From: Sherelyn Ernst
To: Huang, Wen
Subject: Re: Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park
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Mr. Huang, Project Manager,

Unfortunately, I will be out of the area at the time you are holding a meeting about the Boston Park, but I would like to make a few suggestions. I have lived at 7805 Takoma Ave. since 1973.

I often bike and the sidewalk along Philadelphia Ave. is too narrow and decrepit to bike along, so I go over to the college to get from Chicago Ave. to Takoma Ave. That sidewalk is also somewhat dangerous to walk along as one has to walk along a very narrow, decrepit sidewalk facing traffic.

Even more dangerous are the two bus stops at Philadelphia and Chicago Ave. Students often crowd along this area waiting for buses. I have measured off the options and feel it imperative that the street be widened at the bus stop area on both sides of the street to make it possible for the buses, in effect, to pull off the street as they pick up the students. this will probably not even entail removal of any trees and will not impinge on any park concerns.

The Park people, maybe at our request, have cut down the poison ivy in the past, but simply cutting it down is not a solution. It needs to be killed and ongoing attention given to the problem, so no child suffers needlessly.

Your website indicates that there are ball fields on the park. We have never seen any serious ball playing on the field, but the area is wasted and could make that possible. A soccer field for organized teams surely is possible. Also, the parking area seems to serve no particular purpose (a service based on past needs) and should be removed for more ample, structured sports.

The park is no longer a part of Silver Spring Intermediate and needs a name change. It has been so long that the tree on the Northwest corner has been down and not hauled away that I hardly notice one ay or the other whether or not it is still there.

A nice job was done by the Park service with the basketball courts which have always been well used.

Thank you for this opportunity to express these thoughts.

I have another concern not pertinent to the Boston Park, but I don't know if the County Parks oversee the Sligo Creek trail. More than two years ago a new path was bring created, including a bridge over the creek, at Sligo Creek and Piney Branch. While this effort was handled so haphazardly it has been finished (except for possible stripes over Piney Branch) since last November. New sod has been laid and tarred path is even in place. In order to go along the Sligo Creek path one has to cross the street away some distance from the intersection and walk or bike along a very narrow sidewalk next to the street and towards oncoming traffic.

The situation invites an accident and there seems to be no reason not to open this part of the trail except that it may have been forgotten and the deciders that be do not have it on their agenda.

Please, pass this message along to the appropriate person or suggest who I might contact.

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