Summary of Public Process

Planning the Sakai Property

First Public Meeting

Meeting date: January 23, 2016 - Attended by over 180 community members

- The goal of the entire public process was defined. Upon completion, the community will present the Park District with 10-12 recommended uses for the Sakai property.

- Exercises were done to brainstorm possible uses for the property and determine what the community values.

- Out of the above exercises, ten work groups were formed by the participants. Participants were asked to join one.

- Group names, group members, and contact information were posted on the Park District website following the meeting.

- Work groups were tasked with researching their topic, and presenting their results at a second public meeting that would be scheduled.

- Community members who were unable to attend the first meeting could get involved by contacting one of the groups on the website.

- As research was compiled, work groups submitted their information to the Park District for posting on the District website.

The minutes for this meeting can be viewed on the Park District website at www.biparks.org.

Second Public Meeting

Meeting date: April 23, 2016 - Attended by over 100 community members

- Work groups presented findings to date. (To view the work groups and their findings, go to www.biparks.org).

- Those attending the second meeting arrived at the following preliminary, non-prioritized recommended uses for the Sakai property:

  1. Multi-use indoor complex with 50 meter pool
  2. Mountain bike park
  3. Tennis courts
  4. Trails
  5. Community center
  6. Playground
  7. Passive use
  8. Multi-use outdoor complex with lighting
  9. Adventure playground
  10. Picnic shelters
  11. Nature center
• It was agreed that a third public meeting was needed that would meet in 90 days. Prior to the third meeting, the work groups would refine, continue their work, or gather additional information for presentation at the upcoming third meeting.

• Community members can still get involved by joining a work group that interests them. Groups and contact information are listed on the District’s website.

• The work groups will provide any additional information to the Park District for posting on the District website one week before the third public meeting or sooner.

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Upcoming Third Public Meeting

Meeting date: July 16, 2016

• Work groups will be given the opportunity to share any additional findings and summarize their work in a short presentation.

• Community members will consider the work group’s information as they review the preliminary, non-prioritized list of recommended uses generated at the second public meeting. They will decide if any additions or changes are needed.

• Community members will determine the final list of the community’s 10-12 recommended uses that will be formally presented to the park board at an upcoming board meeting.

• A Park District representative will speak about the next steps.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Board meeting date: July 21, 2016

The work generated out of the above public process will be formally transferred to the Park District as follows:

• The community’s list of 10-12 recommended uses for the Sakai property will be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

• The work groups will have the opportunity to present the Board with their findings and a summary of their work.

The information provided by the work groups will be of value to the Commissioners as they evaluate in coming months the community’s list of recommended uses for the Sakai property.