From: Huang, Wen
To: James Riley
Subject: RE: Boston Park (aka SilverSpringIntermediate Park)
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 10:27:00 AM

Dear Mr. Riley,

Thank you for sending me this email about the volleyball group. I've seen your group playing volleyball during my site visits and also received an email from the community about your twice a week activity. The fields that we proposed to regrade and resize are multi-purpose open play areas and can be used for many different outdoor activities, I don't think it should cause the conflicts between the activities you mentioned. Plus it should allow for better on-site drainage.

The plans and the presentation can now be viewed on line and you can make comments to the improvements. Please see the email below. If you have time, please leave your comments on the Open Town Hall Forum linked below.

Meanwhile, your request is received and will be taken into consideration along with other community comments. Thank you very much for spending the time to send us your feedback.

Sincerely,
Wen Huang

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in the Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan. Montgomery Parks is working to improve the park to meet accessibility and environmental requirements, and we are seeking public input. The first community meeting was held on April, 18, 2018. At the meeting two concept plans were proposed. To read background on the project and view the presentation from the community meeting visit the park project page. Notes from the meeting will be added soon.

For those that were unable to attend the meeting, we still want to hear from you! Please add your comments and suggestion on our Open Town Hall forum. Please feel free to forward this link to interested members of the community.

Comments are being accepted until May 25, 2018. Parks staff will then use the public input from the community meeting and online forum to update the concept plans. A second community meeting will be held to present updated plans.

Thank you,

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From: James Riley [mailto:ajriley514@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 3:33 PM
To: Huang, Wen <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Boston Park (aka SilverSpringIntermediate Park)

Hello Mr. Huang,
I was told about a county parks meeting which discussed improvements and changes to the Boston Avenue park (aka SilverSpringIntermediate Park).

Many of the improvements sound like a forced plan being imposed to "predetermine" activities in the park grounds.

My concern is the volleyball group which has been playing in that park for 3 decades. It is a neighborhood ad-hoc group of regulars and newcomers, of which I am a regular. The park and planning group must recognize that this volleyball group exists and plays there sometimes twice a week in the summer. We co-exist with children playing ball and soccer and others throwing footballs and playing with dogs. This happens successfully because all activities become coordinated and pick their places as required on any day.

Parking is essential and must also be available for those bringing nets and equipment and for several who drive to the park.

I hope my comments will be input to the plans, and that we need to retain the ability of impromptu groups using the space.
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