booker
Nic and Nicole Romersa
Rochelle and Brian Kemp
Diane and Steve Paillette
Debbie Koski
Matt Russell
Mark Grier
Katie Spilker
Kristl Plinz
Megan Zimmer

Playground committee volunteers:

(Initial meeting to be scheduled after Dec. 25, 2018)

Sarah Carey
Eric Moon
Julie Firth
Shallay Booker
Kristl Plinz
Katie Spilker
Debbie Koski
Megan Zimmer

- I. Jim McMaster spoke about the history of the property – Nine acres, CPRD's 22nd park

- II. Features – Map review, discussion included the paved walking trail for stroller walking
- III. Timeline – McMaster said the construction will begin with roughly a week’s worth of grading excavation. Since this is to be performed as an donation of labor by a contractor who wishes to remain anonymous, the timeline depends upon when this contractor chooses to perform the work. CPRD’s goal is to complete Phase I development by this summer, but the grant allots two years for completion.
- IV. McMaster described CPRD’s definition of a Neighborhood Park, which this is, designed to serve immediate residents, which is why neither restrooms nor parking are generally included; however, because this park will have a trail connection eventually, along the Hess Creek stream corridor on the east side of the parcel, this park will contain restroom facilities and, in Phase II, a parking lot.
- V. CPRD called for volunteers interested in helping plan the playground; see above list for volunteers who identified themselves.
- VI. Discussion turned to concerns about the proximity of the playground, and its potentially negative effects of noise and eroding privacy. McMaster explained the buffer intended to mitigate these issues. One neighbor requested it be placed farther away than the 75’ as planned. McMaster also explained that cut blackberries will be used to build berms.
McMaster assured concerned neighbors that heavy equipment will access the property from Kennedy during the construction phase.
Other discussion points included the ideas of a small splashpad, a bike rack, the high number of dog walkers, potential easement access to the trail, and that there can be no organized games in the practice field planned for the park.
- VII. Public Information Director Kat Ricker described the various communication methods the CPRD uses and will continue to use to outreach to the neighborhood and the general public in order keep them informed.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.