

Community Conversation

Meadowlake Park

July 25th, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Staff: Nate Keller, Community Development Technician
John Kothenbeutel, Public Works Director
Larry Then, Maintenance Supervisor
Jim Hughes, Police Chief
Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator

Park Commission: Dave Lindbloom
Diane Schellinger
Dennis Molitor

Approximate # of residents attending: 19

Comments heard from residents:

- Remove tree stump (West side of Park in the open space area)
 - Suggested playground improvements included: add a digger, tire swing, additional swings.
 - Add a crosswalk at Heritage Dr and 7th Ave S and/or Heritage Dr and 10th St S
 - Alternative playground surfaces to the existing pea rock
 - Add a path from street to playground
 - Add a shade tree near one of the benches
 - Add a small canopy/shade feature near the picnic table
 - Irrigation at the park
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Recap of Community Conversation:

Around 19 residents from the Meadowlake area attended the City's first ever Community Conversation. Comments/suggestions heard by residents were fairly similar to what was heard during the 2016 Park Survey and shown above. A handful of non-related park questions/discussion also took place including: snow-plowing related questions, crosswalk improvements on Heritage Dr., Speeding cars, roundabout improvements for pedestrians/bicyclists, neighboring developments being proposed, zoning questions, and interest in community involvement like Block parties, National Night Out, and a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Staff recommendations:

Staff recommends removing the tree stump and adding a pathway from the road to the playground area. Staff will also look to try and add a small shelter over the picnic table similar to the shelter at Sabre Oaks Park. Staff will study possibility of adding a Heritage Drive crosswalk (along with identifying other potential crosswalk locations/options). Staff will also monitor feedback related to playground surfaces (e.g. pea rock) as additional conversations are held at neighborhood parks.