



**Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee (FBPCC)
c/o Natural Resources Commission (NRC)
525 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482**

FBP DESIGN PHASE – FBPCC October 22, 2010 MEETING

MEETING NOTES

Present:

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BOS: Board of Selectmen

CPC: Community Preservation Committee

DPW: Town of Wellesley – Department of Public Works

FBPCC: Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee

NRC: Natural Resources Commission

SC: School Committee

Location: Town Hall, Wellesley
Time: 10/22/2010, 7:30AM – 11:00 AM
Notes by: Viola Augustin

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Fuller Brook Park Preservation Project – Public Meeting #2 – Draft Presentation Outline
- Vegetation Analysis of Alternatives
- Phase 2 Preliminary Design: Options for Path Surface
- Fuller Brook Park – Public Forum #2
- Hand-submitted letter re: Fuller Brook Project (20 Oct 10)

Survey Status

- NS reported and MP and SF agreed that survey was delivered on Friday 10/15.
- NS stated that billing issues have been resolved between NRC, DPW, and CPC.

Sketch

- LM brought a large scanned drawing representing a perspective of a section of FBP before and after scenario. She asked for input as to the committee's preference of size and color for the sketch

Universal Accessibility

- KB reported that the town does not have a policy.

Power Point Presentation

- LM went through presentation and discussed each slide with committee.
- General:
 - Suggestion to indent bullets.
 - PC observed that from the presentation he did not get a sense of what the FBPCC's vision for the park is. He is not getting a sense of the experiential quality of the park.
 - Use sketch early and towards the end of the presentation
- Slide 1 - 19:
 - Should take about 20 minutes. Then 10 minutes questions.
 - These slides suggest a range of approaches for Vegetation Management, Stream Restoration and Park Boundaries, which differs from the path slides that offer different alternatives.
 - These slides as more educational and provide an opportunity to help the public recognize the importance of these potential improvements. UK suggested to present these as system wide issues, considering the 'big picture', and tying issues back to impact for humans - "people think of people"
- Slide 2 - Text for Project Goal:
The Fuller Brook Park Preservation Project will preserve and restore a vital natural, cultural, and recreational resource and significant open space that provides a vital ecological and floodplain function for the town of Wellesley.
- Slide 3 – Special Considerations:
 - Quickly go through this. Details will be discussed later.
 - Move Recreational ... before ADA.
- Slide 4 – Design Criteria:
 - quickly go through these
 - simplify criteria refer to web page for detailed list of criteria and goals
 - mention that design criteria are used to evaluate design options
- Slide 5 – Feedback from Public Meeting 1:
 - Simplify
 - Don't categorize
- Slide 6 – Options and Alternatives:
 - Use Options instead of Alternatives
- Slide 7 – Vegetation - Trees:
 - LM suggested to have somebody from Tree Specialist talk about this slide. Committee felt that is not necessary especially considering the extra time it will take.
- Slide 16 - Stream Bank Stabilization:
 - Better images that look more appealing/representing a naturalistic stream
- Slide 19 – Park Boundary Options:
 - Boundary markers will be put in.
 - Should change Edge Delineation to Edge Treatment.
 - Make it clear that Edge Treatment is site specific.
 - Add visuals of existing conditions to demonstrate the issue.
- Slides 19 to end:
 - Should take about 30 minutes to go through and then open up for questions

- Explain what Option 1 – 3 are at the beginning
- Make sure to point out that path options are site/segment specific
- Have an introductory slide at the beginning of each segment showing location, existing conditions (path width, material)
- Add ADA slide before path width. Consider that accessibility is not only for wheelchairs but also for seniors and strollers.
- MP reiterated that path width of 5' is preferred by DPW for easy plowing.
- Instead of using 'widened' path use uniform width.
- Slide – Path – Connections:
 - This will be developed further in next phase of work. Suggestion to use aerial as base map
 - Label streets
 - Add connection to Centennial Reservation.
- Slide – Path Surface
 - Discussion of ways to make this information more effective. Agreed to have 3 slides: existing, soft surface, and hard surface materials.

End of Meeting Notes