

Meadowlark Park – Community Input Meeting

Q: Do you have any plans for aeration of a pond?

A: Initial plans do not call for aeration of the pond but CCPR will consider incorporating into final plans.

Q: Can a parent get into the netted structures?

A: Yes. There are both kid-size and adult-size openings as we understand sometimes the parent/caregiver needs to get in there and pull them out for a number of reasons.

Q: Are you doing anything differently for individuals with disabilities?

A: Yes. Every playground CCPR has installed takes into consideration universal design. Being in the flood plan, we can't build a big earthen ramp, so we are limited by that, but we'll still have universally accessible features in mind where individuals can transfer up and onto different features.

Q: The water on the right-hand side is that full time or shallow detention?

A: Shallow detention and we are not entirely sure what that looks like yet. We have in mind to create a wide shallow basin to hold some of the storm water. Not deep water, but more of a habitat and place to hold water after a storm.

Q: What's at the end of the parking lot area (see design concept slides)?

A: CCPR is anticipating that the park will receive increased use after construction is complete, therefore we have incorporated a dumpster enclosure into the design concept.

Q: Will the courts be lighted?

A: Courts are open dawn to dusk. We do not plan to light the courts and extend past park hours. We also have neighbors just to the south and having that light would disturb them.

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: Are the restrooms open year-round?

A: Yes. Restrooms are heated and ventilated so they can be opened year-round.

Q: Will there be a little dog park or friendly place to take dogs?

A: There will be open green space for play, however, there are no plans to construct a designated dog park.

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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: Kudos to Carmel for adding 4 pickleball courts – neighboring cities and towns already have some. What's the plan for more in the future?

A: CCPR bases its decisions on what the community wants/needs, off of feedback received from a statistically valid survey disseminated to the Carmel community every 5 years in conjunction with our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan is CCPR's guided vision for the park system, and is what drives our decisions. Data received from our most recent survey shows there is demand for pickleball, but that it is still a niche population. There is a likelihood that CCPR constructs more courts in the future as demand continues to grow.

Q: You're not telling us much about the pickleball courts themselves. Are they concrete, asphalt, will they have wind breaks, what are the height of the fences?

A: Current design plans indicate that the court surface will be asphalt and be surrounded by a roughly 12' tall fence.

Q: Can you give us our timeline for the re-opening?

A: Originally, we were hoping for 2020; however, with some of the equipment we're learning from the manufacturers it won't be available as early as we were hoping. We're now looking at a 2021 opening.