

Meeting Notes
Penn Park Shelter Replacement
Neighborhood Meeting #2
February 25, 2016

Attendance: 17 (including 1 neighborhood police officer and South District Captain, 2 interpreters)

Mike Sturm, Parks, briefly ran thru the items discussed at the first public meeting; history of the park, park amenities, existing shelter (circa 1960) no ADA compliance in restrooms, existing utilities need to be replaced.

- Reviewed prototype. While design was well received, it is not as large, and does not currently have amenities neighborhood wants.
- Discussed total budget of \$1.5 million – shelter options @ baseline \$200 sq ft

Shelter Option 1 - 3,000 sq ft covered, 600 sq ft restrooms, 300 sq ft concessions, 500 sq ft meeting room. Cost estimate: \$1,196,000.

Shelter Option 2 - 1,000 sq ft covered, 600 sq ft restrooms, 300 sq ft concessions, 500 sq ft meeting room. Cost estimate: \$756,000.

Shelter Option 3 - 2,000 sq ft covered, 600 sq ft restrooms, 300 sq ft concessions, 500 sq ft meeting room. Cost estimate: \$976,000.

Shelter Option 4 – Remodel existing shelter with new, separate restroom building. Demo existing restrooms, existing knee walls, refurbish existing over hang, add lighting. Better ramps/access. Saves some demo money. **For next meeting, Parks will present images of what a remodeled shelter might look like and its potential cost.

Discussed costs for additional work in the park:

- Athletic Field – straightening orientation, lighting, sprinklers, bleachers, fence, \$413,000.
- Running Track – Official 400 meter track does not fit within the park property. A 200 meter track would conflict with athletic field use.
- Walking Path – what fits around field is not a “sanctioned” track, \$70,000.
- Parking Lot – adds 18 stalls and turnaround and drop off area, requires additional stormwater retention features (rain garden), \$375,000.
- Tennis/Basketball – full resurfacing with new poles and nets, \$120,000.
- Playground, complete replacement, \$160,000.

If all site improvements were done in addition to the shelter replacement, the total project cost would be approximately \$2.5 million (about \$1 million over budget).

Good discussion and participation! Questions and comments:

- Where would 2nd freestanding building be located? *To be determined, will provide options at 3rd meeting.*
- What would the meeting room be like? *500 sq ft is approx size of room at Library but this would just be bare bones (not a conference room with TV monitors/projector and screen) Many meeting rooms in close proximity to the park (South Police, Library, Villager Atrium, Urban League, Mt Zion Church, Boys and Girls Club) but all have high use.*
- Type of storage? Who uses it? *Agreement, fee required.*
- How wide is walking path? *10 feet wide.*
- Where are the bleachers located? *Two sets of bleachers could be located west of field. Each bleacher would have a capacity of approx. 100 spectators.*
- Shelter is the main project – build for the future with total park redesign.
- Can a parking lot go on the newly acquired property? *The site is too small for a parking lot and the topography isolates this area from the greater park.*
- Support to remove the fence around the basketball and tennis courts. *This could occur if tennis courts were removed, basketball full and half courts would remain.*
- Interested in cost to redo the shelter so that a decision can be made about prioritizing the improvements. *Parks will hire an architectural consultant to evaluate the existing shelter and provide a cost estimate of renovation.*
- Post presentation to the City website. *Will send email notice when posted.*
- Next meeting date to be announced.