



MEADOWBROOK PLAYFIELD FIELD-1 RENOVATION

Public Meeting April 6, 2010

Notes

The public meeting started on time at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made for Seattle Parks and Recreation staff: Randy Robinson, project manager, and Joe Neiford, Sr. Landscape Architect

Introduction

The project budget and schedule was outlined. Impacts were discussed including construction access through the Meadowbrook Community Center parking lot and crossing the wet channel to access Field #1. There was support for keeping Field #1 closed for the required time period 8-12 months to allow the new turf grass to be fully established before allowing active play. Nathan Hale High School team will need to be rescheduled for a different field for 2011. There is a possibility to allow Little League play in the summer of 2011 but Parks staff could not promise that that was probable.

Scope of Work

The scope of the project was presented by Robinson and Neiford with the aid of graphic plans and photographs of the project site and other similar projects. The project budget was described as being enough funding to provide a new drainage system, a new irrigation system, replace some soil in the outfield, and plant new turf grass in the outfield of Field #1.

Discussion

A discussion followed the presentation with a particular focus on which elements of the project were the most important to be accomplished with this project. Then a series of other elements were discussed that may be valuable elements to be included in the project, but are not currently included in the budget. There was a clear consensus that Meadowbrook PF Field #1 is an important baseball field in the northeast part of the city. There are very few full sized baseball fields (90 foot base path infields).

The citizens, with the help of Parks staff developed a "Wish List" of project elements that would be important to the players, coaches, parents, and citizens in general. Following is the Wish List that was discussed with rough order of magnitude prices and a possible funding source that could be tapped by a citizen group for accomplishing additional playfield elements.

<u>WISH LIST</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Possible Funding Source</u>
*BACKSTOP (3)	45--50k	Boeing/Mariners Grant , RCO
NETTING	10k	Boeing/Mariners Grant , RCO
* DRAINAGE- BETTER (1)	15k	
PAVING WORK – PATHWAY	20k	Paving Program

FENCE WORK	X	(part of project)
DUGOUTS AND ROOFS	10--12k	KCYSFG NMF
SYNTHETIC INFIELD	100--125k	Boeing / Mariners Grant or Parks & Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Fund (available in 2013. This fund is for projects in excess of \$200,000 which could be used to fund a synthetic infield, backstop and other improvements)
*REBUILD INFIELD (2)	20--25k	
BLEACHERS	5k	NMF
FOUL POLES	4--5k	NMF
BULL PENS	3--4k	NMF

*The following are priorities expressed in the meeting as to how additional funds could be best utilized if funding became available in the course of the currently funded project:

1. Closer drainage pipes/better outfield drainage was the first choice for funding if bids come in low and/or additional funds can be secured from Pro Parks residual funds
2. Rebuilding the infield was the second choice for funding if bids come in low and/or additional funds can be secured from Pro Parks residual funds. However, this decision should be based on the possibility/impossibility of constructing a synthetic infield in the near future.
3. New backstop was the third choice but seemed like more money than was possible with low bids.

Conclusion

Following the discussion of the Scope of Work was a question and answer period. The meeting was concluded by people explaining their connection to the baseball field and then Parks staff thanking everyone for coming to the meeting and participating.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.