Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Renovation

Park and Recreation Commission Update
April 21, 2022
Agenda

• Existing Conditions
• Project Goals
• Schematic Design Overview
• Community Process and Stakeholders Outline

• Commission Action Requested:
  • Receive the Update
  • Provide Feedback and Input on the Community Process Elements
Project Location
1. Widen path 6.8 feet to enable north-south standard pathway
2. Adjust playground borders, improve entrances, and add natural play
3. Add stroller parking and plaza at playground entrance
4. Create open-use area and improve plantings in passive use areas
5. Connect pathway to E. Duncan Ave
6. Use bollards to limit pathway driving access to maintenance vehicles
7. Plant perimeter trees to create “green alley”
8. Provide new hard trails in east half of park
9. Provide new field entrance and ramp
10. Improve maintenance route to soccer fields
11. Provide new bleachers with equipment storage underneath
12. Provide new bleachers with concessions booths underneath
13. Create picnic area near concessions
14. Expand parking lot
15. Encourage use of forty-five total on-street parking spaces along E. Monroe Ave and Main Line Blvd for soccer field use
16. Improve dog park to include lighting, terraced hill, trees, and play features
17. Add maintenance storage shelter and yard between fields
18. Add vegetated bioswale along dog park edge and at maintenance yard

2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan
Project Milestones To Date

2021
• July    Design funding approved
• November 2014 Citywide Park Plan amendment for synthetic turf option
• December Design contract awarded to Gordon

2022
• January Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure’s Envision process kick-off
• February City Draft Budget Proposal (construction funding)
• February Initial survey and data collection complete
• March User group surveys and schematic concept development
• April Schematic concept presentations
Schematic Rendering

1. **Plant Perimeter Trees to Create “Green Alley”**
2. **Provide new Hard Trails in East Half of Park**
3. **Provide New Field Entrance and Ramp**
4. **Improve Maintenance Route to Soccer Field**
5. **Provide new Bleachers with Equipment Storage Underneath**
6. **Provide New Bleachers with Concessions Booths Underneath**
7. **Create Picnic Area Near Concessions**
8. **Expand Parking Lot**
Schematic Rendering

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Community Engagement Process

• Engage community groups early in the process and throughout the design development
  • Focus Groups
  • Survey Requests
• Provide information and access to the design process in the park and online
  • Message Boards and Graffiti Boards
  • Webpage
• Utilize boards and commissions to leverage their expertise and existing community networks
• Park Stakeholder Groups
  • Adjacent Neighborhood
  • Kettle Park Community Partners
  • Master Gardeners
  • Sports User Groups
  • Alexandria City High School
  • Simpson Park Dog Owners Group
  • Boards and Commissions
  • City Staff
Commission Feedback
Schematic Rendering

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4. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
5. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
6. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHs UNDERNEATH
7. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
8. EXPAND PARKING LOT
Next Steps

Spring/Summer 2022:
- Concept Design
- City and ACPS Interdepartmental Coordination
- Community Engagement

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