

July 22, 2021 sent via email to all attendees of June 22 Community Meeting

Good evening everyone,

I am sending this email to all who attended the community meeting on June 22 and registered an email address upon sign in. Please feel free to share this with your neighbors.

We appreciate everyone who joined us as we reviewed the Japanese Garden designs and the proposed ESPN Grant Proposal improvements. Thank you to John Reynolds and Dennis Ware for presenting the designs.

Based on my notes here is a brief summary of the items that came up for each topic. I am listing the other items that came up during the meeting in a closing section. I am also attaching for your review the presentation from the meeting.

Japanese Garden Design

- Money comes from the 2017 bond approval of funds for renovation and also for the uncapping the springs project
- Focus on creating an ADA path
- Reset pavers along section of lake
- Waterfall features include elevating a pump
- 8-foot-wide bridges and portal are part of this redo
- Money from uncapping the springs is going to the Japanese Garden and for a study on dredging the lake
- Park is designated “historic preservation” – will need to find out what this means

ESPN Grant Proposal

- ESPN awarded \$25K with community matching the funds; funds have been raised with a surplus created
- Methodist was mentioned as a major contributor and will get a special sign (as allowed by Dallas Parks).
 - Dash for the Beads and several residents also were mentioned as helping to meet our goal
- Renovating the outdoor court with a major goal of increasing league play and addressing spillover from the recreation center were part of the ESPN proposal
- Maintenance was included as part of the overall budget as required by ESPN
- Demographics within a certain area were provided as part of the ESPN grant; Dennis Ware can offer more information on this topic

New Wish List for the Park and Recreation Center

- As part of the meeting, a new wish list that assembles various ideas and projects was presented
- This list is a starting point and will be updated on an ongoing basis
 - From the meeting, the idea to have a parking study conducted for the park came up

- Prioritizing items on the wish list will also need to be sorted with the first focus item considered for North Texas Giving Day (September 16th)
- It was recommended that the list be broken out into those items that were Maintenance and those that were New
- Future meetings will be held to help come up with solutions on how to achieve items on the wish list

Feedback – Concerns

- **Maintenance** of the amenities that we have currently in the park was brought up by several attendees as a major concern
 - The uncapping of the springs project was immediately offered as the example of how “we” are not maintaining the amenities that currently exist in Kidd Springs
 - It was suggested that the landscaping around the uncapping and the leak (?) be addressed as soon as possible
- The next three concerns from residents were the **trash** (pollution), **illegal parking** and **noise** in the park.
 - Noise from the basketball court traveled westward to the Kessler Highlands residents
 - Vendors are illegally selling in the park which contributes to the pollution (trash left behind)

We have been working on addressing some of these issues.

For example, two of the no parking signs on the Sylvan extension were blocked by tree branches. A 311 request was made to have them cut back which they were about two weeks ago. The next step on this is to clarify if the handicap parking sign that is in front of the tennis courts needs to stay or can it go?

Tonight, we posted a poll for eight neighborhoods around Kidd Springs Park to ask if the bleachers should remain or be removed as part of the ESPN proposal. Link to poll: https://nextdoor.com/p/MdBbQ8nR3px3?utm_source=share&extras=MzI1NTU0

Again, feel free to share this poll with your neighbors.

I am available at anytime to talk to anyone who has questions or additional ideas. I am going to create that forum or page on Nextdoor so that we can use that as another tool to keep the conversation going. The forum will be KSC Friends of KS Park & Rec Center.

We really appreciate all of you and thank you for your ongoing interest and support of our beloved Kidd Springs Park and Recreation Center. As I shared with everyone at the meeting, we are so lucky to have so many groups that are interested in the welfare of our park and recreation center.

Love where you live.

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