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Time: 6:00 p.m.- 7:20 p.m.

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Location: Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, 411 Watauga Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834

Attendees: See attached Sign-In Log

The Greenville Recreation and Parks Department facilitated a second public input meeting to discuss concepts generated for the Dream Park Master Plan. The purpose of the meeting was to get input from the community and stakeholders on the two concepts. The following topics were discussed:

Opening Comments (Recreation and Parks Director Gary Fenton)

- 1). Bishop Henry Brown, Sr. gave opening remarks and prayer.
- 2). Mr. Fenton gave acknowledgments to City Council Member, City staff and guest.
- 3). Mr. Fenton discussed the justification of a master plan and its importance in developing the park in the future.

Conceptual Phase (Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner)

- 4). Mr. Morrison gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the project scope and concepts. The following topics were discussed during the presentation:
 - Existing Conditions – Site is 2.64 acres and bordered by residential, commercial, and institutional uses.
 - Original Park Master Plan – The original master plan was completed in 2001 but did not address key site issues: 1). did not meet NRPA Standards; 2). Plan is over 10 years old and outdated; 3). The needs of the community changed, and 3). Site conditions have changed.

- Initial Project Goals: 1). Bring Dream Park up to the NRPA Standard; 2). Maximize the use of Dream Park; 3). Provide a family friendly park that serves the neighborhood and the surround southwest Greenville community.
- Stakeholder Project Goals: a). maximize programming space by exploring shared land use with Greenville Community Shelters; b). partner with grass roots organizations to run community programs; c). seek community involvement with the design process; d). explore grant opportunities from local, State and Federal agencies, and e). get input from middle school aged children.
- Program Elements were discussed; they include new playground, spray ground / splash pad, multi-purpose field, extreme Park, community garden, picnic shelter, outdoor restrooms, memorial plaza / walk, sand volleyball, outdoor performance space, shared program space w/ GCS & American Legion, improvements to City Pool and miniature gold

Master Plan Process (Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner)

- 5). Mr. Morrison discussed the master plan process and project schedule
- 6). Mr. Morrison presented the Greenfield Terrace Master Plan and the Phase I construction to demonstrate how the master plan yields development.

Questions and Comments

- 7). Recreation and Parks staff opened the floor for questions and comments from stakeholders. The following details questions and comments:
 - Q. How long is the process going to take before all of the renovations in the master plans are complete?
 - A. Development of the park depends on funding from the City and grants, but some phases of the project could happen immediately after the master plan is approved if funding is available.
 - Q. Will there be a fee for entrance to the proposed sprayground?
 - A. Initially there would be no charge for entrance, but there could be a fee in the future to support seasonal staff.
- 8). Stakeholders gave the following suggestions for the final master plan:
 - Bring a priority list and phasing plan to the next meeting.
 - Look at additional funding sources such as CBDG funding for parks and open space.
 - Solicit donations of equipment from area stakeholders.
 - Install a sign for the park
 - Promote family gatherings with park elements such as shelters and family oriented programming.

Programming Session (Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner)

- 9). Mr. Morrison provided program element ranking and comment sheets to get input from stakeholders on the concept plans.

Closing Remarks

- 10). Bishop Henry Brown, Sr. gave closing remarks and prayer.

The content of the above referenced meeting minutes are considered accurate, and a permanent record unless a written request for revisions are submitted within ten (10) days of issuance.

End of Meeting