

Carey Grove Park – Community Input Meeting

Q: Will the restrooms have time-controlled locks to prevent use after park hours?

A: The intention is to have the automated locks so that before sunrise and after sunset they automatically lock down.

Q: Will there be restrooms and will they be year-round?

A: Yes. Over the last several years Carey Grove Park has received an overwhelming amount of support for year-round restrooms; therefore, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) has included them in the scope of work.

Q: Will the 2-3 picnic shelters at the park all be the same size?

A: Two of them will be the same size as they mirror each other; however, we aren't yet sure about the third one. Based on the initial design, at least one of them would be designated as a community shelter.

Q: How many slides will be included in the playground design?

A: Maybe two or three. One in the older kids' section and probably two in the younger kids' section.

Q: How many acorn structures will there be?

A: The total number of acorn structures is still being discussed, and final number will be dependent upon the budget; however, CCPR currently believes there will be at least two.

Q: Will there be parking for bikes?

A: Bike parking has been included in every project CCPR has completed in recent years.

Q: How many handicapped parking spots will there be?

A: Current plans have allotted enough room for two handicapped parking spots.

Q: I noticed the park structures will be constructed of wood. How durable will the structures be over time?

A: CCPR just installed a similar wood product playground from the same manufacturer at West Park in the section that we call The Groves behind the Jill Perelman Pavilion. CCPR is evaluating maintenance of the product to determine long-term viability to ensure that the playground at Carey Grove will serve residents well.

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Q: How will the design affect the existing natural landscape? Will there be more trees planted?

A: Final plans will include planting additional shade trees. CCPR's goal is to preserve as many of the existing trees as possible, however, there are going to have to be a few here and there that come down to accommodate some of the planned amenities. The removal of these few trees will occur as early as November 29.

Q: Will the entrance to the restrooms face the parking lot or toward the park? Parents in the park need to have an unobstructed view to children using the restrooms.

A: You will enter the restrooms on the park side, and a utility closet will be on the parking lot side. For that exact reason we want to be conscious so that you don't have to lose site of the kids if you have a couple and one needs to go to the restroom and the other one is still on the playground.

Q: Will there be drinking fountains?

A: Yes. There will be drinking fountains in the restroom structure on the playground side.

Q: Will there be drinking fountains for pets?

A: If we can get one in somewhere, that would be awesome. We have them in a lot of parks along the Greenway, and they're certainly popular.

Q: Will the park be closed? When?

A: Because of all the extensive work that will be recurring in a relatively small space, the park will be closed while it is under construction for the safety of all our visitors to the park as well as to the individuals doing construction work. We will be removing all the existing playground equipment and the existing parking lot. The trail will remain there, but we'll be re-milling and repaving it.

Q: When will the park close?

A: Construction of the park will start sometime in the winter/spring of 2020, as early as February and as late as April, and the schedule is dependent upon the weather. As soon as construction begins the park will remain closed until finished, and CCPR is hopeful that everything will be complete sometime in the fall/early winter.

Q: Would CCPR consider posting signage to help prevent park users from crossing the park boundary into the personal property of the surrounding neighbors?

A: One of the things that we're striving to do as we do all of these projects is surveys of our boundaries, and the intent is that we will have some signage. We have some sample signage already that is basically to the same effect, *"Please respect the property of the neighbors."*

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Q: I have middle school aged children. Would it be possible to add more features to the park design that would interest this age group?

A: The bigger playground is designed by the experts for ages 5-12 years. What we've typically found is that this park skews a little bit younger, but that obviously doesn't mean that we don't have neighbors that are pre-teen and not driving places yet. Yes, we can certainly give some thought to that.