

**Brentwood Park Master Plan Public Meeting #2  
Meeting Summary and Survey Results  
Brentwood Park Neighborhood Center, 6 pm  
August 9, 2017**

On July 13, 2017, the second public meeting was held at the Brentwood Park Neighborhood Center. Community participants were given an opportunity to voice their opinions and provide comments on two concepts. There was an average of 70 participants present for the meeting. A PowerPoint presentation highlighting the results of the public input gathered at the first public meeting as well as two conceptual master plans for Brentwood Park entitled "Concept A: Play Zones" and "Concept B: Interactive" were presented.

**General Discussion:**

- Several participants mentioned that they envision Brentwood Park as a neighborhood rather than a destination park.
- Safety and security – real vs. perceived
- Renovate and staff the building, demolish or relocate?
- Phasing and expected costs, determining priorities as we move forward to Phase 1.
- What is the timetable for the project – need time for design, permitting and construction
- Connectivity to the neighborhood and the broader greenway network is important

**Survey Results:**

Approximately 37 respondents provided written comments to our survey, though not all respondents answered each question. Below is a summary of our findings. The actual tallied results can be found at the conclusion of this document, beginning on page 4.

**Question 1 (5 parts)**

Question 1A: Participants were asked if they would prefer the Neighborhood Center be renovated only or renovated and expanded.

- Renovation only: **16**
- Renovation & expansion: 12

*Analysis: Based upon the results and some of the comments received, it seems as though more engagement around the community center would be useful. There appears to be a lot of hope for what it could provide, but a lot of concerns about the cost, availability of staff, and possibly its current location.*

Question 1B: Participants were asked if they would prefer more or less parking than shown

- More parking: 7
- Less parking: **16**

*Analysis: Participants indicated they would prefer less parking.*

Question 1C: Participants were asked if they would prefer a large playground or a small playground

- Large playground: **25**
- Small playground: 5

*Analysis: A clear preference for a large playground was demonstrated. Additional engagement around the types of playground amenities and the look and feel of those amenities would be beneficial.*

Question 1D: Participants were asked if they would prefer more open play areas or less open play areas

- More open play areas: **25**
- Less open play areas: 6

*Analysis: A clear preference for more open play areas was demonstrated. Written comments expressed interest in soccer.*

Question 1E: Participants were asked if they would prefer the greenway be placed along Marsh Creek or through the park

- Greenway along Marsh Creek: 12
- Greenway through the park: **17**

*Analysis: Though a clear preference was not demonstrated, a greenway through the park is in keeping with many of the comments voiced in preference of a larger vegetated stream buffer and engaging more activity inside the park.*

### **Question 2 (2 parts)**

Question 2A: Participants were asked which concept they prefer, Concept A, Concept B, or a Combination of both

- Concept A (Play Zones): 4
- Concept B (Interactive): 15
- Combination of A & B: **18**

Question 2B: Participants were asked why they selected what they did. Please see the tallied results for respondents' answers.

*Analysis: There was a general preference for a combination of Concept A and B, though most preferred the elements found in B, particularly the Challenge Course and the Open Play Areas, there were some preferences indicated for the gym in Concept A.*

### **Question 3 (2 parts)**

Question 3A: Participants were asked if you chose Combination A & B, which elements you would keep from Concept A. Please see the tallied actual results. The top selections were:

- Spray plaza: 5
- Open play areas: 4
- Basketball: 3
- Pickleball: 3
- Outdoor gym: 3
- Parking lot configuration: 3

Question 3B: Participants were asked if you chose Combination A & B, which elements you would keep from Concept B. Please see the tallied actual results. The top selections were:

- Challenge course: 8
- Large playground: 3
- Outdoor gym: 3
- Mist sculpture: 3
- Bigger forested stream buffer: 3
- Combined restroom and playground: 4
- Internal Greenway alignment: 3

*Analysis: These questions were open ended, so the results varied more than if the answers were pre-programmed. Within that context, however, there was a strong preference for the spray plaza, the challenge course, an outdoor gym, and the larger playground with shelter and restroom complex.*

#### **Question 4**

Participants were asked what kind of interior spaces they would want to see in the Neighborhood Center and what kinds of classes and programs they would be interested in participating in as well as the best uses for the Center. Please see the tallied actual results. The top selections were:

- Community events and neighborhood meetings: 7
- Updated kitchen facilities: 6
- After school programs: 5
- Gym/weight room: 5
- Upgraded bathrooms: 4
- Art (including pottery, painting): 4
- Nature classes for kids: 4
- Upgraded seating areas (carpeted floors, bean bags, small tables, sofas, reading areas): 4
- Yoga: 3
- Sports: 3
- Board game areas/game nights: 4
- Free public Wi-Fi: 3
- Sustainable features: 3
- Ping pong/foosball: 3

*Analysis: These questions were open ended, so the results varied more than if the answers were pre-programmed. Overall, there seemed to be a preference for a space for community meetings, updated and upgraded kitchen and bathroom facilities, activities for kids after school, exercise opportunities, preferences for computers and Wi-Fi capabilities, and for sustainable features like solar panels.*

#### **Question 5**

Participants were asked if they had other comments to share. Top responses included:

- Skateboard friendly areas (half pipe, ramps): 7
- Preference for soccer field (maintain current size, add goals, etc.): 6
- Remove pickleball or question its use: 5
- Gender neutral restroom with male and female, too: 3
- Basketball is played every day (frequent use)- keep double court, should not be smaller: 3
- Connectivity to other streets, especially Glenridge, neighborhood and greenways: 3

*Analysis: The demographic at this meeting indicated a preference for items not previously identified as a strong preference including skateboard friendly items.*

Question 1 Results

Neighborhood Center		Parking		Playground		Open Play		Greenway	
Renovation Only	Renovation & Expansion	More	Less	Large	Small	More	Less	Along Marsh Creek	Through the park
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16	12	7	16	25	5	25	6	12	17

Green on the bottom row indicates preference.

**Question 2 Results**

Concept Preference			Why?
A: Play Zones	B: Interactive	Combination A&B	
	1		Strictly renovating the building
		1	A: likes concentration of structures, spray park, smaller parking lot, open fields along parking lot B: Prefers challenge course to other path, likes the greater attention to stormwater retention
1			Because of the gym
1			Because of the gym
		1	A: too limited of a renovation B: too drastic of a renovation
	1		Expansion of greenway, garden development and more open play
	1		Like larger, more open playground. The more open space around the community center will make it more inviting
		1	A: small play area not needed B: like the larger play areas
	1		Big area for sports
	1		Larger open play areas
	1		Bigger open play areas
		1	
		1	I like features of both
		1	
		1	A: Like pickleball B: bridges along walking trail
		1	There are elements of both that could be combined to make the park and the community center the best fit for anyone and everyone
	1		Like B, but without Challenge Course, just a nice walkway like A
		1	Strong ideas in both. Excited to see vegetated stream buffer staying, and paths for all users.
		1	
	1		Love the pollinator garden and challenge course
		1	Mostly B, with some A B: Pollinator garden with interactive art, additional stream buffers
		1	A: like it B: like the challenge course, but maybe in a different place to retain accessibility to the Center; however, would value skate area/half-pipe over challenge course
		1	A: like for pickleball and basketball but prefer the playground on B B: because of internal greenway, the parking, the entrance on Vinson and the larger center
		1	Like B, but want STEM/nature play from A
	1		B has more of a "wow" factor
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		1	Challenge course, treehouse, nature trails, fitness/walking trails, running and jogging paths
		1	
		1	
	1		B: Really nice, but are the baseball field, bleachers and backstop still on the plan? Love the waterways, the added pond and stream is a great idea. Like the location of the shelter by the entrance circle. Additional shelter on both plans is a good idea.
	1		It has more of a buffer from the creek to reduce flooding and overflow. Like stream running through the park to walkway. Like location of shelter where pool was once located.
		1	B: Like B more. Interactive open play area.
4	15	18	Total respondents: 37

### Question 3A Results

Which elements would you keep from A	# of respondents
3 open play areas	4
Concentrated facilities	1
Plaza (unclear if spray or not)	1
Terrace	2
Basketball (incl. size)	3
Soccer	1
Pollinator garden & shelter	2
Combined restroom & shelter	2
Greenway along creek	2
Outdoor gym	3
Everything but open play areas	1
Spray plaza (incl. location)	5
Pickleball	3
Center renovated only	2
Two shelters at both ends	1
Parking configuration (smaller, with traffic loop)	3
Stem/nature play	1
Proximity of outdoor gym to basketball	1

### Question 3B Results

Which elements would you keep from B	# of respondents
Challenge Course	8
Large playground	3
Interactive, public art	2
Outdoor gym	3
Mist sculpture	3
Circular parking entrance	1

Bigger forested buffer for creek	3
Combined restroom and playground	4
50 parking spaces	1
Internal greenway alignment	3
Renovated and expanded community center	1
Overall layout	1
Stormwater retention and bridge areas	1
Nature trails	1
Location of basketball court	1
Traffic circle	1
Entrance is attractive for cars to enter and exit	1
Pollinator gardens and nature study	1

#### Question 4 Results

Interior spaces/programs in Neighborhood Center?	# of respondents
Art (incl. pottery, painting)	4
Sewing classes	1
Yoga	3
After school programs	5
Children/small group learning	1
Music jams	2
Music lessons	1
Sign language	1
First aid classes	1
Babysitting certification classes	1
Concerts	2
Computers	1
TV	1
Parties	1
Board game areas/game nights	4
Movie nights	2
Coffee	1
Sports (incl. pickup games for kids)	3
Zumba	2
Chess classes	2
English classes	2
Don't need a neighborhood center	1
Nature classes for kids (gardening)	4
Gardening	1
Library	1
Gym/weight room	5
Ping pong, foosball	3

Pool table	2
Tutoring	1
Public Wi-Fi (free)	3
Computers (library is busy, good for staff)	2
Updated kitchen facilities (full size, fully furnished)	6
Cooking	1
Dances	1
Picnics and potlucks	1
National Night Out	1
Staff available	2
Rental use	2
Weekly classes	1
Community events and neighborhood meetings	7
Indoor sports	1
Updated bathrooms	4
Study areas	1
Carpeted floors, bean bags, small tables, sofas, reading areas	4
Sustainable features (solar/LEED)	3
Dance	1
Exercise classes	1
Senior friendly exercise	1

### Question 5 Results

Other comments (written on survey or relayed verbally)	# of respondents
Skateboard friendly areas (half pipe, ramps).	7
Expansion on the above. "Accommodate skating! Make walkways smooth paved and connective. Because there will be concerns about proper use of those areas, however, I feel it would be important to put in a small paved area with a small half-pipe. Not necessarily a full blown skate park, just a recreational area that makes skating and practicing a possibility and is intentionally for that purpose so that kids who want to skate have a place set aside for them."	above
Gender neutral restroom w/ male and female too	3
Need more water fountains	1
Connectivity to other streets, especially Glenridge, neighborhood and greenways	3
Expand greenway down around Marsh Creek	1
B would be more dense and attract more people, which would be good for safety	1
Would like a soccer field (keep size), consider adding soccer goals, perhaps in both the elevated space in "A" and the larger field.	6
Separate basketball court from playground	1
Bird feeders	1
Native plants in pollinator garden and throughout site	2
Delineated (marked) bike (and skate)/ped	2
Stream restoration	2
Emphasize sustainability, such as solar or other renewable park resources	2
If staff member is present, not charge to groups to use building	1



Would like a sand volleyball court	1
Would like to see tetherball/4 square	1
Would like jogging track with mile markers	1
Another small shelter would be wonderful	1
Remove pickleball	5
Use pickleball area as a dog park area with a high fence.	1
New location, new building--or no building at all	1
Move Community Center off the hill	1
Regarding open play--organized games is the most frequent use	1
Basketball is played every day- keep double court, should not be smaller	3
Emphasize playground	2
Spend less on building (more on playground, nature)	1
Pollinator garden – no bees, child is allergic	1
Amenities for special needs children. Like the idea of integrated play, similar to All Children's Park in Cary and Laurel Hills in Raleigh	2
What is the timetable?	1
Glen Raven bridge- kids use the bridge at night to access the park and theft to adj. properties has occurred. Can there be a gate at this access to stop pedestrian traffic?	1
Would like to investigate the possibility of creating a measured walking loop using the school property in addition to the park property. (Was done in the past to create a mile long path)	1
Protect mature trees	1
Park always seems safe to me	1
Identify entrances approaching from parking area. Expose glass always, delete covers. Security system necessary to expose glass.	1
Do not design renovation with programming use.	1
Make restrooms and kitchen accessible in the Community Center, improve acoustics, improve tables & chairs, improve storage.	1
Estimated 60 vehicles present on Sunday, July 30th	1
Avoid handrail necessary slopes	1
Consider multiple small playgrounds	1
Prefer greenway along creek with feature spots at created rapids	1
Can use greenway and joint use with school property for fitness loops	1
Move icon sculpture into the park where it can be more fully appreciated	1
Move the basketball in both schemes to the open play area by the parking lot or closer to the entrance (Isolate more active play from passive). Include seating and a water fountain.	1
Extend walk to Brentwood Road to make park more inviting	1
Make park entrance at Ingram Drive inviting with flowers, like it is now.	1
Consider a shady picnic area at NW corner of the site	1
Retain most trees. Clear underbrush north and west of the community center.	1
Concept A- why do we need the boardwalk/double pathways by the community center and north?	1
Ex. Community center is creepy, old, outdated and does not meet community needs. Park underutilized because parents have not climate controlled area to sit while the kids (ages 9-18) play. Many older adults in the area now, too, who need a place to relax, have entertainment opportunities and to socialize.	1
Need more lighting around the Community Center building	1

Elevation of the Community Center is not practical-- entrances too long or too steep. Also need pathway for all ages and handicapped.	2
Park entrances should have signs posted clearly to enter and exit and use same model plan for both entrances.	1
Have parking available from both entrances. We have a lot of cars parking very close to Brentwood--G.Rd Park, Marsh Creek, Capital Blvd. near Salvation Army.	1
Build a new center with lots of open rooms for various activities (see Q4 responses)	1
Many who could not attend the meeting expressed interest in a new, bigger building	
Priority use of the center should be by Brentwood clubs or people for building community activities	1
I'm 73 years old and have done a lot of walking there. This project would greatly enhance Brentwood! Next to the school is a good location. No way is this another Green Road Complex, which is good.	1
Is there the possibility of stream restoration? Marsh Creek is not the healthiest and if our goal is truly nature, appreciation and education, our money should go into those things directly, such as: native plantings, pollinator spaces, and restoration of waterways that will improve the diversity of wildlife here at Brentwood Park.	1
Include multiple pollinator gardens?	1
Consider adding a small rain or vegetable garden for after school programs and communal activity. Athens Drive community has a small but thriving community garden. Brentwood should look into it, too, to become a true model of sustainability.	1
Only renovate building if you will have staff available	1