To: Mayor and City Council
From: Brent Walker, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: September 6, 2022
Re: Park Master Plans for 5435 Roberts Dr. and 4809/4819 Vermack Rd.

## Action

Provide direction to staff on the draft master plan for the parks located at 5435 Roberts Dr. and 4809/4819 Vermack Rd.

## Summary

The City contracted Pond \& Company to develop park master plans through public input meetings and survey data collection. A draft master plan for both properties is attached to this memo for Council's consideration.

## Details

The City began the master planning process for the two new park properties in July 2021. Since that time, staff has held several public meetings and engaged the community through a robust public engagement process. The opinions received have been thoughtfully reviewed and several changes have been made to the previous drafts to accommodate many of the public's concerns. A summary of the data collection process and the updated draft concepts based on this input are attached to this memorandum. An opinion of probable cost for construction is also included for Council's consideration.

## Recommendation

Staff request input from Council to further refine the draft park master plans and will return to a future council meeting for approval or further discussion.

## Vermack Road + Roberts Drive Parks Master Plans <br> 09/06/2022 City Council Presentation

## Agenda

- Progress/Schedule
- Online Community Open House Results
- Updated Plans
- Cost Opinions
- Next Steps


## Progress / Schedule

- 9/9/2021: Public Input Food Truck Thursday
- 10/2/2021: On Site Public meetings
- 12/6/2021: City Hall Open House
- 12/6/2021 to 12/19/2021: Online Community Open House
- 9/06/2022: City Council Master Plan Presentation for Final Approval


## Project History



## Vermack Road and Roberts Drive Parks Online Community Open House

- Engagement activity is not a voting exercise
- Results area snapshot into the opinions of those who participated
- Exercise to provide another opportunity for input
- Decision-makers should use this information as a single part of their decision-making process
- 335 total comments placed
- 95 "Ideas and Suggestions"
- 191 "Make a Comment"
- 69 "Something I Like"
- 2,348 up- and down-votes
- 115 unique email addresses provided comments


## Vermack Road Feedback

## 82 total comments

Major Themes:

- Concern for bicycle and pedestrian access or facilities
- Safe crossing opportunities
- Extension of proposed walking trail
- Desire for more passive space
- Split on open field or truly passive, undeveloped space
- General support of overall proposed layout


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## Vermack Road Feedback



## Roberts Drive Feedback

270 total comments
Major Themes:

- Concerns regarding softball presence
- Desire to expand natural and/or open spaces
- Concerns about traffic and/or parking



## Roberts Drive Feedback



## Vermack - Updated Master Plan 9/06/2022



## 1. Wildfower meadow

2. Open play field ( $245 \mathrm{t} . \times 145 \mathrm{t}$.)
3. Nature trail / Walking loop ( 0.51 mile)

## 4. Restrooms

5. Pavilion ( $40 \mathrm{ft} \mathbf{x} 30 \mathrm{t}$.)
6. Sensory playground (6-12 YO children. 12.000 sq. .f.) 7. Main entrance
7. (3) Pickleball courts (44 f. $\times 22$ If each
8. Gazebo (18' diamete)

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## 10. Parking area (22 spaces)

11. Parking area (25 spaces)
12. Vehicular drop-off area with public art
13. Covered parking with solar panels (20 spaces)
14. Gazebo (18' diameter)
15. City of Dunwoody Parks Deparment office
16. Interpretive signage, typ.
17. Existing vegetated buffer to remain
18. Pedestian connection between neighborhoods as requested
by residents

## Vermack - Summary of Changes



Vermack Road Summary of Design Changes

| Draft Master Plan | Updated Master Plan |
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| No interpretive signage was included in the <br> concept. | Interpretive signage was added to the master <br> plan concept. |

## Vermack Master Plan Programming Summary

| Programming | Parking Guideline | Parking <br> Provided | Assumptions |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Parks Facility |  | 8 | Office Parking |
| Overflow Parking |  | 16 | Overflow for adjacent facilities |
| 5-10 acre park | 1/first $2 \mathrm{ac}, 1 / 1$ add'l ac | 9 | 9.3 acre park |
| Open Play (35,525 sf) | $1 / 1000$ sf | 36 |  |
| Children's Playground | 20/comp park; 12k sf, 75 sf/child | 20 | Same amount of parking as <br> Windhollow Park |
| Pickleball | 2 spots/court | 6 | 3 courts/6 players |
| Total |  | $\underline{95}$ |  |
| Reduction |  | $\mathbf{6 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ for walking and biking |

## Roberts - Updated Master Plan 9/06/2022



## 1. Public art, typ.

2. Interpretive green infrastructure and trail
3. Neighborhood paved connector path
4. Nature trail/ walking loop ( 0.42 mile)
5. Interpretive signage, typ
6. Overlook - interpretive green infrastructure
7. (2) Tennis ( $78 \mathrm{ff}. \times 36 \mathrm{ft}$.)/ (4) pickleball courts ( $44 \mathrm{ff} \times 20 \mathrm{ff}$ )
8. Multi-use field ( $300 \mathrm{ft} . \times 150 \mathrm{ft}$ )
9. Entry plaza wilh public art
10. Restroom/ maintenance storage facility
11. Concession stand
12. Drop-off area
13. Basketball courts (1) fult-size, ( $84 \mathrm{ft}. \times 50 \mathrm{f}$. )/ (2) hall-size, ( $50 \mathrm{ft} . \times 42 \mathrm{ft}$ )
14. Wildflower meadow
15. Parking area ( 95 spaces) with green infrastructure
16. Main entrance (two-way)
17. Pedestrian connection to Roberts Drive
18. Splash pad purmp house

19. Restroom facility
20. Pavilion ( $40 \mathrm{ft} \times 30 \mathrm{ft}$ )
21. Splash pad ( 50 ft. dia., 1.960 sq. ft.) with (2) family-sized pavilions
22. Open space with an open play field ( $200 \mathrm{ft} \times 100 \mathrm{ft}$ )
23. Older and younger children's' playground (2-12 YO, $8,000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$ )
24. Neighborhood pedestrian connection
25. Existing vegetated buffer to remain

## Roberts - Summary of Changes

## 2/14/2022 Draft Master Plan



9/06/2022 Updated Master Plan


Roberts Drive Summary of Design Changes

| Draft Master Plan | Updated Master Plan |
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| (1) basketball court was located in the midle of <br> the park. | The courts were changed into (1) full-sized <br> basketball court and (2) half-sized basketball <br> courts located in the northwest area of the park. |
| The softball field was a 250 ft. adult field in the <br> northeast corner. | The softball field was removed from the concept. |
| The tennis courts were oriented <br> northwest/southeast and located adjacent to <br> the softball field. | The tennis courts were shifted to the east side of <br> the park adjacent to the pickle ball courts. |
| Parking bisected the middle of the site; <br> generally an east-west layout. | The parking was shifted south along Roberts <br> Drive. |
| The open play field, splash pad and supporting <br> facilities, and playground were located in the <br> southern area of the park. | The open play field, splash pad and supporting <br> facilities, and playground were relocated to the <br> southern portion of the park. |
| The vegetated buffer was unchanged between <br> concepts. | The vegetated buffer was unchanged between <br> concepts. |
| The entry plaza, concession stand, and restroom <br> facility were located south of the tennis courts <br> and west of the softball field. | The entry plaza, concession stand, and restroom <br> facility were rotated to be parallel with the <br> parking and remained in the center of the park. |
| No wildflower plantings were included in the <br> concept. | Wildflower plantings were added along the <br> walking loop. |
| The concept did not include interpretive <br> signage. | Interpretive signage was added throughout the <br> site. |

## Roberts Master Plan Programming / Parking Summary

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5-10-acre park | 1/first 2 ac, $1 / 1$ add'l ac | 9 | 9.8 -acre park |
| Basketball | $50 /$ court $+1 / 3$ seats | 44 | 10 per team/20 total |
| Tot Playground | 50 sf/tot, 33 sf/infant | 5 | $2,000 \mathrm{sf} / 40$ tots; 20 families |
| Children's Playground | $20 /$ comp park; 12,000 sf, <br> 75 sf/child | 10 | 6,000 sf, half the amount of <br> parking as Windhollow Park |
| Tennis/Pickleball | 2 spots/court | 12 | 4 pickleball courts/8 players, 2 <br> tennis courts/4 players |
| Splashpad | 2,000 sf $=70$ children | 35 | 70 children/2 kids per vehicle |
| Open Play (20,000 sf) | $1 / 1,000$ sf | 20 |  |
| Total |  | $\mathbf{1 3 5}$ |  |
| Reduction |  | 95 | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ for walking and biking |

## Cost Opinion Summaries

Roberts

- Demolition + Site Clearing: \$242,125.00
- Erosion Control: \$35,828.00
- Utilities: \$136,281.00
- Hardscape + Furnishings: \$2,123,935.00
- Program Elements: \$3,107,935.00
- Landscape: \$689,480.00
- Construction Total: \$6,335,584.00
- Contingencies/Soft Costs: \$2,811,564.00

Total Project Cost: \$9,147,148.00

## Vermack

- Demolition + Site Clearing: \$130,550.00
- Erosion Control: \$20,389.50
- Utilities: \$53,281.00
- Hardscape + Furnishings: \$1,132,400.00
- Program Elements: \$1,078,330.00
- Landscape: \$258,351.00
- Construction Total: \$2,673,301.50
- Contingencies/Soft Costs: \$1,214,520.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,887,821.50

## Itemized Program Elements

## Roberts Program Elements

- Tennis/Pickleball: \$472,500
- Basketball: \$174,000
- 150'x300' Multi-Purpose Field: $\$ 704,480$
- Splash Pad/Pump House: \$1,056,955
- Playground: \$400,000


## Vermack Program Elements

- Pickleball: \$107,280
- 145'x245' Multi-Purpose Field: \$71,050
- Playground: \$600,000
- Solar Panels: \$300,000


## Next Steps

- Final plan edits incorporating Council feedback
- October $10^{\text {th }}$ - present final plans for further discussion or Council approval


## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT - 4809/4819 VERMACK ROAD



EXAMPLEIMAGES


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## Vermack Road Park




## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT - 5435 ROBERTS DRIVE





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## Roberts Drive Park Concept Plan



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