



Meeting Notes

Community Meeting #3

October 11, 2017

Franklin Park Pathways, Lower Circuit Drive and Scarboro Pond Area Improvements

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The third public meeting for Franklin Park Pathways, Lower Circuit Drive and Scarboro Pond area improvements was held on October 11, 2017 at the William J. Devine Clubhouse at Franklin Park. Below is a summary of the issues discussed:

1. Lauren Bryant from BPRD, provided an overview of the previous 4 phases of the pathway improvements, the funding, and the upcoming phase 5 project.
2. Kyle Zick, consulting landscape architect, explained the extent and scope of the phase 5 project.

Lower Circuit Drive

- a. Members of the public agree that it would be a good idea to remove maintenance yard traffic from Circuit Drive.
- b. There was concern that not enough parking was being proposed along Circuit Drive in proximity of the picnic area and tennis courts. Due to heavy use of this area of the park, it is common to have parallel parking on both sides of the street. BPRD explained that historically this road was 30' wide, and with two way traffic, parking can only be accommodated on one side of the road. The community asked that the road be widened more than it was historically to support the active use of the park in this area. More remote parking is not desired because of the elderly and children that frequent the area.
- c. Several people asked if the Shattuck Hospital parking could be used as well to support park use. BPRD will contact the hospital.
- d. KZLA will confirm the number of cars that park in this area (on the road and on the grass) to compare with the proposed quantity of parking spaces.
- e. One community member asked if the road could be changed to one way travel with vehicles exiting at Morton Street.
- f. Two road races use Circuit Drive as part of the race route (BAA half marathon in October and Doyle's Road Race in April). There was concern about the timing of construction impacting either race. The BAA half marathon has 13,000 runners with Circuit Drive filled with runners shoulder to shoulder. Consideration should be given at the vehicular turnaround how that volume of runners can pass through the path entries.

Scarboro Pond

- a. The path repaving has support from the community.



Golf Course Parking lot

- a. There was some concern that parking is being made smaller and that policies related to use of the parking lot would change.
- b. Additional lighting was supported.
- c. Extending Circuit Path into what is the parking lot today the community agreed with. Removal of the raised shrub bed, which has extensive rodent nesting is desired.
- d. Community members noted a persistent water leak in the parking lot and are concerned that this be resolved prior to repaving the parking lot. KZLA and BPRD will follow up.
- e. New trees are proposed as part of this work that will replace trees recently removed.

Construction Phasing

- a. While Circuit Path is closed for construction this fall, the community asked if the footpath that run parallel to the path will remain open. KZLA and BPRD will confirm if this access will remain open.
- b. There are several events and uses (Juneteenth, Doyle's Road Race in April, general high use in summer, tennis program June through September) that utilize the phase 5b construction area. The community asked how the construction will impact these events. The funding has to be spent by June 30, so construction will be active from April through the end of June. BPRD permitting is aware of the construction and will coordinate accordingly.

Next Steps

- a. Additional studies of the parking on Lower Circuit Drive will be prepared, and phase 5b construction phasing will be outlined for discussion at Community Meeting #4.