



JM-50 School Park Site

Virtual Public Workshop #1 – February 9th, 6:30pm

Approximately 20 residents attended in addition to City Staff.

- Introductions:
 - Tara Gee, Superintendent
 - Jill Geller, Director
 - Joel De Jong, Analyst
 - Heather Buck, Analyst
 - Stacie Marchetti, Technician
 - Hailey Tooley, Office Assistant
- Vicinity Map
 - This is a joint use park site located on Upland Drive.
 - This park will have a school site on one side and an open space area on the other side.
- Park Planning Process
 - Step One: Public Workshops 2-3 Months
 - Initial introduction of project to public
 - Online survey to gather public input and follow up to help make a second sketch of the park.
 - Final master plan review and public comment
 - Step Two: Master Plan Approval and Environmental Review 2 Months
 - Parks and Recreation Commission design review/approval
 - Potential environmental impacts identified. CEQUA review and make sure we are in line with specific mitigation.
 - Environmental permitting application (if required)
 - City Council design review and approval
 - Step Three: Design Development 3-4 Months
 - Preparation of design development plans and is the start of construction documents.
 - Refine design and address site-specific issues.
 - Step Four: Citywide Plan Review 3-4 Months
 - Construction plan submitted to all City Departments for their review.
 - Construction permitting
 - Step Five: Bid and Award of Contract 1-2 Months
 - We are required to go out to bid per public bid laws.
 - City Council review and approval of bid advertisement
 - Advertisement of bid and bid opening
 - City Council review and approval of low bid received.
 - Step Six: Construction 8 Months
 - This is when the contractors begin to build the park
 - Contractor on site building the park

- The time period may expand due to weather. We try to start in the beginning of spring and finish in fall.
 - Step Seven: Establishment 3-4 Months
 - Plant establishment and grow in period
 - This is when everything in the park looks great but the fences stay up so we can do safety checks, permit sign offs and letting the turf establish before it has to withstand heavy foot traffic.
 - Step Eight: Project Dedication and Opening
 - Grand Opening: fences are removed
- Budget and park info:
 - The budget for this park is 2.5 Million dollars. This includes soft costs like permits, design and engineering.
 - We typically put sports fields in school park site parks however; we will not be putting field lighting in dues to the close proximity of homes to the park.
 - With joint use parks, we try not to put the same amenities in our parks that the school has that way we can offer more amenities to residents. Right now, the school has plans to have basketball courts, open turf that may accommodate 2-3 soccer fields and two baseball fields. The parking for this park site and school is proposed to be shared. The advantage of this is to have additional parking for the school for events during the week and on weekends people using the park will have extra parking opportunities.
 - Please assume that any park that we build will have trees, turf, walkways, picnic tables, and benches.
- Questions/comments from residents:
 - Will there be covered shade areas? Generally, there will be a picnic area with shade and the trees will provide shade.
 - Splash pads (3 People voted for this).
 - Pet exercise area.
 - Community garden.
 - Pirate ship for elementary aged kids to climb on.
 - Covered picnic area would be great.
 - Basketball court, even a half court.
 - Water spout area for kids.
 - Restrooms? There will be if there are formal ball fields. Some of the smaller parks are designed to attract residents who are walking distance from the park who can go home to use the bathroom.
 - A racquetball court.
 - What is the closest cross street on Upland? Vista Grande is the closets street
 - Was there any talk of a skate park? We will add that to the list of suggestions.
 - Will there be other parks nearby? Yes, there will be plenty but this will be the first park completed in this area. When homes are sold that is how we collect funds to build these parks.
 - Is there a date for development? Summer of 2022 or spring of 2023.
 - Will the park have Wi-Fi or be monitored with police cameras? Right now, it is not planned to have either. We generally do not have cameras in our parks. When we plan our parks, we plan them with crime prevention through environmental design that is endorsed through PD. We work very closely with PD when the park is open to monitor the park site.

- Will the school finish first before the park? Estimated completion date is August 2023 for the school.
- Next Steps:
 - A survey will be sent out to residents.
 - We will then review the feedback and develop a sketch from the results on the survey.
 - We will then hold a second workshop and show this next sketch of the park.
 - Refinement = master plan after the second workshop.
 - There will be a two-week write in period for residents to give their input on if they like or dislike the master plan for the park.
 - Parks and Recreation Commission approval
 - City Council approval
 - Construction preparation
 - Start of construction- Summer of 2022 or Spring of 2023