From: Peter Kovar
To: Huang, Wen
Subject: Re: Comments on Silver Spring Intermediate Park
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:24:13 PM

Thanks for taking the time to respond. I appreciate it, and will pass along your comments to the residents who raised the various concerns. I would certainly be glad to attend a future public meeting, schedule permitting. We generally have City Council meetings every Wednesday evening, so to the extent you're thinking of weeknights, if you can avoid Wednesdays that may make it easier for me to attend.

-- Peter

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On Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 11:28 AM, Huang, Wen <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Kovar,
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> Thank you for taking the time and provide us the feedback below. We had a very good turnout in the community meeting last night. Some of your concerns were also shared by other residents. Please see my response to your comments below.
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> With the feedback we received yesterday, we will adjust the initial design and will have a second community meeting (time to be determined). I hope it will not conflict with your schedule and we can see you there. Thank you.
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Good afternoon Mr, Huang --

I'm unable to attend the meeting about the park because our City Council meeting conflicts with it. There are three issues about the park I'd like to bring to your attention as follows.

1. A number of residents along Boston Avenue support added fencing on that edge of the park in order to help ensure that young children entering and leaving the park do so through a more controlled passage, making them less likely to be endangered by passing cars.

We will consider to add a low profile fence at the edge of the playground adjacent to Boston Ave. We will create a paved entrance to the playground inside the park, instead of along the sidewalk as what is now.

2. On the Philadelphia Avenue end of the park there is often poison ivy and other weeds that make is difficult to pass on the already narrow sidewalk. Any steps your office can take to cut back on the weeds, improve the fence and if possible upgrade the sidewalk would be appreciated.

Montgomery Parks hired a landscape contractor last summer to remove the non-native invasive shrubs as well as poison ivy along the sidewalk. We will continue to monitor the plants as weather turns warm and will have further treatment should the shrubs and poison ivy grow back. The sidewalk upgrade is scheduled in City of Takoma Park's Sidewalk Improvement Plan. Two weeks ago, we met with Daryl Braithwaite, Public Works Director of the City of Takoma Park to discuss the improvement. She will keep us updated and coordinated as they have a more clear plan in the summer.

3. The park is the site of a memorial bench and area honoring Miles Reinke, a beloved young man from the neighborhood who tragically passed away a couple of years ago. Whatever other changes are made to the park, it's essential that this memorial be preserved. It would be helpful to install a drainage system to keep that part of the park less boggy following rain storms.

We were aware of the memorial bench and trees at the time of the design. We also met the parents yesterday and let them know that the memorial bench and trees will be preserved. The drainage has been a big concern from the residents, not only at that side of the park, but many other spots as well. We will continue to address that concern in the following design process.

Thanks for your attention to these matters. I would be glad to answer any questions about them or discuss them with you as needed.

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