From: gregordonaldwallace
To: Huang, Wen
Cc: "Hans Riemer"
Subject: RE: Response to SSI Park development plan
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:26:40 PM

Hi Wen
I think relying on your camera trap results to monitor usage is a flawed methodology. I noticed when Parks had deployed cameras in the tennis courts at SSI and it came as no surprise to me that this coincided with an uptick in tennis court usage. The NO CHANGE brigade can out in force. There was even a local tennis coach who miraculously appeared during this time to conduct private lessons. He normally performs operations at the courts at TP Middle School. I haven't seen him since. I would encourage you to reconsider the survey results. That is where the true pulse of the community us to be found.
Regards,
Gregor

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

-------- Original message --------
From: "Huang, Wen" <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org>
Date: 1/29/19 3:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Gregor Wallace <gregordonaldwallace@gmail.com>
Cc: 'Hans Riemer' <hans.riemer@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Response to SSI Park development plan

Hello Gregor,

I understand your disappointment. The decision, however, is made based on our monthly long observation of 4 parks near this area, as mentioned in the project introduction page.

Parks takes your input seriously and we fully understand there is the needs for futsal in this area. A County-wide study is underway for the sport courts by Parks staff. We believe there are sites more suitable for the small-sided soccer game. Among the 4 parks we observed (all within ¾ mile walkding distance from SS Intermediate Park), SSI Park has the highest tennis usage. The tennis courts in Jessup Blair Local Park are already being used by soccer players on a regular base, and it has two lighted courts with much less tennis players competing with the court usage. I’ve forwarded your contact information to our staff who is responsible for the County-wide sport courts study. You will be contacted to help with the study which will come up with the most suitable sites.

Best,

Wen Huang

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From: Gregor Wallace <gregordonaldwallace@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 2:50 PM
To: Huang, Wen <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org>
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Subject: Response to SSI Park development plan

Hi Wen,

I have just reviewed the final concept plan for the SSI Park redevelopment. I must say I'm very disappointed that soccer/futsal has not been included in the final design, and I'd like an explanation as to why the views of the majority of survey respondents have been disregarded in this way.

"Pickle-ball" – is that really the best Montgomery Parks can do?

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Regards,

Gregor Wallace

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