

**Brentwood Park Master Plan Public Meeting #3
Meeting Summary and Survey Results
Brentwood Park Neighborhood Center, 6 pm
September 20, 2017**

Approximately 25 members of the public attended the drop-in meeting to lend feedback and comment on the proposed Preliminary Park Concept for Brentwood Park. The total number of attendees was considerably less than the second public meeting (80 participants) and trended towards an older and less diverse demographic than that of the broader community. At this third and final public meeting, participants were asked to watch a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting the results of the public input gathered at the second public meeting, review the Preliminary Park Concept Plan and provide comments, rank park program elements critical to the park's success, and fill out a comment card.

Preliminary Concept Plan Review Comments

The Preliminary Park Concept Plan was provided for review and comment. A SHLA design team member was present to answer questions and describe the proposed concept plan elements. Participants were asked to write their comments about the plan using post-it notes. Comments were also written down by SHLA as they were offered.

Concept Plan Comments (Post-it notes and other. Comments are written exactly as they were provided by the public)

- Room for 8-10 trucks/trailers for candles. Storage for candles – luminarias at xmas. Need building in Nov/Dec (dinners).
- Storage for Luminary
- Keep kitchen. SEATS.
- Upgrade kitchen. Don't put stove next to fridge. Icemaker. Lots of outlets.
- If there is a building, it needs to be staffed.
- At least PT (part-time) staffed community center
- Part time staff is definitely desired
- Tennis becomes viable if there can be programming to develop and encourage tennis playing. Programming staff!
- Basketball gets good use. Again with some organized competition and clinics – use would grow. Programming staff!
- Part-time staff is definitely needed
- Brentwood Road sidewalk entry and roundabout are great – that's not currently a friendly entrance.
- Please address distance and elevation to the building. Too far and difficult for elderly. "Perception" of area is fact not just perception. Remove Building!
- More lights in park and around community center
- Outdoor checkers or chess board tables
- Need benches for people to sit and talk, or play checkers, or ping pong, etc.
- Some benches would help for breaks in walking for seniors

- Soccer is the #1 usage of the park
- Much improved traffic flow from current conditions. We still want more connections! Another entrance across from the neighborhood bridge, greenway connections!
- Keep dog poop bag dispensers!
- The public art should incorporate wildlife benefits! Like a beautiful bat house. See the London Wetland Centre's bat house....butterfly garden.
- I'm always finding lots of garbage in the park in the mornings, even right next to the garbage cans.
- Don't do away with the individual restrooms. Feel much safer locked in one than stalls where someone can hide.
- Love the water feature
- Like that the playground is moved farther away from the basketball courts.
- Neighbor would like stairs south of existing center that leads up to their backyard to go away if there is no added cost to the project.

Analysis: Participants noted their desire for a staffed and renovated Neighborhood Center, need for upgraded lighting and seating in the park, improved accessibility, amenities for seniors, and pedestrian connections to the neighborhood.

Park Program Elements Critical to Brentwood Park's Success:

Participants were presented with 12 proposed park program elements and asked to place stickers on those they considered critical for a Brentwood Park's success. Each person was handed four stickers. Below is a summary of our findings:

- **Neighborhood Center – 16**
- **Playground – 16**
- **Restroom – 14**
- **Greenway/Walking Loops – 11**
- **Outdoor Gym/Challenge Course – 10**
- Spray/Mist Feature – 9
- Stream Restoration – 8
- Shelter - 6
- Multipurpose Field/Open Play – 5
- Basketball Courts – 3
- Nature Study/Education – 2
- Tennis Courts – 2

Analysis: The participants rated the Neighborhood Center, the playground, the greenway/walking loops, restroom and outdoor gym/challenge course as the most critical to Brentwood Park's success.

Comment Card Results:

26 respondents provided written comments on the comment cards, though not all respondents answered each question. Below is a summary of our findings:

Question 1: Do you like the park concept plan?

- Yes – 18
- No – 2
- "Not completely", "Almost", etc - 4
- No answer or "not sure" – 2

If no, why not?

- Need bridge with extended greenway
- I would like to keep the tennis and expand basketball
- Renovation of building is a problem
- Forgot swings? Kids love swings
- Do we get swings!!!
- Open play field size decreased, restrooms/shelter first vision of park vehicle approach, eliminate basketball or move to near parking, scatter multiple playgrounds through park, question need to expand community center – improve acoustics, renovate kitchen for warming only, make kitchen and toilets, remove window barn doors, provide welcoming approach, consider mature trees shade for playground locations
- Concerned about turn about in front or storage/bathroom. We need to keep the kitchen. The building has been rented for bday party – wed rec the luminary project. We HAVE to keep the kitchen PLEASE.

Analysis: The majority of park participants responded that they liked the park concept plan. Further design phases will identify specific playground elements, building renovations and coordination with existing neighborhood events.

Question 2: How often would you or your family use the following proposed park facilities?

The chart below ranks the responses based on the total combined tally of park facilities that respondents would “sometimes” or “regularly” use:

| Proposed Park Facility | “Sometimes” | “Regularly” | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Greenways or Trails | 3 | 14 | 17 |
| Shelter/Restroom | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Expanded/Renovated Neighborhood Center | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Stream and Environmental Education Areas | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Playground | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Outdoor Gym/Challenge Course | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Spray/Mist Sculpture | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| Multipurpose/Open Play | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| Tennis Courts | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Basketball Courts | 2 | 3 | 5 |

- **Would Never Use:**
 - **Basketball Courts - 9**
 - **Tennis Courts - 6**
 - **Outdoor Gym/Challenge Course - 6**
 - **Spray/Mist Sculpture - 5**
 - **Playground - 4**
 - Multipurpose/Open Play Fields - 3
 - Stream & Environmental Education Areas - 2
 - Shelter/Restroom - 1
 - Expanded/Renovated Neighborhood Center - 1
 - Greenways or Trails - 0
- **Would Sometimes Use:**
 - **Multipurpose/Open Play Fields - 10**

- **Expanded/Renovated Neighborhood Center - 9**
- **Spray/Mist Sculpture - 9**
- **Shelter/Restroom - 9**
- **Tennis Courts - 9**
- Stream & Environmental Education Areas – 7
- Playground - 7
- Outdoor Gym/Challenge Course - 5
- Greenways or Trails - 3
- Basketball Courts - 2
- **Would Regularly Use:**
 - **Greenways or Trails - 14**
 - **Shelter/Restroom - 7**
 - **Expanded/Renovated Neighborhood Center - 6**
 - **Stream & Environmental Education Areas - 6**
 - **Outdoor Gym/Challenge Course - 6**
 - Playground - 5
 - Basketball Courts - 3
 - Spray/Mist Sculpture - 2
 - Multipurpose/Open Play Fields - 1
 - Tennis Courts – 1

Analysis: The question results show that public meeting participants would regularly or sometimes use greenways or trails, shelter/restroom, the expanded/renovated Neighborhood Center, stream and environmental education areas and the playground most often.

Question 3: If cost did not matter, which park facilities would be most important?

- **Playground - 16**
- **Shelter/Restroom - 15**
- **Greenways/Trails - 11**
- **Neighborhood Center Expansion/Renovation - 9**
- **Outdoor Gym/Challenge Course - 8**
- Stream Restoration - 7
- Mist Sculpture - 6
- Multipurpose Fields/Open Play - 6
- Basketball Courts - 3
- Tennis Courts – 0

Analysis: The results from this question give some insight into possible priorities for park master plan phasing. The majority of respondents indicated that the playground, shelter/restroom, greenways/trails, Neighborhood Center expansion/Renovation and outdoor gym/challenge course are important elements. The top five park facilities in this question mimic the top five park facilities chosen in the first exercise listed above – Park Program Elements Critical to Brentwood Park’s Success.

Question 4: Do you feel that the draft park concept plan addresses the five park values (Play, Nature, Safety, Connectivity, and Accessibility) chosen by the community?

- Yes – 21
- No – 1
- No answer – 4

If no, why not?

- We need another entrance to be fully connected to other greenways

- Not chosen by community but pushed by the city
- Not clear about details of safety – lighting?

Analysis: A majority of respondents felt strongly that the draft park concept plan address the park values previously identified by the community.

Question 5: Other comments or questions? (Comments are written exactly as they were provided by the public)

- Add some swings
- I think the planning commission has done a good job
- Please look at acquiring the property at the end of Glenridge that backs up to the park. We need another access point!
- A place for the dog(s) near the playground for them to stay while the kids are playing. Small fenced area near shade trees.
- Thank you. We look forward to the upgrades.
- Storage for luminary. SAFE place for people to walk.
- I have never seen people playing tennis on the courts. I have only seen people use that area to run laps. I also would rather have an expanded playground that can be used year round instead of a mist/sprayground. Also, please add additional bridges when extending the greenway.
- Additional bridge needed with greenway expansion. Plan for off season needed for mist sculpture.
- Thank you!
- Need kitchen for parties and events and candle fundraiser project.
- I did not see swings in plan – kids love swings.
- Do we get to keep the tennis courts? Can we have swings? What will the community center do?
- An area near the park where the dogs can stay. And a pool.
- When will construction happen? Not having storage for candle - building for fundraiser – Dec. 24th breakfast.
- Need good lighting and open restrooms.
- More lights especially around neighborhood center and throughout the park, especially evenings.
- Must have a new kitchen
- I love all the outdoor greenery elements, pollinator garden, stream clean up with vegetated buffers and nature study. Excited to see more detailed plans for the outdoor gym/challenge course and playground mist sculpture! Thank yall for all the work you have put into this fantastic project!
- Evening/night lighting for safety.