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## VAN DYCK PARK MASTER PLAN





## Appendices

### *Appendix A. Public Engagement*

Compilation of meeting notes, presentations, comments, on-line survey

- Advisory Group Meetings - 4 total
- Community Workshops - 2 total
- Open House
- Stakeholder List
- Council Work Session Presentation October 2017
- On-line Survey results

### *Appendix B. Cost Estimate*

- Draft Master Plan Cost Estimate for Van Dyck Park, October 2017

### *Appendix C. Park History*

- History of E. Calvin Van Dyck Park Master Plan, Donald F. Lederer, FASLA, March 2008
- Land Trade Documents (St. Leo the Great Catholic Church and City of Fairfax)

### *Appendix D. Skatepark*

- Design proposal submitted by skaters
- Criteria, sizing and costing information provided by Spohn Ranch

### *Appendix E. Excerpts from 2014 Strategic Plan*

- Page C-83 from 2014 Plan Appendix - Qualitative Site Assessment of Van Dyck Park

### *Appendix F. Plan Formulation Documents*

- CAD file for sizing for Master Plan proposals
- Parking count at Sherwood Center and Police Station

### *Appendix G. Site Survey*

- Sheets from CAD digital survey of the park



## Appendix A - Public Outreach

### Advisory Group (AG) Meeting #1 - March 22, 2017

#### Agenda



### Van Dyck Park Master Plan Advisory Group Meeting #1

**March 22, 2017**  
**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**Sherwood Center**

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 7:15 p.m. Brief Explanation of the Master Planning Project Team – project and process  
*Cathy/Elisabeth*
- 7:30 p.m. Role of Advisory Group  
*Cathy*
- 7:50 p.m. Project Schedule  
*Elisabeth*  
  
*Advisory Group Meetings*  
*Public Meetings*  
*Project Completion Date Target*
- 8:10 p.m. Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans to Current Work  
*Cathy/Elisabeth*  
  
*Strategic Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Trails, Open Space, Events, and Cultural Arts Drawings for Van Dyck Park*  
*Community Center Alternatives*  
*On-line Survey*  
*Outreach – groups contacted, and those to contact*
- 8:25 p.m. Next Steps  
*Elisabeth*



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**AG #1 - March 22, 2017**  
Presentation



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**Master Planning Project Team**

**City of Fairfax**

**Advisory Group**

**Consultant Team**  
Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.

- Elisabeth Lardner, Project Director
- Cara Smith, Landscape Architect

**Dominion Surveyors, Inc.**

- Karl Schwartz, Engineering
- George O'Quinn, Surveying

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- Steve Curran

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**Role of the Advisory Group**

**Advise**

**Reach Out**

**Preview and Digest**

**React and Refine**

**Commitment**

- 4 Advisory Group Meetings
- 2 Public Workshops
- Support with Outreach

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**Project Schedule**

**Winter 2017 – Tasks 1 and 2**

- Site Topographic Survey
- Base Information
- Program Analysis and Site Use

**Spring 2017 – Tasks 3 and 4**

- Public Outreach
- Formulate Vision, Objectives and Goals for the Park
- Draft Master Plan

**Summer 2017 – Task 4**

- Final Plan

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**Project Schedule Winter/Spring Tasks 1 and 2**

Task	Task Description	Start	End	Lead	Notes
1	Site Topographic Survey	12/15/16	1/15/17	Elisabeth	
2	Base Information	12/15/16	1/15/17	Elisabeth	
3	Program Analysis and Site Use	1/15/17	2/15/17	Elisabeth	
4	Public Outreach	2/15/17	3/15/17	Elisabeth	
5	Formulate Vision, Objectives and Goals for the Park	2/15/17	3/15/17	Elisabeth	
6	Draft Master Plan	3/15/17	4/15/17	Elisabeth	
7	Final Plan	4/15/17	5/15/17	Elisabeth	

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AG #1

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### Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

#### Strategic Master Plan Action Plan Excerpts for Van Dyck Park

- Strategy 1.1.3: Update the 1967 Master Plan for Van Dyck Park with the goal of improving its functionality, accessibility, erosion and storm water issues, parking, traffic flow and aesthetics
- Strategy 1.1.7: Establish three playgrounds in strategic geographical locations to serve as larger barrier-free and sensory rich environments. Van Dyck Park and the replacement playground at Draper Drive Park are logical locations.
- Strategy 1.1.8: Restore eroded stream banks at Van Dyck, Daniels Run, and Ranger Road Parks.
- Strategy 1.2.3: Ensure that at least 40% of parks designated as "Community Park" land (i.e. Van Dyck Park and Providence Park) remains undeveloped and is maintained as open space and buffer to maintain a balance of active and passive areas at each designated "Community Park." Trails could be located in the undeveloped portion. (The current ratio is approximately 42% developed to 58% undeveloped)
- Strategy 1.2.8: Coordinate with Fairfax County when and if the County plans to redevelop or move the Belle Willard and Joseph Willard buildings, as a means to enhance and expand Van Dyck Park and the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.
- Strategy 1.4.2: Develop restroom solutions at parks with the highest use levels, initially to include Van Dyck and Draper Drive Parks.
- Strategy 1.4.3: Replace the skate park at Van Dyck Park. Preferably the skate park would be relocated within Van Dyck Park in accordance with the Van Dyck Park Master Plan.
- Strategy 1.5.1: Repair/improve existing trails and develop new trails. Priority connections include: Snyder Trail; resurface existing asphalt trails; tank farm connection from Daniels Run Park; trails extending west of Kamp Washington; and connecting Van Dyck Park to Fairfax Boulevard.

### Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

#### Strategic Master Plan Survey Responses

**Survey Work Session on outdoor spaces to Improve Van Dyck Park**  
When asked to comment or "vote" on one ways to improve Van Dyck Park, responses were as follows. The number in parentheses indicates the number of "points" received for a particular item.

- Water spray/fountain play area (56 points)
- Add real bike paths to the park (37)
- Make forested areas accessible nature areas (30)
- Master Plan for an Urban Park (23)
- Balance between active use and natural areas (18)
- Shade the playground (17)
- Better bathroom facilities (45)
- Improve the skate park (31)
- Bike riding area for kids (29)
- Dog Park
- Trees and benches (18)
- Pretty good park already – Create other wonderful spaces (17)
- Light maintenance of forested area (14)
- Ice Rink (14)
- Outdoor fitness equipment (11)
- Add trees and benches near playground and basketball courts (11)
- Coordinate use with St. Leos (9)
- Resurface tennis courts (8)
- Long covered slides for kids and adults (5)

### Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

#### Strategic Master Plan Drawings Developed for Van Dyck Park at Workshops

Appendix B – Public Engagement

Strategic Master Plan, Appendix B, B-35

### Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

#### Community Center Alternatives

- Potential location in Van Dyck Park; other sites at City Hall and Providence Park

### Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

#### Current On-line Survey Sample Responses as of March 8

### Coordination of Prior Studies/Plans to Current Work

#### Outreach

- Groups Contacted, those to contact
- Status Update



**Project Issues and Challenges**

**Recognize that Open Space is at a Premium**

- Van Dyck Park is the jewel of Fairfax City park system

**Integrate Uses**

- Multi-generational areas for play and recreation
- Open Space is at a premium; 40% goal in Strategic Plan

**Employ Active and Engaging Public Outreach**

- Listen and incorporate what is heard

**Design with Costs and Maintenance in Mind**

- Lifecycle costing
- Maintenance awareness




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**Getting Started**

**Work Underway**

- Understand Demographics
  - Aging, diversifying in ethnicity (Strategic Plan)
- Develop Vision Word List
  - Amazing Experiences! (Strategic Plan)
- Compile Opportunities and Constraints Analysis and Diagram
- Define Program Elements
  - Rearrange elements, improved parking access and traffic pattern, update skate park, stream bank erosion concerns, restrooms, barrier free playground, trail access, water feature, dog park (Strategic Plan)



Van Dyck Park Master Plan City of Fairfax 300000 0 300000 Feet City of Fairfax (Source: City of Fairfax GIS) © 2017 KLA

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**April 6 Workshop**

**Presentation Content**

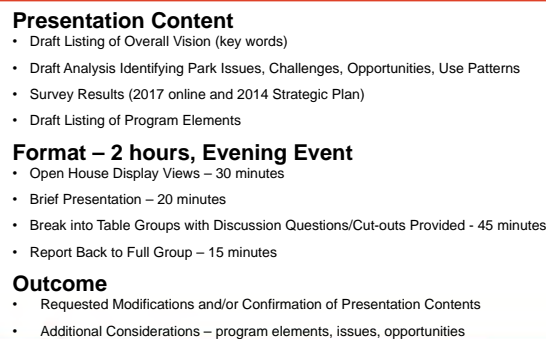
- Draft Listing of Overall Vision (key words)
- Draft Analysis Identifying Park Issues, Challenges, Opportunities, Use Patterns
- Survey Results (2017 online and 2014 Strategic Plan)
- Draft Listing of Program Elements

**Format – 2 hours, Evening Event**

- Open House Display Views – 30 minutes
- Brief Presentation – 20 minutes
- Break into Table Groups with Discussion Questions/Cut-outs Provided - 45 minutes
- Report Back to Full Group – 15 minutes

**Outcome**

- Requested Modifications and/or Confirmation of Presentation Contents
- Additional Considerations – program elements, issues, opportunities



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**Next Steps and Contact**

**Next Steps**

**April 6** Public Workshop on Issues and Opportunities, Vision for the Park

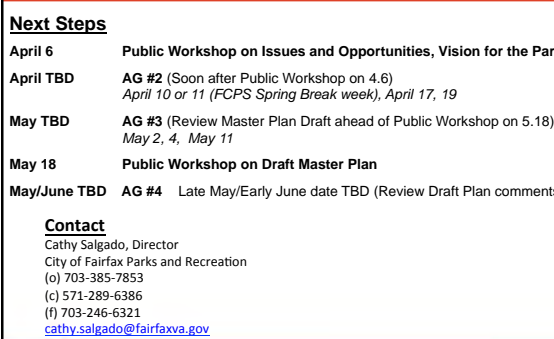
**April TBD** AG #2 (Soon after Public Workshop on 4.6)  
April 10 or 11 (FCPS Spring Break week), April 17, 19

**May TBD** AG #3 (Review Master Plan Draft ahead of Public Workshop on 5.18)  
May 2, 4, May 11

**May 18** Public Workshop on Draft Master Plan

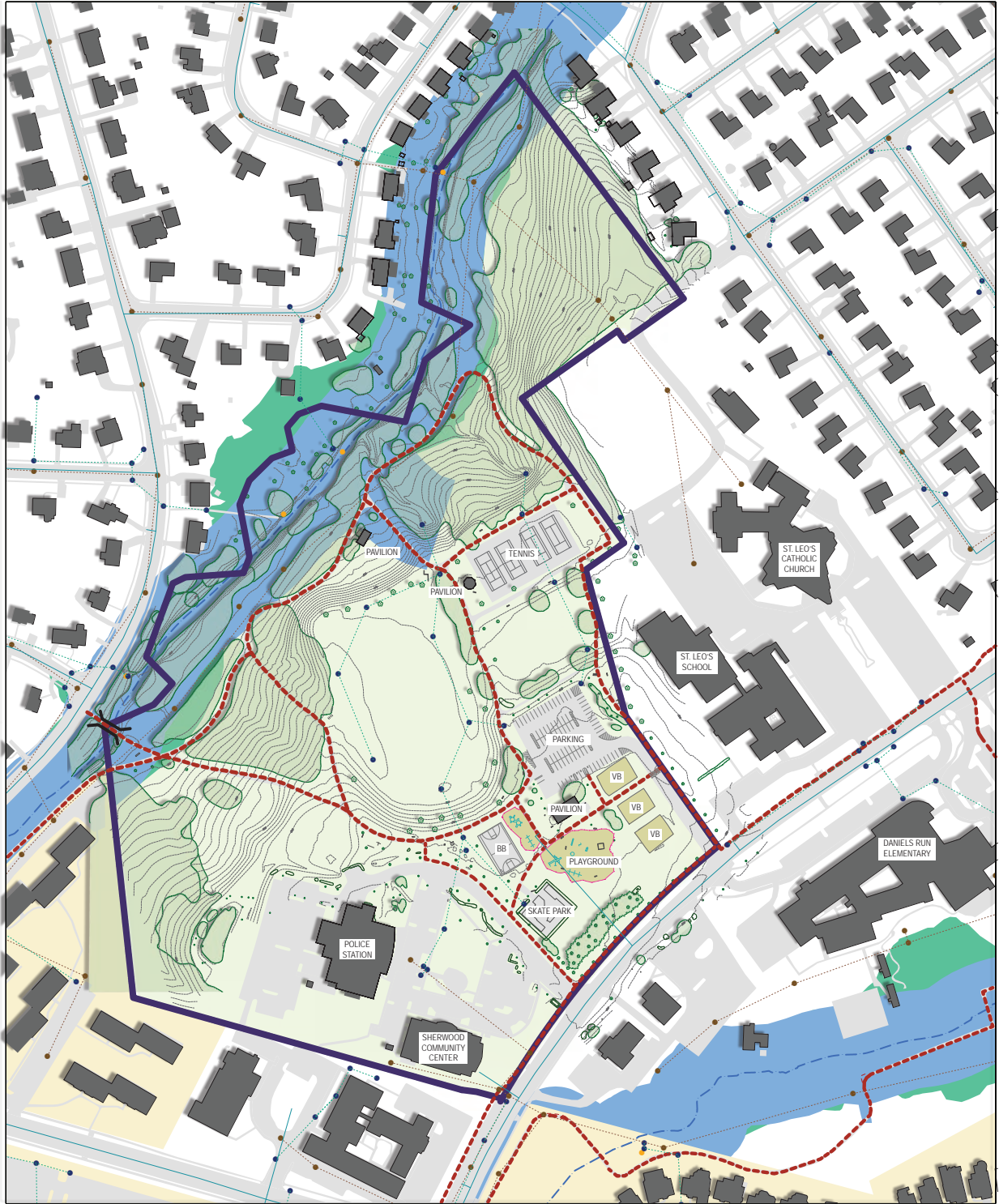
**May/June TBD** AG #4 Late May/Early June date TBD (Review Draft Plan comments)

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AG #1 - March 22, 2017  
Display



### Van Dyck Park Master Plan

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Existing Conditions Assessment - Base Map

**Legend**

- Van Dyck Park Boundary
- Trail
- Storm Connectivity Line
- Waterline
- Sewer Line
- Storm Structure
- Storm Outlet
- Sewer Point
- Old Town Fairfax Transition District
- Impervious Surface
- Stream Centerline
- RPA
- AE - flood zone
- Building
- Tree canopy

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Source: City of Fairfax GIS data

## AG #1 - March 22, 2017

### Meeting Notes



Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.

**PLEASE PROVIDE CHANGES BY COB 3.30.17**

### Memorandum:

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To: Cathy Salgado  
From: Cara Smith, L/KLA  
Date: March 23, 2017  
Subject: Van Dyck Master Plan Advisory Group Meeting #1 - Notes  
March 22, 2017  
7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Sherwood Center

#### Pre-meeting Coordination with Cathy

- Send survey and current base map to Cathy.
- Map - put property lines on map; add road names; add date for City floodplain layer
- Cathy to provide stream study information (Accotink)

#### Meeting attendees:

Cathy Salgado  
Tom Ross  
Sarah Ross  
Kirk Holley  
Brian Knapp  
Armistice Turtora  
Joanna Ormesher  
Brianna Baglini  
Elisabeth Lardner  
Cara Smith

#### Welcome and Introductions (Elisabeth/Cathy)

Brief Explanation of the Master Planning Project Team - project and process  
(Elisabeth/Cathy)

#### Role of Advisory Group (Cathy)

- Advisory Group to be emissaries and facilitators to public

#### Project Schedule (Elisabeth)

- Upcoming Advisory Group Meetings #2, #3, and #4 - dates TBD (Cathy to send out tentative dates for availability polling)
- Public Meetings - April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Project Completion Date Target - June 2017

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Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans to Current Work (Cathy/Elisabeth)

- Strategic Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Trails, Open Space, Events, and Cultural Arts Workshop #4 Drawings for Van Dyck Park
  - City to provide photographs from Strategic Master Plan public work session(s)/planning process where session focused on the redesign of Van Dyck Park
  - City to provide stream study information (ranking) - L/KLA to speak to the streams as a subset of the park work, but not part of the master plan at April 6 Workshop (#1)
  - Need City definition of "Open Space" and "Buffer" in context of 40% of parks designated as "Community Park" land (Van Dyck) remains undeveloped and is maintained as open space and buffer per Strategic Plan's Strategy 1.2.3
  - Find definition and boundaries (if any) of the Tree Protection Area (TPA) in the park
  
- Community Center Alternatives
  - Refer to the ongoing search for the right site for a community center includes looking at Van Dyck Park, but don't let that unknown scenario drive the Master Planning effort
    - Potential option is to use the Willard building parcel in conjunction with Fairfax County who's proposed redevelopment timetable has moved up from 2026 to 2020.
    - Center is to replace existing Green Acres facility
    - Desired footprint is 30,000 - 40,000 SF which is approximately twice the size of the Sherwood Center
    - Include on Inventory and Site Assessment Diagram 40% undeveloped area of the park
    - Develop a diagram that places the community center on the site, as a one-story building with all surface parking and include additional area for construction needs - i.e. what is the most expansive footprint that could be developed to provide and park a 40,000 SF building on the site, estimate cost to construct and to replace the park elements displaced; determine how 'big' the total footprint is and express its size in terms of known site features, such as the base of the bowl and have that measure available to use as an example should it come up in the discussion on April 6
    - Final consultant report on Community Center due no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>
  
- On-line Survey
  - Van Dyck Park survey available to the public until April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Promote survey at April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting; don't speak to it as complete or share specific findings
  
- Outreach - groups contacted, and those to contact
  - Invite St. Leo's Catholic Church Father David Whitestone, Pastor, to meet with a sub set of the AG and staff to discuss concerns such as use

of the parking lot, cut-through pedestrian traffic, school security, use of the park by the school

- City Clips, Active Net outlets outreach - can identify just the HOAs
- In City Scene on April 1<sup>st</sup>

#### April 6 Outreach Workshop

- Overall structure proposed is acceptable
  - Display exhibition
  - Formal presentation
  - Table Groups (if enough people come)
  - Report out
- Displays to Share during exhibition
  - Diagram of park's existing conditions, include parcel lines for all properties (assume 36" x 48" size)
  - Diagram of park's Opportunities and Constraints (assume 36" x 48" size)
  - Display listing, 'laundry list', of various proposed uses, drawn from Strategic Plan, Online Survey, other sources and provide dots for viewers to place at desired elements (assume 36" x 48" size)
  - Flip chart pad (for writing) eliciting viewer to write "what could be improved in the park"; "what is existing in the park that could be better"; what would enhance Van Dyck Park; how do we take Van Dyck Park from great to fantastic? (multiple flip charts with pads and markers)
- Brief overview slide presentation
- Table Groups (plan for four, adjust depending on attendance)
  - Provide large map without park features shown
  - Provide cut-outs of park features for group to arrange on scaled base map
  - Provide 3 guided discussion questions to each facilitator

#### Other Discussion Items

- Provide Draft Meeting Package to Advisory Group by March 31

*Advisory Group Meeting #2 - April 11, 2017*

Agenda



Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.

**AGENDA**

**Van Dyck Park Master Plan Advisory Group #2**

*April 11, 2017*

*7:00 PM – 8:30 PM*

*Sherwood Center*

<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Recap the April 6, 2017 Workshop</b>	<i>Cathy</i>
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Draft Vision and Principles</b>	<i>Elisabeth</i>
<b>7:50 PM</b>	<b>Program Refinement for Draft Plan(s)</b>	<i>All</i>
<b>8:25 PM</b>	<b>Advisory Group #3 date to confirm: May 4 or May 11</b>	
<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## AG #2 - April 11, 2017

### Meeting Notes



Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.

#### Memorandum

To: Cathy Salgado, Members of the Van Dyck Master Plan Advisory Group  
From: Elisabeth Lardner  
Date: 4.17.17 rv. 4.12.17  
Subject: **DRAFT - Notes from Advisory Group Meeting #2**

***Please send changes and updates by April 19, 2017***

#### Attendees:

Kirk Holley  
Sarah Ross  
Brian Knapp  
Bob Reinsel, Sr.  
Cathy Salgado  
Brianna Baglini  
Joanna Ormesher  
Elisabeth Lardner

#### Date set for Advisory Group Meeting #3

May 11, 2017; Review (and revise if needed) Draft Master Plan and Options prior to sharing with the public at the Workshop on May 18

#### Recap of Meeting with Father Whitestone

- Attendees – Cathy, Brian, Elisabeth
- Balance security and openness of shared boundary
- Maintain informal relationships – parking for tennis users, walking through site, occasional restroom use, but do not formalize such uses
- Discovery that some of the drive at the back of the church is City-owned; could be incorporated into a trail link that goes to the north and west of the school's athletic field along park-owned property

#### Recap of the April 6 Public Workshop

- Reviewed notes assembled by L/KLA
- Reviewed notes sent by Tom Ross
- Additional observations from group's discussion and conversation amongst attendees as an outgrowth of that discussion
  - Park is invisible to many; or many residents are unfamiliar with the sections of the park on the hillside and lower portion along University Drive
  - Opportunity for trail connections behind St. Leo's
  - Restroom – mixed interest; some wished for better access/signs for Police Station and Sherwood Center restrooms [what are the operating hours for each?] and others wished for permanent restrooms serving the park directly; Mosby Woods has permanent facilities for the park/soccer field
  - Did not hear community asking for wholesale change or big changes; peoples seemed supportive of 'tweaks' and improvements to what is there now
  - Importance of better incorporating the stream into the life of the park – trails, boardwalks, interpretive exhibits (and if after restoration and water quality tests prove supportive, encourage play in the creek)
  - Desire expressed for Children's Garden – specific such, not play areas – issue is expense of construction and operation to do it well
  - Desire for additional plants – ornamental and specific types of gardens such as pollinators/native/sensory – issue is expense of operation

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- Could sculpture or other features be incorporated that require less maintenance than ornamental display or feature gardens? Such as multiple sculptures sited along a trail segment?
- Could the skate park be relocated behind the Police Station?
- How does the park present itself to the community, both on Old Lee Highway and on University Drive?
- NO water feature in the park – it has been located instead in the heart of downtown
- Could the Farmer’s Market that once was located in the park during the weekdays be cajoled into returning? Not on the weekend, but say on a Tuesday?
- This is a central green space, larger and with more offerings than a traditional neighborhood park, although it does serve the surrounding neighborhood as its neighborhood park (playground for example)
- Programming special events – how do you introduce people to this wonderful resource through special events without turning the park into a singular event hosting machine to the detriment of the most powerful and valued purpose of the park today in its encouragement of unstructured play?
- Structured events also can infringe on the park’s use as a neighborhood resource
- Definitely need more shade structures in the park, both structures and tree plantings – particular need in playground area
- Stormwater management – what area will be consumed by requirements to address stormwater management, if any? Unknown – Cathy and Elisabeth will follow up with Christina Alexander
- Issue of what can be inserted into the RPA and 100-year floodplain legally – Cathy and Elisabeth will clarify with Christina Alexander

**Draft Vision and Principles**

- Vision – Key Words
  - Delete reference to Water Play; otherwise looks good
- Principles
  - Restate Sense of Place to read: The heart of the community, the Crown Jewel of the park system, beyond a great place, this is a fantastic place that is recognizable city-wide
  - Restate Community Connections to read: Park facilities, activities, trails and scheduled events regularly draw the community together
  - Woodlands Management and Stream Restoration – add text that references commitment to the incorporation of the stream into the park

**Program Refinement**

See the following pages for tables annotated based on the discussion – red type indicates changes per the discussion at Advisory Group #2.



**Van Dyck Park Master Plan Program - EXISTING USES**, rvd per AG #2 meeting; edits from AG #2 in red type under Notes

<i>Existing Features</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Retain</i>	<i>Revise/ Relocate</i>	<i>Remove/ Do Not Include</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>Lighted Tennis Courts</b>	4	4			Keep in place; if use drops, could be painted for dual use as pickle ball
<b>Volleyball Courts</b>	3	2	X		Consider reducing to 2 total and relocating within park
<b>Playgrounds</b> (one near pavilion; 2 very small near hilltop)	2 sites	1 on hill; 1 near lower shelter ?	X		Items survey responders and attendees at workshop would like to see in renovated and improved playgrounds: ropes and bridges, rock structures, playground equipment for older kids; do not include fencing around playground; id edge use vegetation or berm; separation of ages; add shade elements
Sandbox					needs maintenance; text only note in MP; not a MP decision
Merry-go-round					number of complaints/safety concerns; text only note in MP; not a MP decision
Age focus - under 5 years			X		current equipment geared to little children; need older children equipment; this DOES need to be addressed in MP – intent is for one large area that serves all ages, including adults
Trail Miles	1.23	X			Better surface on trails; MP to explore pervious surface materials; better connectivity among existing and new trail routes; better entry markers; better surfacing appropriate to site location
Large Pavilion	1		X		MP consider replacing 1 large pavilion with 2 smaller pavilions in same general area; explore connection with paved plaza/area not under roof for additional tables and chairs – ‘gathering space’
Small Pavilion	1	X			MP needs to identify some ways to activate area around existing small pavilion, increase its visibility and attractiveness
Gazebo (not rented)	1	1			
Picnic Tables	18	X			Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual tables not shown on MP
Grills	3	X			Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual grills not shown on MP
Benches	5	X			Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual benches not shown on MP
Drinking Fountain	2	X			Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual drinking fountains not shown on MP
Trash Receptacles	5				Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual trash receptacles not shown on MP

Existing Features	#	Retain	Revise/ Relocate	Remove/ Do Not Include	Notes
Skate Park	1		X		Consider relocating to several different sites as options for discussion at next workshop – limit use to skateboard only @ approx. 7,000 SF total area – behind Police Station, on top of the hill, above tennis courts, flipped with volleyball courts or current park parking
Parking Spaces	83		X		Discussion on number of spaces unresolved. Need to add up total at Police Station and Sherwood; identify number of spaces that could be retained in existing lot if lot reconfigured to provide infiltration and landscape plantings; number that could be accommodated if lot is relocated; determine through several MP Options for discussion at next meeting
ADA Parking Spaces	4		X		Same as above.
Fitness Stations/Trail			X		Relocate generally in MP (do not identify specific stations and activities) – identify which trails could host a circuit; what potential systems could be acquired to update current system
Temporary Restrooms				X	Replace with permanent restrooms – propose several sites and consider use of alternative technology such as composting facility for discussion at second public workshop
Hilly trail areas			X		Identify segments of trail to be reworked where current trail slope exceeds ADA guidelines
Sherwood Center		X			
Habitat Restoration		X			Identify location and regulations, if any, precluding any change to current conditions
Woodlands		X			MP to recommend active Invasive Removal program; look to creating more opportunities to introduce visitors to woods/nature/habitat - trail extensions, boardwalks, interpretive elements
Mature Trees		X			
Open Play Areas		X			
Stream		X			address stream erosion; MP suggest ways stream can be incorporated in park itself through boardwalks, better trail access, interpretive elements; review with City staff to confirm regulatory framework within which to work
Ornamental Plants		X			
Walking Trails		X			
Sledding Hill(s)		X			
Extensive Green Space		X			

**Van Dyck Park Master Plan Program - PROPOSED USES**, rvd per AG #2 meeting; edits from AG #2 in red type under Notes

<i>Proposed Features drawn from on-line survey, public workshop and comments received</i>	<i>Retain</i>	<i>Revise/ Relocate</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove/ Do Not Include</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>New Features</b>					
Practice backboard at tennis courts			X		Could be added; not a MP item
Additional half court bball			X?		add lower rim for children's use; MP can consider a location to add 1 ½ court with lower rim
Outdoor courts (pickle ball)			X		dual with tennis courts? Or is tennis to high in demand?; MP text can speak to IF tennis use declines, courts can be repainted to incorporate pball
Fitness Playground for Adults/Adult fitness equipment			X		MP can consider including option as separate location or in conjunction with expanded playground
<del>More playgrounds</del>				X	
<del>Dog Park</del>				X	
Shade Structures			X		Add small pavilions?; MP can suggest inclusion at playground or other location such as plaza area
<del>Amphitheater</del>				X	Not as formal structure
<del>Water Feature</del>			X	X	Incorporated at new downtown park; no need for a second one so close at hand; potential for fountain or similar feature might be worth considering – mixed reaction from AG
Permanent Restrooms			X		Much discussion at AG, final call is to support new structure UNLESS park reconfiguration somehow makes use of facilities at Sherwood or Police Station more accessible
Small child-scaled bistro type seating around playground (shaded)			X		MP can suggest inclusion at playground or other location such as plaza area – movable or fixed furniture or both
<del>Archery range</del>				X	
<del>Turf field with lights</del>				X	
<del>Enclosed slides for adults and kid use</del>				X	
Gathering plaza			X		MP can show several ideas – one a plaza between two smaller picnic pavilions; another a more park/urban edge to Old Lee Highway/entrance to park; another in conjunction with a remodeled skate park
<del>Permanent soccer fields for small-sided games (fewer than 11)</del>				X	
<del>Labyrinth</del>				X	
<del>Disc Golf Course</del>				X	
<del>Mini golf</del>				X	
<del>Portable ice rink in the winter</del>				X	

<i>Proposed Features drawn from on-line survey, public workshop and comments received</i>	<i>Retain</i>	<i>Revise/ Relocate</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove/ Do Not Include</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<del>Bicycle pump track</del>				X	dual use with new skate park? Skate park users desire single use facility if the size is limited to 7,000 SF
Outdoor chess			X	X	Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual chess tables or figures not shown on MP
More seating and smaller picnic areas outside the pavilions			X		
Public Art			X		
<del>More tables with grills</del>				X	need?; Allow grills only in conjunction with tables located at picnic pavilions
<del>Covered</del> bike parking				X	Unclear need; DO ADD bike racks - Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual racks not shown on MP
<del>Nature Center</del>				X	
<del>Embrace the stream for park activities and access; better incorporate it within the trail and park system</del>			X		
<b>Park Edges and Circulation</b>					
Formal boundary between St. Leo's and park (fence, plantings)			X		Negotiable – MP to consider incorporation of a landscaped edge (not a solid buffer, but permeable) with a designated entrance to the school (gate/garden)
<del>Formal boundary between Old Lee Highway and park</del>			X	X	
<del>More parking</del>					need? Evaluate in MP process when generating alternative parking schemes it current park parking location
Better connection with Sherwood Center			X		
Another entrance to the park that is NOT on Old Lee Highway					if possible; definitely better pedestrian, vehicle dependent on Willard property; <b>Speak to potential future connection with and whenever Willard site is redeveloped to incorporate vehicle access between park and Layton Drive (provides access to signalized intersection at Old Lee Highway); do not show on MP</b>
Combine entrances to park into single entrance (Sherwood)			X		
Bridges and parking along University Drive			X		Look at options and impacts in MP work bridges; parking more challenging; <b>Review pedestrian bridge entrance in MP to see if it can be made more visible (entrance) and welcoming, signs added; parking is not possible as creek is adjacent to University Drive</b>

<i>Proposed Features drawn from on-line survey, public workshop and comments received</i>	<i>Retain</i>	<i>Revise/ Relocate</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove/ Do Not Include</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Ceremonial pedestrian entrance to Old Lee			X		Enhance Old Lee Highway crosswalks with text recommendations in MP for upgraded ped signals/flashing lights at both existing cross walks and the addition of a protected turn lane into park; tie crosswalks to park entrance (create entry to park at point of intersection with existing crosswalk, currently it terminates in fence and barrier)
<del>Lighting on trails</del>					City policy? The City does not light trails by policy.
<del>Safety boxes on trails</del>			X	X	
<b>Plantings</b>					
<del>Community garden</del>				X	different site
New tree plantings			X		
Display Gardens - pollinator/native plants					Maintenance; unclear direction as to incorporation – need to investigate long-term operating costs to ensure the gardens remain viable and are attractive to the public
Invasive species mitigation			X		
Shaded open areas for picnics, reading			X		
<i>Programming using existing physical facility</i>					
Food trucks					
Farmers Market					
Restored stream that children can play in					
Live music venue for small concerts					
Extend Park to Daniel's Run Park and Trails					Signage needed, connections exist

**AG #2 - April 11, 2017**

Draft Vision and Principles

 <b>DRAFT Vision Statement: Key Words</b>				
Vision   <i>“Amazing Experiences”</i>				
Guiding Principles from the 2014 to 2024 Strategic Plan				
Sense of Place	Health & Wellness	Economic Vitality	Conservation & Stewardship	Strategic Partnerships
Natural Resources	Natural Resources Accessible Spaces		Natural Resources	
Stream Restoration			Stream Restoration	Stream Restoration
Branding Identity		Branding Identity		Branding Identity
	Trail Connections	Trail Connections	Trail Connections	Trail Connections
Art in the Parks		Art in the Parks		Art in the Parks
Active Recreation	Active Recreation			Active Recreation
Water Play	Water Play			Water Play
Events and Programs		Events and Programs		Events and Programs
Socializing Places	Socializing Places			
Family Fun	Family Fun		Family Fun	

## ***Preliminary: Van Dyck Park Should Support***

- **Sense of Place.** The heart of the community, the Crown Jewel of the park system, beyond a great place, this is a fantastic place that is recognizable region-wide.
- **Community Connections.** Park facilities, activities and scheduled events that are predictable in schedule and regularly draw the community together.
- **Personal Health and Fitness.** Trails for running and walking, fitness and health programming, adult fitness and children’s activities incorporated in accessible equipment and recreational opportunities.
- **Multi-generational Use.** The park hosts activities and equipment that embraces the full array of City of Fairfax residents.
- **Woodlands Management and Stream Restoration.**



**AG #3 - May 11, 2017**

Agenda



**Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.**

**AGENDA**

**Van Dyck Park Master Plan Advisory Group #2**

*May 11, 2017*

*7:00 PM – 8:30 PM*

*Sherwood Center*

- 7:00 PM**      **Research and Follow up from Meeting #2**      *Elisabeth*
- *Stormwater/Floodplain/RPA conversation with Christina Alexander*
  - *Transportation/Great Streets program/pedestrian crossings with Wendy Block Sanford*
  - *Calculations for undeveloped area:*
    - *Total Park acreage is 36 acres*
    - *RPA & Floodplain = 6.6 acres*
    - *Zone 1 – Developed Area = 13.9 acres*
    - *Total undeveloped acreage excluding RPA/Floodplain/Zone 1 = 15.5 acre or 43% of total acreage*
- 7:10 PM**      **Revised Vision and Principles**      *Elisabeth*
- 7:15 PM**      **Draft Master Plan Diagrams and Program**      *Elisabeth*
- *Zoning in Park*
    - *Zone 1 Development Zone (top of hill primarily) – 2 Options*
    - *Zone 2 Open Play Zone (mid-section of park – primarily sledding hill and bowl) – Remains the same in both options*
    - *Zone 3 Resource Area (RPA/Floodplain/heavily wooded lower portion of park) – Remains the same in both options*
  - *Features and Elements Photo Board*
  - *Updated Park Program Matrix*
- 8:15 PM**      **Proposed Structure and Approach to 5.18 Public Workshop** *Elisabeth*
- *Brief formal Presentation with slides/ppt*
  - *Display Boards (w/dots and sticky notes, L/KLA staff available for answering individual questions)*
    - *Zone diagram of park (3 zones)*
    - *Option 1 (differences in Development Zone only)*
    - *Option 2 (differences in Development Zone only)*
    - *Photo boards illustrating potential character and type of program elements to be incorporated – dot activity*
- 8:25 PM**      **Missing Items, Concerns, Loose Ends**      *Elisabeth/Cathy*
- 8:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

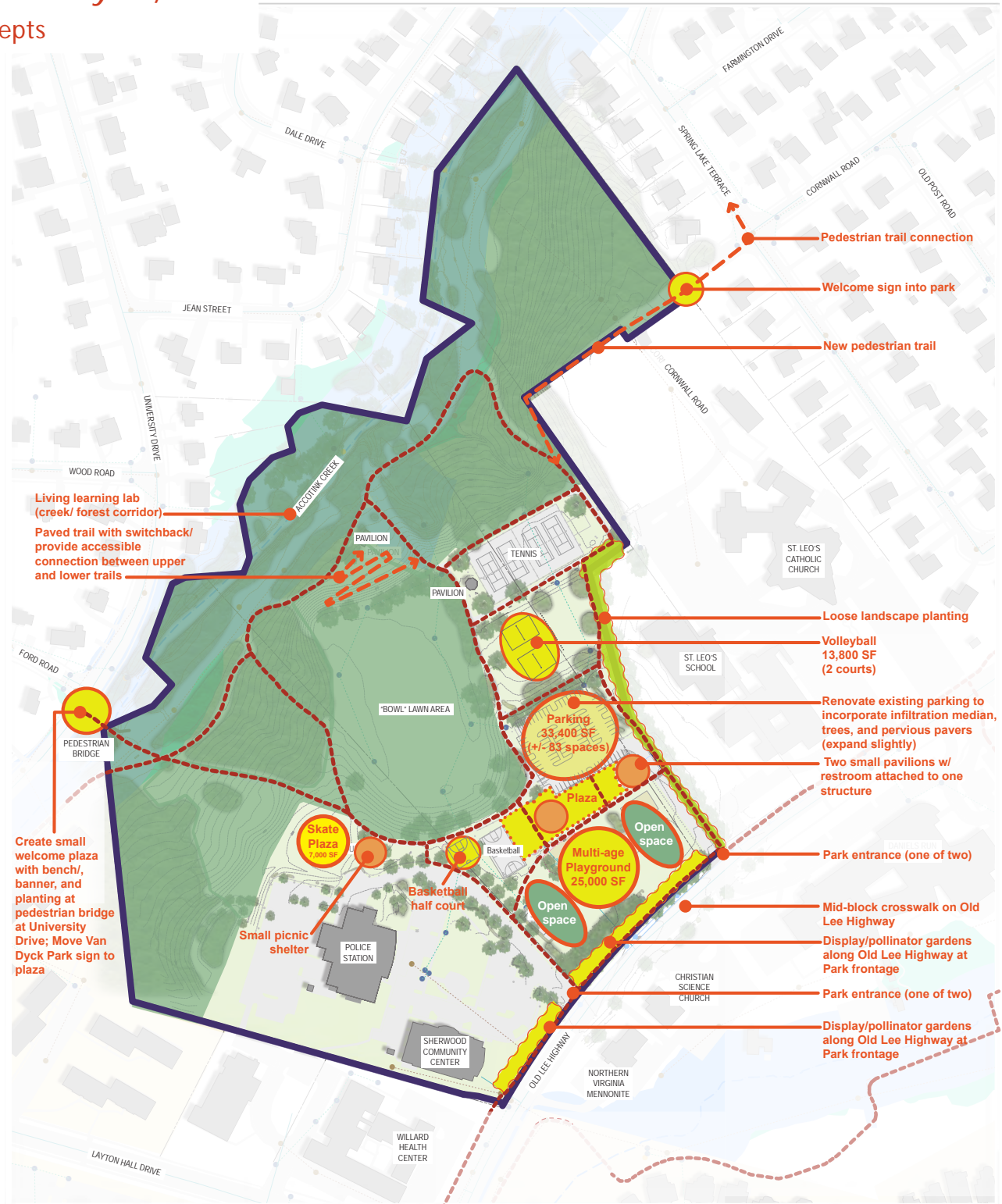
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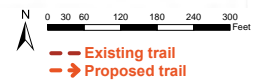
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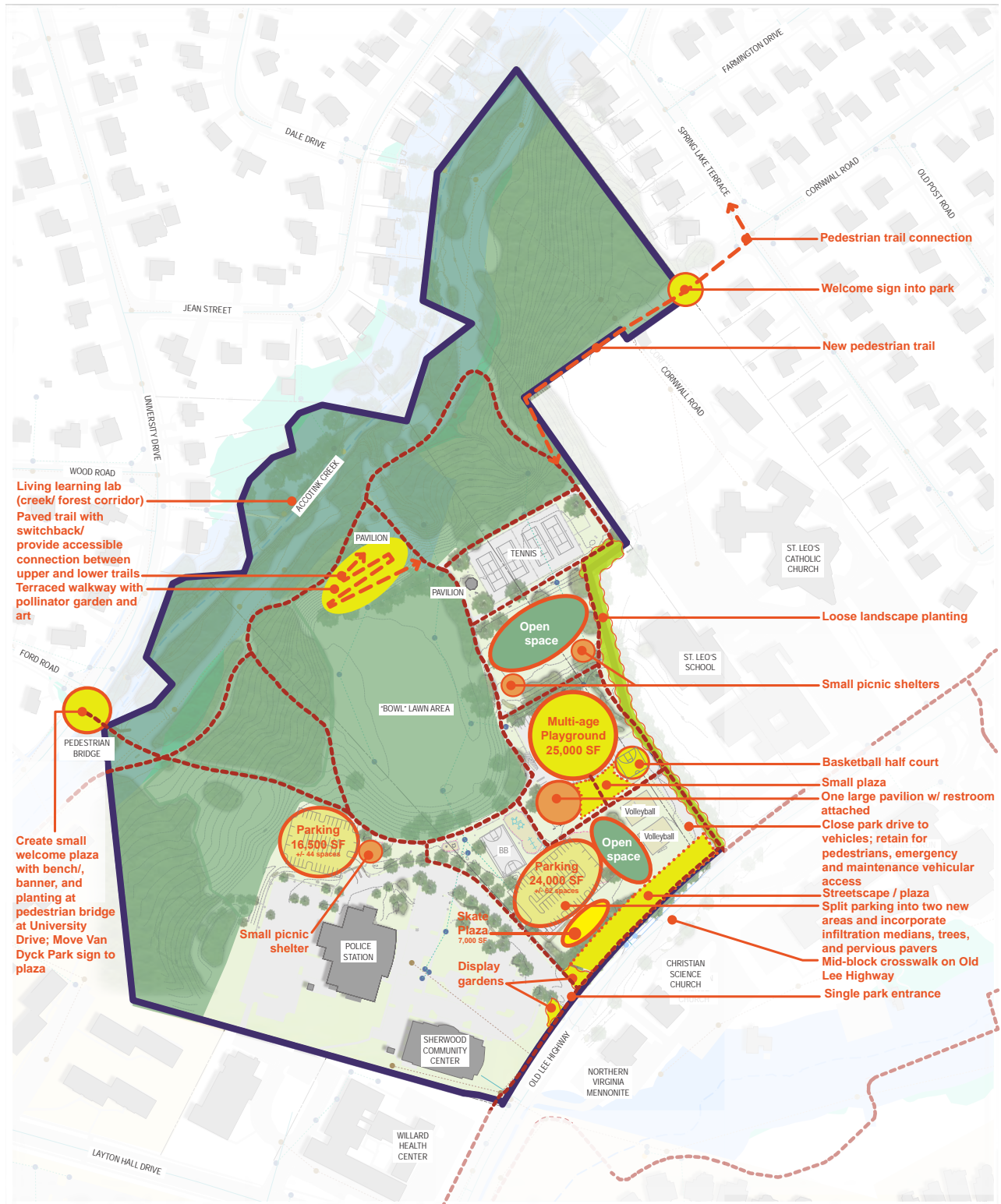


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CONCEPT 1

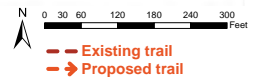


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# Van Dyck Park Master Plan

City of Fairfax  
**CONCEPT 2**



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Draft Program Chart



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Van Dyck Park Master Plan DRAFT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

04.28.17

Color codes:

Blue rows = Show single location in Master Plan (existing park element)

Orange rows = Show optional locations (existing park element)

Red rows = Delete use from park

Purple rows = New addition to the park; show single location or optional locations as noted

White rows = MP text only

Edits from AG#2 in red type

Element	Option(s)	Notes
<b>ZONE 1 Developed Area of the Park</b>		
<b>Playground</b>		
Playground (combine current main playground with two smaller ones) with multi-age focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Current skatepark/ playground/ basketball site</li> <li>2. Current parking lot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 large area located near large pavilion</li> <li>2 small areas near hilltop</li> <li>Survey responders and attendees at workshop would like to see renovated and improved playgrounds with ropes and bridges, rock structures, playground equipment for older kids</li> <li>Do not include fencing around playground, identify edge through use of vegetation or berm</li> <li>Separation of ages with some equipment, but do not have separate playgrounds that are age segregated; intent is for one large area that serves all ages, including adults</li> <li>Add shade elements</li> <li>Current equipment geared to little children; need older children equipment</li> </ul>
<i>Fitness Playground for Adults/Adult fitness equipment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include w/multi-age playground</li> </ul>	<i>MP can consider including option as separate location or in conjunction with expanded playground</i>

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Element	Option(s)	Notes
<b>Park Edges</b>		
<b>Face of the Park – Street View</b>		
Gathering or central plaza within the park; add park connectivity; create a 'Heart of the Park' – all paths lead to the plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Locate between two smaller shelters adjacent to playground (near site of existing park parking)</li> <li>2. Create visual and usable plaza along frontage of park on Old Lee Highway</li> </ul>	MP can show several ideas – one a plaza between two smaller picnic pavilions; another a more park/urban edge to Old Lee Highway/entrance to park; another in conjunction with a remodeled skate park
Display Gardens - pollinator/native plants – ONE central location for all display gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Along Old Lee Highway frontage</li> <li>2a. Near Sherwood Center</li> <li>2.b. Adjacent to lower shelter on proposed switchbacks on new path alignment</li> </ul>	Maintenance; unclear direction as to incorporation – need to investigate long-term operating costs to ensure the gardens remain viable and are attractive to the public  Keep away from playground (bees)
<b>St. Leo's Edge</b>		
Formal boundary between St. Leo's and park (fence, plantings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loose planted edge</li> </ul>	Negotiable – MP to consider incorporation of a landscaped edge (not a solid buffer, but permeable) with a designated entrance to the school (gate/garden)
<b>Restrooms</b>		
Porta Potties	REMOVE	
Permanent Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjacent to play ground and picnic shelter</li> </ul>	Much discussion at AG, final call is to support new structure UNLESS park reconfiguration somehow makes use of facilities at Sherwood or Police Station more accessible
<b>Shelters</b>		
Shade structure/Gazebo (not rented) (1) near tennis courts		

Element	Option(s)	Notes
Large Pavilion (1)/could be pulled apart into two separate structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Break into 2 smaller shelters with plaza/gathering space between playground and parking</li> <li>2. Keep one large pavilion in current location</li> </ul>	MP consider replacing 1 large pavilion with 2 smaller pavilions in same general area; explore connection with paved plaza/area not under roof for additional tables and chairs – 'gathering space'
Additional smaller picnic shelters and/or shade pavilions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add 1 shelter near skatepark behind Police Station</li> <li>2. Add 2 small shelters west of playground</li> </ul>	Add small pavilions? MP can suggest inclusion at playground or other location such as plaza area
<b>Courts</b>		
Lighted Tennis Courts (4)		Keep in place; could be painted for dual use as pickle ball
Volleyball Courts (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Locate 2 near tennis courts</li> <li>2. Keep 2 in same location</li> </ul>	Consider reducing to 2 total and relocating within park
Basketball Court (full)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retain in current location</li> <li>2. Shift slightly to the east</li> </ul>	
Skate Park (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relocate east of Sherwood Entry Drive west of police station</li> <li>2. Relocate east of Sherwood Entry Drive across from Police Station (further into the park)</li> </ul>	Consider relocating to several different sites as options for discussion at next workshop – limit use to skateboard only @ approx. 7,000 SF total area – behind Police Station, on top of the hill, above tennis courts, flipped with volleyball courts or current park parking
Half court basketball court with lower rim for children (bring total bball in park to 1 full and 1 half)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Locate near sw corner of existing bball court</li> <li>2. Locate north of existing pavilion and ne of playground</li> </ul>	Add lower rim for children's use; MP can consider a location to add 1 ½ court with lower rim
<b>Circulation</b>		
<b>Vehicle Entry</b>		
Keep two park entry points – Sherwood Center and near St. Leo's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retain 2 entrances</li> </ul>	
Combine entrances to park into single entrance (Sherwood)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Close entry adjacent to St. Leo's; single entry at Sherwood Center</li> </ul>	Look at options and impacts in MP work

Element	Option(s)	Notes
<b>Pedestrian Entry</b>		
<i>Ceremonial pedestrian entrance to Old Lee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close existing two crosswalks on Old Lee Highway, relocate new crosswalk midway between the two – Hawk midblock ped crossing (better sight lines)</li> </ul>	<i>Enhance Old Lee Highway crosswalks with text recommendations in MP for upgraded ped signals/ flashing lights at both existing cross walks and the addition of a protected turn lane into park; tie crosswalks to park entrance (create entry to park at point of intersection with existing crosswalk, currently it terminates in fence and barrier)</i>
<i>Bridges and parking along University Drive</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand landing on University Drive entry to create small welcome plaza with bench/banner/ planting</li> </ul>	<i>Bridges; parking more challenging; Review pedestrian bridge entrance in MP to see if it can be made more visible (entrance) and welcoming, signs added; parking is not possible as creek is adjacent to University Drive</i>
<i>Add formal pedestrian entrance off of Cornwall Drive behind St. Leo's</i>		
<b>Parking</b>		
ADA Parking (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate in conjunction with park parking; match ratio for code compliance</li> </ul>	<i>Same as above.</i>
Parking Spaces (83)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Renovate existing location, slightly fewer spaces – infiltration median, trees, pervious pavers</li> <li>2. Break parking into two lots east of Sherwood Entry Drive: one lot at former skate park site; second lot behind Police Station</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide similar number of spaces if lot is relocated</li> <li>Sherwood Center -37, 7 ADA</li> <li>Between SC and Police Station – 4</li> <li>Police Station in front – 42, 2 ADA</li> <li>Police Station behind/fenced 98</li> </ul> <i>Need to add up total at Police Station and Sherwood; identify number of spaces that could be retained in existing lot if lot reconfigured to provide infiltration and landscape plantings; number that could be accommodated if lot is relocated; determine through several MP Options for discussion at next meeting</i>
<b>Trails</b>		
Trail Miles (1.23)		MP to explore pervious surface materials; better connectivity among ex. And new trail routes; better entry markers; better surfacing appropriate to site location
Walking Trails		
Extend Park to Daniel's Run Park and Trails		<i>Signage needed, connections exist</i>

Element	Option(s)	Notes
Fitness Stations/Trail	REMOVE	Relocate generally in MP (do not identify specific stations and activities) – identify which trails could host a circuit; what potential systems could be acquired to update current system
Hilly trail areas		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify segments of trail to be reworked where current trail slope exceeds ADA guidelines</li> <li>• Show ADA trail from top of Bowl to University Drive</li> </ul>
Better connection with Sherwood Center		

<b>ZONE 2 Park mid-section, primarily unprogrammed space</b>		
<b>Element</b>	<b>Option(s)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
A.T. Bowl		
Small Pavilion (1) currently located at base of hill	Need to create an anchor to tie pavilion to other uses; explore ADA accessible switchback trail alignment down hillside – site for display gardens?	MP needs to identify some ways to activate area around existing small pavilion, increase its visibility and attractiveness
Habitat Restoration		Identify location and regulations, if any, precluding any change to current conditions
Mature Trees		
Open Play Areas		
Ornamental Plants		
Sledding Hill(s)		
Extensive Green Space		
Shaded open areas for picnics, reading		
<i>Extend trail behind St. Leo's athletic field, tie into City Street</i>		



ZONE 3 RPA/Floodplain		
Element	Option(s)	• Notes
Woodlands		• Look to creating more opportunities to introduce visitors to woods/nature/habitat - trail extensions, boardwalks, interpretive elements
Mature Trees		
Accotink Creek		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Living Learning Lab along the stream with demonstrations of various stream restoration activities – step pools, rain gardens, check dams, etc.</li> <li>• Suggest ways to enhance access to stream – widen trail, add benches, no roofed structures/pavilions in RPA</li> <li>• Paved paths acceptable</li> <li>• Address stream erosion concern and need to implement stream study</li> <li>• MP suggest ways stream can be incorporated in park itself through boardwalks, better trail access, interpretive elements; review with City staff to confirm regulatory framework within which to work</li> </ul>
New tree plantings		

<b>Content for TEXT only in Master Plan Discussion</b>		
<b>Element</b>	<b>Option(s)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Playground</b>		
Sandbox		Needs maintenance; <i>text only note in MP; not a MP decision</i>
Merry-go-round		Number of complaints/safety concerns; <i>text only note in MP; not a MP decision</i>
<i>Small child-scaled bistro type seating around playground (shaded)</i>		<i>MP can suggest inclusion at playground or other location such as plaza area – movable or fixed furniture or both</i>
<b>Courts</b>		
<i>Outdoor courts (pickle ball)</i>		<i>Dual use with tennis courts. MP text can speak to IF tennis use declines, courts can be repainted to incorporate pickle ball</i>
<b>Site Furniture</b>		
Picnic Tables (18)		Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual tables not shown on MP
Grills (3)		Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual grills not shown on MP; allow grills only in conjunction with tables at picnic pavilions
Benches (5)		Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual benches not shown on MP
Drinking Fountain (2)		Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual drinking fountains not shown on MP
Trash Receptacles (5)		Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but receptacles not shown on MP
<i>Outdoor chess</i>		<i>Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual chess tables or figures not shown on MP</i>
More seating and smaller picnic areas outside the pavilions		
<i>Bike parking</i>		<i>Add and encourage bike use, no covered parking but DO ADD bike racks - Discuss in MP text, area shown on plan, but individual racks not shown on MP</i>
		<i>Embrace the stream for park activities and access; better incorporate it within the trail and park system</i>
<i>Another entrance to the park that is NOT on Old Lee Highway</i>		<i>If possible; definitely better pedestrian, vehicle dependent on Willard property; Speak to potential future connection with and whenever Willard site is redeveloped to incorporate vehicle access between park and Layton Drive (provides access to signalized intersection at Old Lee Highway); do not show on MP</i>
<i>Invasive species mitigation</i>		<i>MP to recommend active Invasive Removal program;</i>
Food trucks		
Farmers Market		
Restored stream that children can play in		
Live music venue for small concerts		

Advisory Group Meeting #4 - June 29, 2017

Agenda



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**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Van Dyck Park Master Plan Advisory Group #4**

June 29, 2017

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Sherwood Center

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|----------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>7:00 PM</b> | <b>Follow up from Public Meeting #2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Survey Results (closed on 6/15/17)</li></ul>   | <i>Elisabeth/Cathy</i> |
| <b>7:10 PM</b> | <b>Consolidate MP Key Components and Locations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skate Park</li><li>• Playground</li><li>• Parking</li><li>• Creek/stream restoration &amp; Living Learning Lab</li><li>• “Creek-to-Creek” trail spine -crosswalk/wayfinding/lighting</li><li>• Shelters – 1 large (+/-80/rental) 2-3 small (+/-40/non-rental)</li><li>• Half basketball court location</li><li>• Family restrooms</li><li>• Public Art – master plan language to hinge on Commission on the Arts policy</li></ul> | <i>Elisabeth</i>       |
| <b>8:00 PM</b> | <b>Determine Phasing Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RIB US Cost to assist with final phasing</li></ul>   | <i>Elisabeth</i>       |
| <b>8:15 PM</b> | <b>Final Products</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommended Master Plan Site Plan Diagram showing layout of proposed facilities and site improvements</li><li>• Written document with funding sources [provided by City]</li><li>• Phasing recommendations</li><li>• Brief Executive Summary that sets forth key aspects of the planning process</li><li>• Appendix with summary of the public outreach efforts and what was learned</li><li>• DRAFT Plan submission in July/August</li></ul>                  | <i>Elisabeth</i>       |
| <b>8:25 PM</b> | <b>Missing Items, Concerns, Loose Ends</b>   | <i>Elisabeth/Cathy</i> |
| <b>8:30 PM</b> | <b>Adjourn</b>   |                        |

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**AG #4 - June 29, 2017**

Meeting Notes



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**Memorandum:**

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To: Advisory Group Members  
From: Elisabeth Lardner  
Date: July 3, 2017  
Subject: **DRAFT** - Van Dyck Master Plan Meeting (internal)  
June 29, 2017  
7:00-8:30 PM

**Meeting attendees:**

Tom Ross  
Kirk Holley  
Brian Knapp  
Cathy Salgado  
Joanna Ormesher  
Elisabeth Lardner

**Updates**

- Cathy shared that Fairfax County and the City are meeting regarding potential shared redevelopment of the Willard site to incorporate the City's proposed community center.
- Cathy met with Dave Hodgkins to have an initial discussion on funding/financing options for the park improvements; further discussion to come for more detailed information
- Discussion on potential decking off police station parking lot

**Follow up**

- Identify potential locations for public art in the park; send to Jo who will share with Art Commission for their review and recommendation/approval
- Initiate Master Plan costing with RIB US Cost on final plan elements

**Additional Products (check to see if included in scope)**

- Useful to generate perspective image from Old Lee Highway - view of new entry and frontage of park; particularly of value if park activities are visible with view NOT dominated by relocated parking lot

**Discussion**

1. Prefer layout of park elements as shown in Concept 2 with some tweaks

*Site considerations*

- Protect two sledding hills (entirety of the bowl and the area behind the police station used by older children and advanced sledders); ensure that a 'staging area' for sledders is protected at the top of the hill, not totally encroached upon by new parking spaces

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- Incorporate civic green in front of Sherwood with park as a whole - gazebo can be relocated if needed
- Make Sherwood Center primary and single vehicle entrance (refer in text to long-term potential to connect to Layton Hall Drive)
- Add traffic calming elements to interior driveway - speed table with graphics between civic green and park as statement in support of pedestrian use; consider median or mini-splitter at park/Sherwood entry drive
- Retain the existing park entry alignment next to St. Leo's for pedestrian/bike/emergency vehicles/maintenance vehicle access to the park

#### *Park features*

- Flip location of skate park and parking lot
- Include 1 large picnic shelter (80) and 2 - 3 small shelters throughout park (40)
- Provide power at shelters and plaza to support group use of facilities
- Split rail fence can come out of park in total
- Use organic forms to shape park on uplands - curved lines, vegetation to mask parking from Old Lee Highway and not have it dominate the entry to the park or the view from Old Lee Highway
- Consider noise generated from skate park and large shelter (users amplify music)
- Parking lot moves to area near Sherwood Center drive entrance; configuration modifications - how to make it appear smaller?
  - Double bays, offset
  - Linear form, follow alignment of entry drive
  - Integrated and wrapped per Kirk's sketch with surrounding landscape
  - Minimum same number of spaces @ 83, better to have several more - why moving? What is gained?

#### **2. Drawing Style**

- Show bubble at entry for vehicles similar to how pedestrian entries are notated
- Need more specificity than current bubbles to explain proposals
  - Show actual parking lot configuration
  - Show trail network
  - Show area for skate park more specifically
  - Reduce linearity of front streetscape/plaza

#### **3. Master Plan Text**

- Include protection of sledding hill(s) in text among short list of 'these park features won't change'
- Discuss concept of incorporation of public art, identify potential location for inclusion
- Discuss style and character of desired elements such as playground equipment - what kind of space is wanted - experiential, art/sculptural, natural, open-ended rather than single activity usable equipment
  - Cathy shared Canadian vendor catalog - Dynamo Playgrounds - Creative Concepts, rep'd by firm out of North Carolina
- Describe character of plaza desired (people not clear on what is implied with term 'plaza')
  - Include ping pong tables or similar activities

- Umbrella (metal) café table seating
- Discuss events - park is not a site for large, city-programmed events; can be used for park sponsored events such as the Irish festival but value to the City is as informal gathering space and not a performance space
- Community is key word to reference in text - community park, balance between community park and appeal to wider audience; a park to be proud of but not a park that becomes a regional destination site; Van Dyck is the premier park for the City and also is the City's backyard
- Phasing may or may not be relevant; funding source dependent
  - If there is a Phase 1 - it should focus on the park's entrance and 2-3 key features and the trail system
  - Feature in most need of replacing is skate park
  - Accotink Creek could start essentially as a Phase 1, but comes from different office and funding stream
  - Easy first actions would be to upgrade and install the pedestrian entrances
    - University - expand area where azaleas are today, move Van Dyck Park sign out to sidewalk side of bridge, add benches and welcoming feel
    - Cornwall Road entrance - start with mulch soft path at first to get the trail established
- Three potential locations to provide additional parking
  - Decking over police parking lot
  - Willard site redevelopment
  - Small lot above sledding hill

## Community Workshops

### Community Workshop #1 - April 6, 2017

#### Agenda



Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.

#### AGENDA

##### Van Dyck Park Master Plan Workshop

April 6, 2017

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Sherwood Center

<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Intent</li><li>• Purpose of Meeting</li><li>• Project Team</li><li>• Ground Rules for Meeting Activities</li></ul>	<i>Cathy</i>
<b>7:40 PM</b>	<b>Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schedule</li><li>• Draft Analysis – Park Issues, Opportunities</li><li>• Survey Results (ongoing 2017 and 2014)</li><li>• Draft Listing of Overall Vision</li></ul>	<i>Elisabeth</i>
<b>7:50 PM</b>	<b>Table Discussion</b>	<i>All</i>
<b>8:35 PM</b>	<b>Reports from Small Group Table Discussions</b>	
<b>8:50 PM</b>	<b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 18, 2017 Workshop</li></ul>	<i>Cathy</i>