

Dorothea Dix Park

Master Plan Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2017

11:30am, Mordecai Visitor Center

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Nancy McFarlane

Diane Sauer

Ken Bowers

Jim Goodmon

Orage Quarles

Kay Crowder

Carlton Midyette

Randy Woodson

Invited Guests:

Jeff Bandini

Bill Padgett

Jai Kumar

Ashton Smith

Staff Members:

Kate Pearce

Grayson Maughan

Caroline Lindquist

Lea Efird

Nicole Steele

Stephen Bentley

Sean Malone

Millan Edmonson

Carrie Kovalick

Community Histories Workshop Scope and Cost Approval Discussion:

- Concerns about timeframe and getting it done
- Jim supported their positive work from past work
- Will be held by UNC but owned by City of Raleigh
- Motion made by Randy, seconded by Orage, unanimous approval

Hype Video #1 Discussion:

- Generally positive response
- Goal to push through social media
- Provide Kate direct feedback on it by 10:00am Wednesday morning.

Community Outreach Update:

- Realized we need to do more traditional media outreach (print, radio, tv)
- Overall festival outreach went really well
- Good to see the range of people interested in the park and be able to share what was open
- Folks were appreciative of the different presence, good to interact with people outside of the normal comfort zone. The map was really helpful to show the location of the park

Park Operations Update:

- Tree inventory starting
- Cemetery work starting

- Trees around Big Field mulched
- Coordinating an early building transfer

Transportation Feedback

- Presentation seems very focused on external transportation system. Is that intentional?
- Currently shortest route from Dix Park to Downtown is South Saunders Street. This needs to be considered more. What can we do in the short-term with the underpass, what's a more long term solution? Gondola?
- Need to proactively address the railroad tracks.
- Roads through the park are incredibly sensitive issues.
- How do we design a transportation system without knowing what the park is?
- What is the parking philosophy/solution?
- Where are the bike/ped connections to Centennial? Need to understand how the park connects to Avent Ferry
- Need more thought/representation on how to connect to NCSU (34,000 student population)
- More about bike/ped vs. vehicular
- Where is the Dix Park to Lake Raleigh to Lake Johnson Connection?
- Need to add existing City of Raleigh plans to the map, ex. Lake Wheeler
- Think about connections across Interstate 40
- Where are the grand entrances to the park?
- Stay thematic, in the big picture. We don't want people to assume we've already made a lot of decisions prior to the first community meeting. Make sure people know this is preliminary/draft.
- Not interested in park like Balboa where there is a lot of pedestrian/vehicle conflict
- Consider the ratio of visitors to cars, need to consider how many people we want to put in the park and then how many we need to park from that number.
- Planning for a suburban disconnected park right now but as it develops it will be a more urban park without the need to drive.
- People planning for current automobile and post automobile, using strategic long-term planning for adaptive reuse.
- Consider joint use parking, shared parking, the capacity of downtown parking decks and Centennial surface lots.
- On all maps highlight both Chavis and Pullen.
- Think about a park specific transit provider