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North Sifton Neighborhood Park Draft Concept Plan Comment Summary

Comment Period: April 8-23, 2010

This is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the April 8, 2010 public meeting, and the written comments submitted through the project Web page April 9-23, 2010. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript.

An updated proposed concept plan will be developed based on neighborhood feedback, program needs, project funding and site requirements. This plan will be mailed to neighbors for final review and input in May 2010.

Question 1: What do you like about the draft concept plan?

- Overall layout
- Basketball half court
- Trails
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- That the trees will not be cut down
- That the plan incorporates the public input submitted previously
- Bike path for children
- Open lawn area is a good size
- Openness and visibility
- Central location of the playground
- The natural feel on the east side
- Covered picnic area
- The entrance on the south side. This will serve a large number of families.

Question 2: What do you dislike about the draft concept plan? Is there anything you would change or move?

- The 160th Avenue entrance. Concerned that adjacent neighbors' expensive vinyl fences will be damaged by park visitors like what happened with York Elementary School's pedestrian entrance.
- The oversized chess/checker board. It will attract vandalism and won't be used often. Include a full-size basketball court instead.
- Make the playground larger.
- Want the path through the woods now, instead of later.
- Replace chess/checker board with a four-square or two-square court.
- Move picnic node further north and west.
- Include more benches around the perimeter path.

- More playground equipment.
- Include a covered picnic area.
- Needs a restroom or portable toilet.
- The basketball court will become a noise problem at night.
- The future pathway.
- Include BBQ pits/grills.
- Add a drinking fountain near the basketball court.
- Add a dog waste bag dispenser to encourage people to pick up after their pets.

Other general comments:

- Make sure graffiti is removed promptly and maintenance conducted regularly.
- Very supportive of this park development.
- Do not put chain link fencing along the front of the park (NE 96th Street). Use some other material to help keep cars out and children in.
- Need safer pedestrian access to the park from area east of NE 162nd Avenue.
- Don't let stormwater collect on the surface in ponds or ditches. Concerned about mosquitoes.
- Make sure there is good visibility through the park from NE 96th Street for patrolling Sheriff's deputies.
- Don't allow on-street parking on NE 96th Street. Keep this a "walk-to" park.

New park name suggestions:

- North Highpride Neighborhood Park
- Heritage Neighborhood Park
- Heritage North Neighborhood Park
- Haven Neighborhood Park
- Hidden Grove Neighborhood Park
- Peaceful Acres Neighborhood Park
- York Neighborhood Park
- Otto Neighborhood Park
- Stone Tree Neighborhood Park
- 96th Street Neighborhood Park
- Merrifield Neighborhood Park
- Country Lane Neighborhood Park
- Fieldstone Neighborhood Park

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