



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

6:30 PM

I. Call to order

II. Approval of the minutes of : Tuesday, December 6, 2016 (*regular meeting*)

III. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.

1. Nomination of 2017 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson
2. Proposal from Marshall Lasser-Rock Installation at Quarton Lake
 - a) Notification distributed list for Quarton Lake Proposal
3. Establish Parks and Recreation Board Sub-Committees
 - a) Master Plan Sub-Committee
 - b) Trail Sub-Committee
 - c) Golf Sub-Committee
 - d) Crowdfunding Sub-Committee

IV. Communications/Discussion Items

1. Poppleton Park Communication Items
 - a) Emails received for Poppleton Park
 - b) Newspaper articles
2. Golf Course Updates
 - a) Golf Course Financials
 - b) Golf Course Report
3. Cable Broadcasting Parks and Recreation Board Meetings at a future meeting
4. Pembroke Park Lawn Repair Project update

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

VII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda

VIII. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2017(DPS)

IX. Adjournment

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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parks & Recreation Board of Birmingham will help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2016

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan (arrived @ 6:35 pm), Therese Longe, John Meehan and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Stevens, Ryan Ross and Lilly Stotland

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Nichole McMaster

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Janet Barry, John Barry, Patty Blair, Rick Blair, Anne Bray, Margaret Desmond, Christine Fields, Lisa Kaminski, Marshall Lasser, Kelton McBride, Donald O'Leary, Eleni O'Leary, Stan Olinek and Ray Rogers, Rockworks, Inc.

Therese stated that since there is not a quorum that the minutes would not be approved until the fourth Parks and Recreation Board member arrives. Therese stated that there will not be a decision made on Poppleton Park and that the items listed under Communication/Discussion Items are only communications.

Therese stated the discussion on Poppleton Park will be led by the City Manager on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the city commission room at city hall.

Therese stated that if anyone would like to stay and make a comment about Poppleton Park that may be done after the Parks and Recreation Board has concluded the regular business under Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda.

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Ross Kaplan that the minutes of the November 1, 2016 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 4 Ross Kaplan (arrived @ 6:40 pm), Therese Longe, John Meehan and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent – 2 Art Stevens, Ryan Ross and Lilly Stotland

AGENDA ITEM #1-Fee Increases For Springdale Shelter

Connie stated that the department is requesting a rental rate increase for the Springdale Shelter that will take effect January, 2017. Connie stated that the last rate increase for the rental of Springdale Shelter occurred in 2005. Connie stated that a survey was conducted from other surrounding communities which have the same shelter capacity as Springdale Shelter.

It was moved by John Meehan, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht to approve the department's recommendation on the fee increases for the rental of Springdale Shelter which will take effect January, 2017.

Yeas – 4 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent – 2 Art Stevens, Ryan Ross and Lilly Stotland

AGENDA ITEM #2-Proposal from Marshall Lasser-Rock Installation at Quarton Lake
Carrie stated to the Parks and Recreation Board that Marshall Lasser and Ray Rogers have provided the follow up information for his previous donation proposal of placement of large boulders at Quarton Lake Park as requested by the Parks and Recreation Board from the November 1, 2016 meeting.

Carrie stated that a letter from an engineer, the engineer's analysis, cross section mounting detail and plan view mounting detail are included. Carrie stated that a site plan to show the exact location at Quarton Lake has been provided.

Therese stated that the site plan has an error about the street name. Therese stated that it should be Lake Park not Lakeside. Therese stated that since there are only four Parks and Recreation Board members attending that a vote would be deferred until the January 10, 2017 Parks Board meeting so that there will be a full hearing and also allowing for the proper notification to be sent to the Quarton Lake neighborhood.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1a- Emails received for Poppleton Park
Lauren stated attached are a variety of emails in the Parks and Recreation Board Packet concerning Poppleton Park Concept Plan and Poppleton Park in general.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1b- Memorandum to Birmingham To Community Members on Poppleton Park

Lauren stated that memorandum was written to community members that was used to answer questions and concerns received by emails or individuals she had spoken with on the Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1c- Hometownlife newspaper articles

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board newspaper articles written on Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1d- Downtown magazine article

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board newspaper article written on Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1e- Birmingham Patch articles

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board newspaper articles written on Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2- Email-Upcoming Meeting Dates -Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren provided to the Parks and Recreation Board the email that was sent out regarding the upcoming Poppleton Park Concept Plan meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016 in the commission room at 6:30 pm to garner more information on the concept plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3- Capital Projects for 2017-2018 – Proposed
 Carrie provided the Parks and Recreation Board the proposed capital projects for 2017-2018 which will be presented at the budget hearing.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4- Golf Course Report

Lauren announced to the Parks and Recreation Board that Springdale Golf Course will be closing on Wednesday, December 9, 2016.

Lauren also provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5- Pickleball Request

Connie presented to the Parks and Recreation Board a request that was received from Mr. Forrester for pickleball for an outdoor court. Connie stated that the pickleball could be placed as an item for the upcoming Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Connie stated that she would contact Mr. Forrester to inform him that this would be an item to be placed in the revised Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Ross Kaplan asked that if an evaluation could be made on tennis reservation requests verses actual use of the City of Birmingham public tennis courts.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Carrie confirmed that the Little Free Library has been removed from Barnum Park and will be reinstalled in the spring and that the naming contest will be wrapped up at that time before an additional Little Free Library is constructed and installed.

Carrie stated that the outdoor Barnum Ice Rink has been installed and that it has been filled.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

NEW BUSINESS:

Therese stated that Shain Park look spectacular this year and the staff at the Department of Public Services did a great job and to please pass on the comment to the staff.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Lisa Kaminski stated she was very disappointed that the meeting scheduled for December 8, 2016 could not be moved to January. Lisa stated that she wanted to know how the parking lot would be controlled after the park closes for the day. Lisa asked if additional police would be patrolling Poppleton Park.

Therese stated that currently residents are able to contact the police department with issues at the parks. Therese stated that currently when parks are closed the parking lots can be chained.

Therese stated that the eighty-eight (88) spot parking lot number was never a fixed number it was suggested by MDOT as the maximum number of parking spots that could go there.

Therese stated that at the presentation at the October Parks and Recreation Board meeting it was clearly stated that MDOT suggested that number and it is just a place holder and it is not anything that has been endorsed, confirmed or suggested.

Lisa Kaminski asked why has there never been "No Parking" signs placed on the eastside of Oxford to protect those property owners.

Therese stated that item is not under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Board. That item would go to the Parking Advisory Board.

Therese stated that there are conversations between the departments and boards but that request would be a neighbor initiated process that would go to the Parking Advisory Board first and then to the Parks and Recreation Board to see if it would negatively impact the park.

Therese stated that the Parks and Recreation Board have read all the e-mails that have been received and the Parks Board members only wants what is best for Birmingham further discussion on the parking will take place at the December 8th meeting. Therese stated that the additional parking spots discussion came from the meeting that was held in February where the people who came who lived on Oxford said, "They no longer wanted people parking on the street or driving through the neighborhood."

Therese stated that there are several emails that would prefer that the park not be accessed through the neighborhood. Therese stated the parking lot was a concept based on the February meeting comments.

Lisa Kaminski respectfully requests that the Parks and Recreation Board withdraw the Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

Bill Wiebrecht stated that Poppleton Park is the most popular park in the City of Birmingham, not considering the golf courses but between Poppleton Park and Kenning Park for outdoor activities on an annual basis if you were to count users Poppleton Park is the most popular park in the City of Birmingham.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: *(continued)*

Lisa Kaminski stated that it is nearly impossible to cross Woodward Avenue to visit the downtown area.

Patty Blair stated that a letter was written to Ms. Wood on the issues of removal of trees, the potential parking lot off of Woodward, the over excessive walk-way around Poppleton Park, the width of the walking path proposed around the softball diamond, the proposed two picnic shelters and the locations of the portable toilets.

Patty Blair asked that Poppleton Park be kept as green and natural as possible.

Christine Fields stated that there was no input from the neighbors that live in the Poppleton Park neighborhood for the Poppleton Park Concept. Christine stated that there is no need for additional sidewalks as proposed in the concept plan.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
Patty + Dick Blair	485 Rivenoak St.	B'Ham AL 35209
Lisa Kaminski	950 Henley St	B'ham 48009
ELENI & DONAL O'Leary	444 Wimbledon Dr.	B'ham 48009
JOHN & JANET BARRY	972 HENLEY	BIRMINGHAM 48009
Christine Fields	282 Wimbledon	B'ham. 48009
Barin Swallow	Scout Troop 1001	B'ham 48009
Kelton Mc Bride	Scout Troop 1001	Livonia, MI 48152
Steven Olinek	950 Oxford St.	B'ham, AL 48009
Margaret DeMond	380 Wimbledon	Bham 48009



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: November 29, 2016

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Donation Proposal from Marshall Lasser- Basalt Stones Installation at Quarton Lake

Marshall Lasser has provided follow up information for his previous donation proposal of placement of large boulders at Quarton Lake Park as requested by the Parks and Recreation Board at the November 1, 2016 meeting. Please see the attached letter from an engineer, the engineer's analysis, cross section mounting detail and plan view mounting detail. He has also submitted a site plan to show exact location.

As background information, the original proposal submitted is also included along with the August 25, 2016 letter from Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager, along with the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To accept Marshall Lasser's proposal of the installation of basalt stones at Quarton Lake Park placed off of Lakepark, south of Oak as submitted, with all further details to be worked out in an Agreement between the City and the Donor.

OR

To reject Marshall Lasser's proposal for the installation of rocks at Quarton Lake Park placed off of Lakepark, south of Oak as submitted.

A hand-drawn sketch of a parking lot layout. The vehicles are numbered 1 through 8 from left to right. Dimensions are indicated by vertical lines and arrows:

- Vehicle 1: 4'
- Vehicle 2: 4'
- Vehicle 3: 4'
- Vehicle 4: 4'
- Vehicle 5: 4'
- Vehicle 6: 4'
- Vehicle 7: 4'
- Vehicle 8: 4'

Handwritten notes include:

- "20' x 7' Baying van or colored cargo containers"
- "Van 6-21"
- "Small car"

A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances from 0 to 10 feet.

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November 28, 2016

Rock Works, LLC
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Re: Quarton Park Rock placement analysis

Dear Sirs:

This will follow up an inquiry as to the stability of the proposed stone placement in an arrangement as proposed in the attached drawings. This work was done at your request.

I have analyzed the tallest of the proposed basalt stones, which would be 9 feet above grade and approximately 1 ft into the ground. The stones are roughly 4 ft x 4 ft in footprint, and will be somewhat tapered towards the upper ends. Based upon the weight of the stone and the footprint, an analysis of the overturning of the stone with respect to soil pressure failure was done. An earthquake loading was assumed at 10 percent of the mass, which is higher than typical building code requirements. Wind loading was considered and found to be less. A copy of my analysis is included with this letter.

Based upon my analysis, the soil pressures would not be excessive under the loading, and the stones would be supported adequately against overturning.

It is proposed to use a channel foot/brace on the stones which will be 7 ft or more out of the ground, as shown in the attached drawings. These will provide significant additional safety factor.

It is my conclusion that the placement of the stones as shown in the drawings will provide adequate support and suitable safety factors against overturning.

Should you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Allen R. Decker, PE.
Artisan Engineering LLC



Client: ROCKWORKS

Job No: —

Sheet: 1 of 1

Project: PROPOSED UPRIGHT STONES IN PARK

By: AM

Date: 11-25-16

STABILITY ANALYSIS FOR STANDING STONES

STONE: BASALT, 250 PCF
9' HGT + 1' IN GROUND
4' x 4' FOOT PRINT

$$W = 9' \times 4' \times 4' \times 75\% \text{ DUE TO TAPER} \times 250 \text{ PCF} = 27,000^{\text{K}}$$

C.G. = 3' TO 4' ABOVE BASE DUE TO PYRAMIDAL TAPER

ASSUME 10% O.T. FORCE DUE TO EARTHQUAKE (TYPICALLY LESS THAN 10%)

$$MOT = 4' \times 0.10 \times 27^{\text{K}} = 10.8^{\text{K}}$$

CITEX BEARING ON SOIL

$$S = 4' \times 4' / 6 = 10.67 \text{ FT}^3 \quad A = 4' \times 4' = 16 \text{ SQ. FT.}$$

$$f_b = 10.8^{\text{K}} / 10.67 \text{ FT}^3 = 1.01^{\text{KSF}}$$

$$f_a = 27^{\text{K}} / 16 \text{ FT}^2 = 1.69^{\text{KSF}}$$

$$\text{SOIL PRESSURE} = 1.69 + 1.01 = 2.69^{\text{KSF}} \quad \text{OK VS } 300^{\text{KSF}} \text{ SOIL}$$

$$\text{OR } 1.69 - 1.01 = 0.68^{\text{KSF}}$$

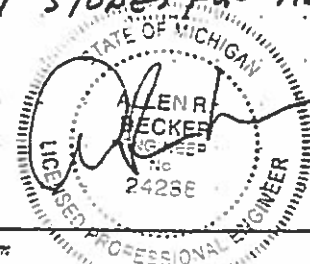
$$\text{CITEX WIND LOAD: } P = 30 \text{ PSF} \times 9' \times 4' = 108^{\text{K}} < 2.7^{\text{K}} - \text{OK}$$

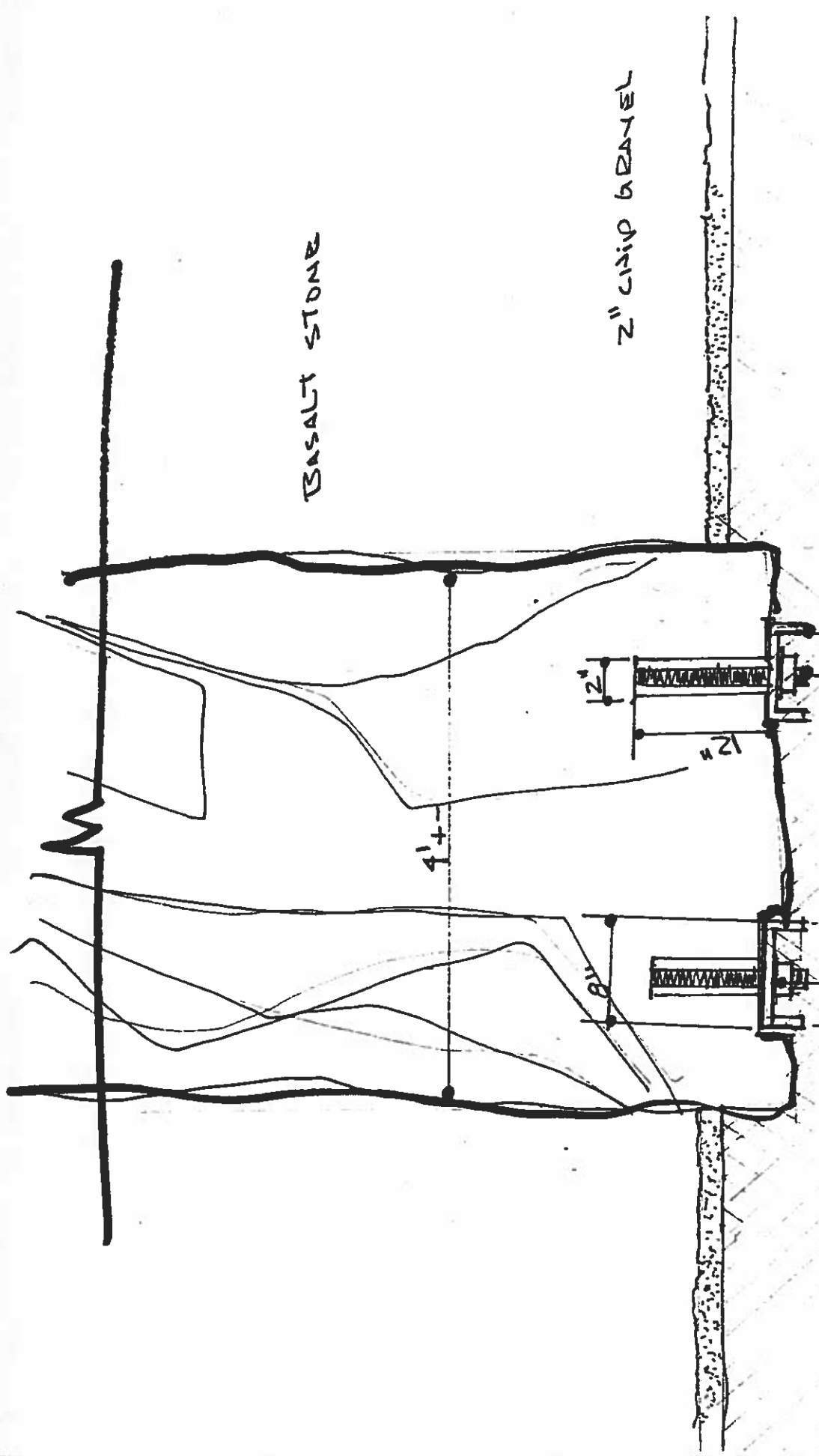
CONCLUSION:

STONES AS PROPOSED ARE STABLE

ADD CITANNEL FEET ON 7' & 9' STONES FOR ADDITIONAL STABILITY

LESSER HGT STONES ARE OK.





BASALT STONE

2" CHIP GRAVEL

30" COMPACTED 21A GR

8" CHANNEL STEEL

1 1/2" DIA. STAINLESS STEEL
THREADED ROD

COMPACTED SUBSOIL

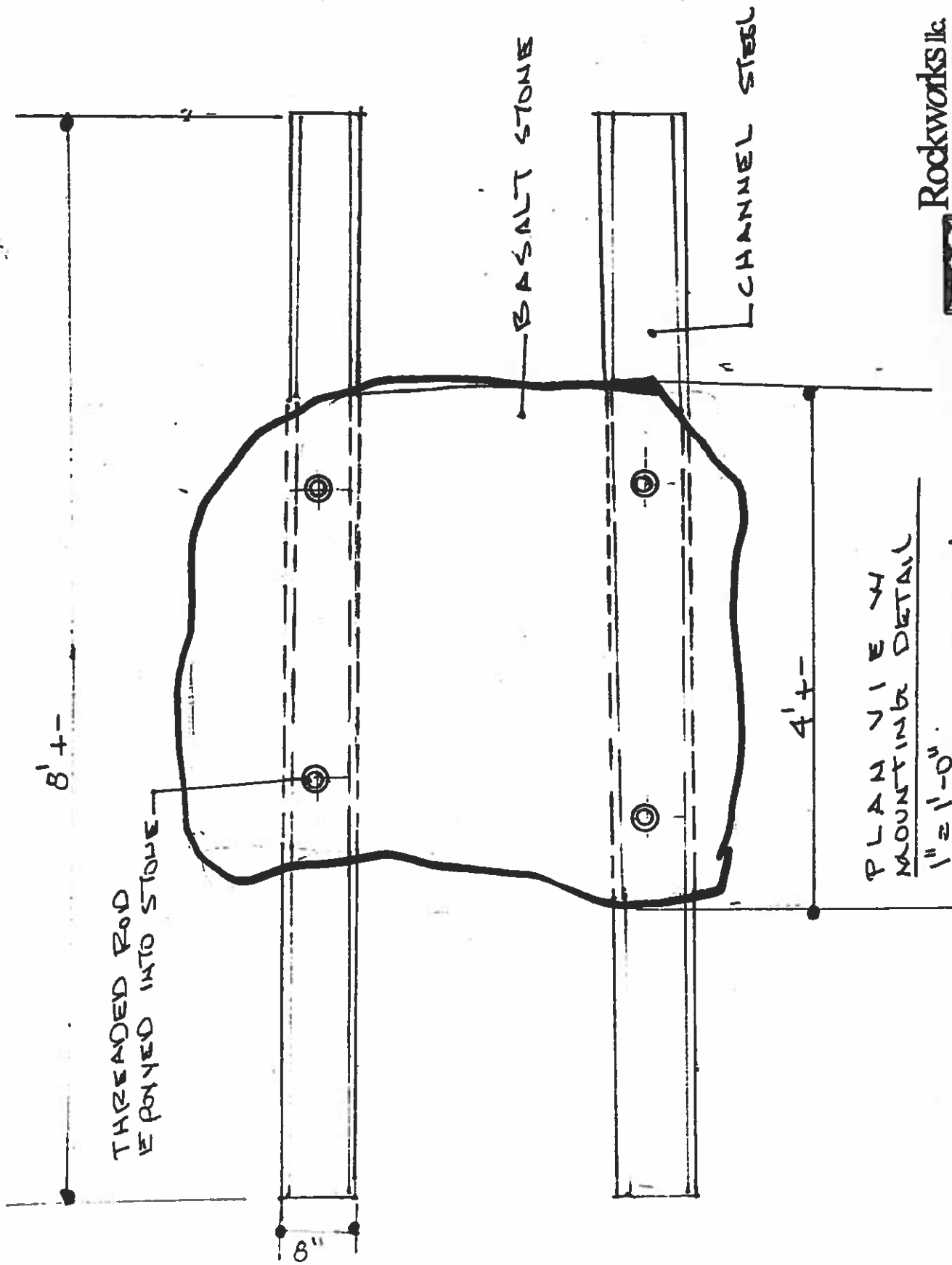
STAINLESS STEEL
NUT AND WASHER

CROSS SECTION
MOUNTING DETAIL STONES OVER 5'
SCALE 1" = 1'-0"



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PLAN VIEW W
MOUNTING DETAIL
1" = 1'-0"
FOR STONE OVER 6'

1
2
3
4

LAKE SIDE DR.

PATH

PATH

LAWN

LAWN

OAK

OAK

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SPRUE

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96'

68'

15'

SUN

BASALT
STONE

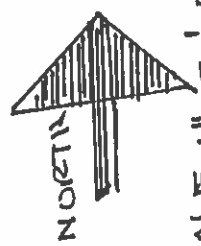
GRAVEL

EX. BENCH

EXISTING
VEGETATION

EXISTING
VEGETATION

LAKE OVERLOOK



SCALE 1"=30'-0"

OAK ST.

BASALT STONES

LOCATION ON QUARTON LAKE

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QUARTON LAKE

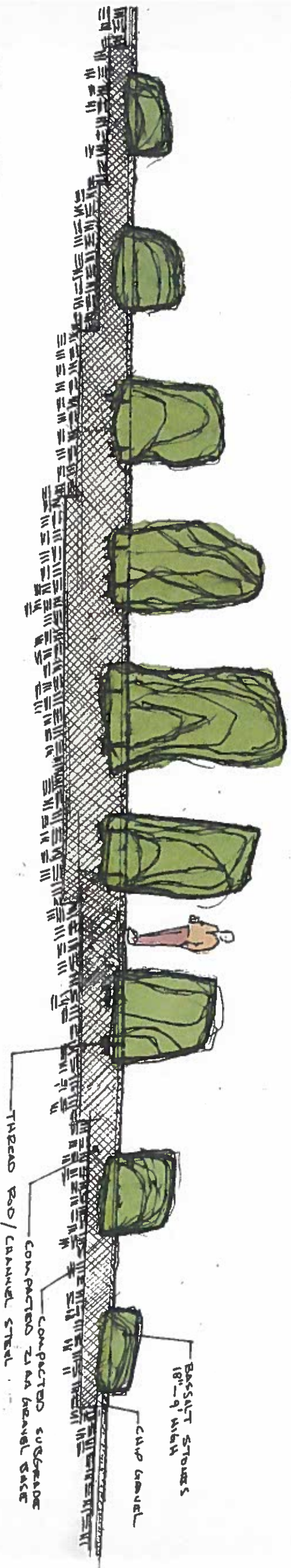


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BASALT STONES

ELEVATION



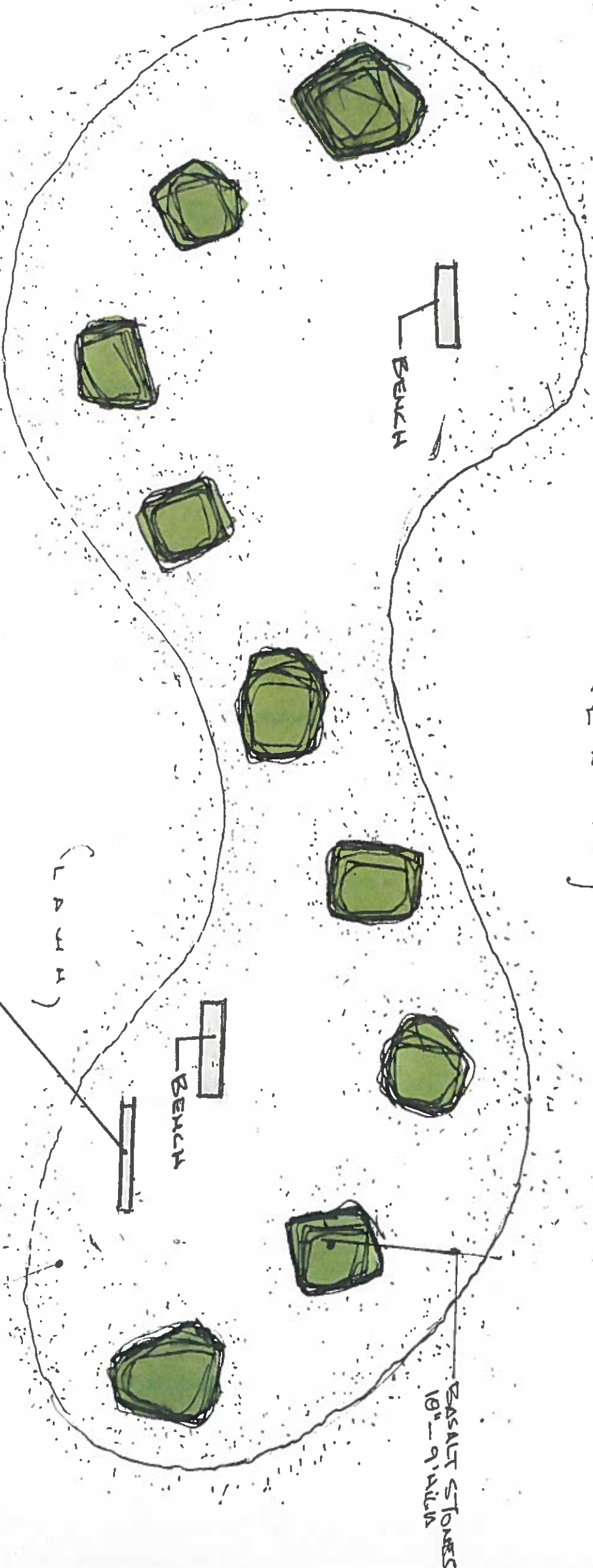
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BASALT STONES PLAN VIEW

INTERPRETIVE SIGN WITH PHOTO, MAP AND
VERBIAL DESCRIPTION OF GEOLOGY, ORIGIN
OF STONES, EXCAVATION AND INSTALLATION.

GRAVEL CURB SURFACE
ON 2" GRAVEL BASE

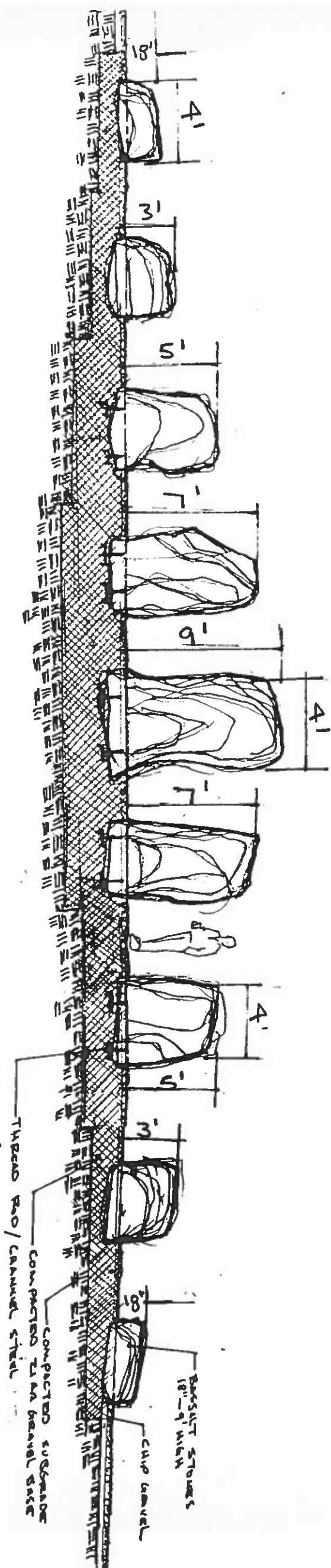


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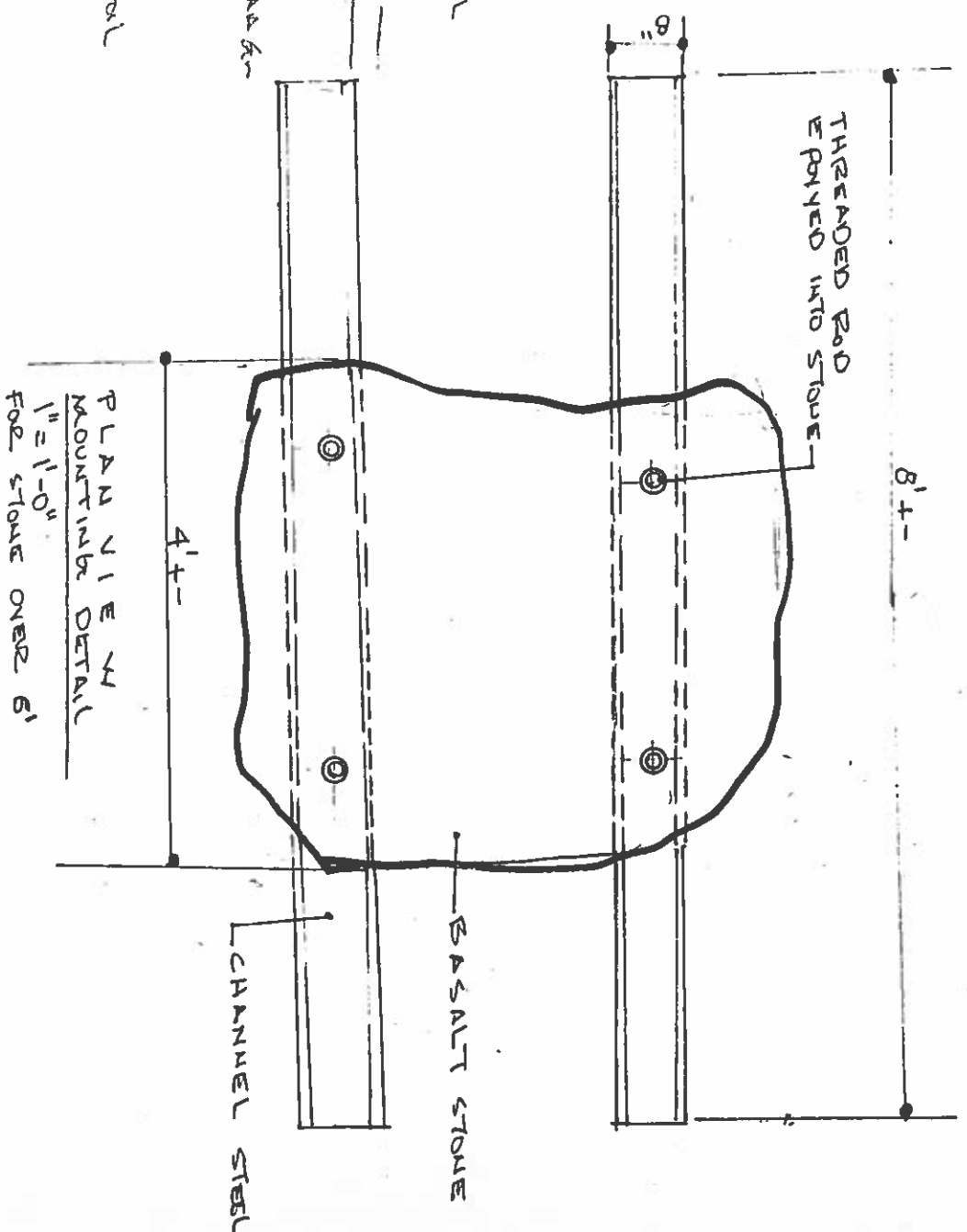
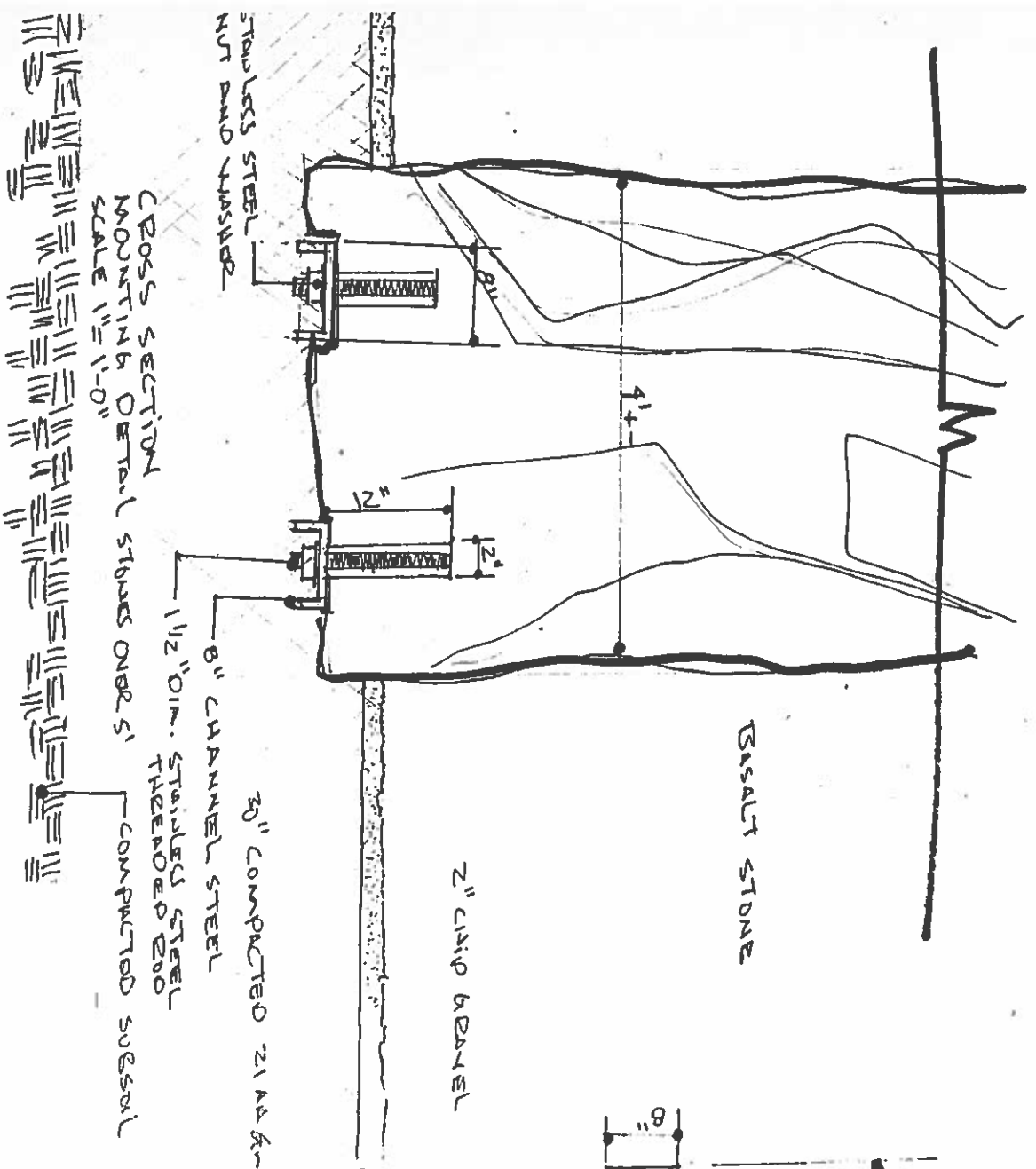
BASSALT STONES ELEVATION



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BASALT STORES
MOUNTAIN DETAIL





August 25, 2016

Marshall Lasser
PO Box 2579
Southfield, MI 48037

Dear Mr. Lasser,

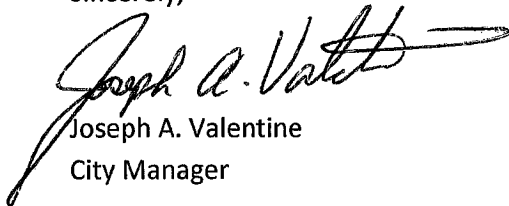
Thank you for your time in meeting with Public Services Director, Lauren Wood, Parks and Recreation Board Chair, Therese Long, City Commissioner, Patty Bordman, and myself on August 25th, 2016 to further discuss your interest in contributing towards park improvements in Birmingham.

We look forward to continue working towards improvements to our city parks that are able to incorporate elements of common interest. To this end I will confirm the process we discussed in moving forward in mutual partnership of shared goals.

Ms. Wood will serve as your primary contact with the city for all initiatives involving city parks and property. Ms. Wood will be available to meet with you to review the city's current plans and identify areas within these plans that may involve opportunities for rocks, boulders and landscaping enhancements. If you have an interest in any of these areas, you are welcome to submit a donor plan to Ms. Wood to be considered by the city's Parks and Recreation Board. I have attached a copy of the city's *Parks and Recreation Donor Policy* for your review, which further outlines this process.

I thank you again for your interest in working with the city to improve our parks and public spaces through shared objectives.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Valentine
City Manager

cc: Lauren Wood, Public Services Director
Parks and Recreation Board
City Commission
Jay Shell

City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Donor Policy

Thank you for considering Parks and Recreation in the City of Birmingham for your donation. We welcome donations from individuals, foundations, non-profit organizations and corporations and look forward to working with you.

While donations for our parks will enrich the community, the City of Birmingham recognizes that its open spaces, trails and recreation areas are precious resources. Accordingly, the City of Birmingham desires to protect and preserve the open, tranquil atmosphere of our parks, to protect the natural quality of our trails and to enhance the development of our recreational assets. Therefore, donations for park improvements and recreation programming will be considered with the support of those goals in mind.

I. DONATION CATEGORIES

The City of Birmingham welcomes donations in several categories including:

- a) Park landscaping elements include trees, shrubs and other flora. Donations of all landscaping elements, however, must be approved species and there may be site specific limitations. Please see the City of Birmingham Park Donor Program for further information.
- b) Park amenities for the purchase, replacement or refurbishment and maintenance of park benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bicycle racks, playground components and the like. Although suggestions from donors will be considered for the placement of a donated park amenity, final decisions as to location will be determined by the City of Birmingham. Please see the City of Birmingham Park Gift Donor Program for further information.
- c) Park features include arbors, pavilions, plazas, gardens, and the like. Such features must enhance the park, enrich the experience of park users and be consistent with park planning processes. Accordingly, such proposed donations will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Donors may contact the City of Birmingham or the Director of Public Services to discuss proposed park features.
- d) Monetary donations, such as cash or negotiable securities, may be used toward the development and general upkeep of park elements, amenities and features. Donors may identify a specific use for the City's consideration, or funds may be used to best meet the needs of the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation projects.

II. DONATION GUIDELINES

In order to have a consistent donor program, the following guidelines endeavor to address both the needs and resource capabilities of the City of Birmingham and the desire of donors to support Birmingham's Parks. Donors should contact the Director of Public Services to discuss donation ideas.

- a) The City wants to ensure the best appearance and aesthetic quality of its parks. Thus, donations should satisfy a true need of an approved park scheme.

II. DONATION GUIDELINES *(continued)*

- b) All donations will be reviewed for appropriateness and compatibility with the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plans. The City reserves the right to decline any donation if, upon review, the donation is (1) limited by special restrictions, conditions or covenants which pose unreasonable budgetary or maintenance obligations on the City, or (2) not in the best interest of the City.
- c) Donors may be asked to appear before the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board and/or the City Commission, to present their donation proposal. Public comment and feedback may be considered during the review process.
- d) The City understands that donors may have preferences regarding the choice of design professionals, vendors and contractors, and preferences regarding the location, size, scale, color and materials of donated elements, amenities and features. The City, however, must adhere to the open bid process requirements, if applicable, and to other City policies and goals. Accordingly, final decisions on all details of the proposed donation shall be at the sole discretion of the City of Birmingham.
- e) While the City recognizes the generally good intentions behind any donation, the City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to decline any gift or donation.
- f) Upon acceptance by the City, any donated element, amenity or feature, becomes City of Birmingham property. The City has an interest in ensuring that all park elements, amenities and features remain in good repair and will provide, at its sole discretion, reasonable maintenance of donated items. The City, however, is under no continuing obligation to repair, replace or maintain perpetual care for any donated item.
- g) The City will make a reasonable effort to notify a donor of any damage, theft or other loss to a donated item and may, at its sole discretion, repair or replace such a donated item to the extent it deems practical, or as described in the original gift agreement, if any.
- h) Because donations to the City of Birmingham may be tax deductible, donors are encouraged to consult with their tax advisor.

III. **DONOR RECOGNITION**

- a) Recognition shall be provided for all gifts given to the City of Birmingham for park improvements, subject to such general policy changes and amendments as may be implemented by the City Commission.
- b) "Naming rights" on any park feature or element are subject to the approval of the City Commission.
- c) All donations will be acknowledged by a letter of appreciation from the City of Birmingham.



**Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
DPS-851 South Eton
6:30 pm**

The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board will be considering a donation and placement of large rocks at Quarton Lake Park proposed along Lake Park Dr. south of Oak.

The Parks and Recreation Board Agenda packet is available at: http://www.bhamgov.org/government/boards/parks_agendas.php#revize_document_center_rz169 for the complete Parks and Recreation Board Packet and will be available on Friday, January 6, 2017 after 12:00 pm.

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Location: DPS, 851 South Eton, Conference Rm.
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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Occupant
1114 LAKESIDE DR.
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Occupant
1100 LAKESIDE DR.
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Occupant
556 OAK AVE.
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As of January 4, 2017

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Fwd: Poppleton park

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:07 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add

Lauren Wood

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——— Forwarded message ———

From: **Stephen Nesbitt** <nesbitt.stephen@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Poppleton park

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Wood

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Regards

Stephen Nesbitt
269 Wimbleton

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:09 PM

Include my reply, too.

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Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:09 PM
Subject: Re: Poppleton park
To: Stephen Nesbitt <nesbitt.stephen@gmail.com>

Hi Mr. Nesbitt,

Thanks for your email about Poppleton Park.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

In addition, because of your interest in Poppleton Park want to make you aware of the following upcoming meeting dates.

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Following this on **December 12th** the Poppleton Park concept plan will be presented to the City Commission at their meeting which begins at **7:30 PM at City Hall**.

Thank you again for taking the time to write us and offer your comments about the Poppleton Park concept site plan.

Also, feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks again!

Lauren

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Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:13 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:01 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 12:49 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

Mayor

City of Birmingham, MI

"never worry about action- only about inaction"
- Winston Churchill

@MarkNickita on Twitter**Mark Nickita on FB**

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Memmer <mmemmer@yahoo.com>

Date: December 7, 2016 at 10:30:50 PM EST

To: <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>,

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Subject: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

Reply-To: Mark Memmer <mmemmer@yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

We are 23 year residents of Birmingham.

Hopefully you will be hearing from many residents of the Poppleton Park neighborhood regarding proposed improvements to our namesake park. Judging from comments on our Facebook Group page, most residents are in favor of the improvements except the idea of removing beautiful, mature trees to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward.

We question the need. Adjacent to Poppleton park there are 30-35 parking places on the west side of Oxford. (We think there should be no parking on the east side of Oxford.) We walk or drive on Oxford every day. It is very rare when most of the parking is occupied. And we believe it is rarer still that people are parking on the residential side streets. Removing the trees for parking will ruin the character of the park. It is a park and parks are supposed to be green areas that have trees.

It would provide free all-day parking for Birmingham workers, just a short walk to downtown. Similar to what is happening at the Kroger parking lot.

It would also provide great parking and great views all summer long for what could become the Poppleton Park drag strip.

We would much rather have you spend available resources on a safe crosswalk at Woodward and Oak Blvd! Also do something to make the landscaping on the west side of Woodward, across from Poppleton Park, look more attractive and better kept.

Finally, we would like to see the speed limit on Woodward reduced to 35 mph, as it is in Ferndale. It would greatly improve the sense of safety and walkability of our piece of Woodward. It wouldn't even delay the drivers very much. Without stopping for traffic signals, driving the two miles between 14 Mile and Big Beaver, at 45 mph takes 2 minutes 40 seconds. At 35 mph it takes 3 minutes 25 seconds. 45 seconds longer!

Thank you for the time and energy you give to our community.

Best regards,

Mark and Victoria Memmer

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City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

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Poppleton Park

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: powerswriter@gmail.com
Cc: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Hi Rebecca,

Connie Folk forwarded your email to me.

Thank you for your email regarding Poppleton Park.

Your email will also be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Sorry you were unable to attend the informational meeting last night to review more information about the concept plan.

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To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:41 AM

Please add to the packet for today.

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From: **matt sullivan** <matt_sulli@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:29 AM
Subject: Re: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Joe & Lauren,

I was at the meeting last night, and although I am for Poppleton Park being re-done, I did not speak up. I did speak on the record at meeting in October, and I continue to believe that Birmingham has done a great job on the previous park upgrades. I did not speak last night because I didn't feel that it would have done any good, and I didn't feel comfortable doing so given the emotion in that room. I feel bad for what you had to endure. It couldn't have been easy, but you did a great job!

I know many people in Poppleton Park and other areas of Birmingham that support a facelift to the park. The "against" crowd is well organized, and with so many retirees, I believe they will always be more vocal and present. I do understand some of their concerns, although I don't believe they should be show stoppers to some kind of facelift for the park. I believe it is a PUBLIC park, not a private park for Poppleton residents, which I truly believe many of them feel.

Parking is obviously the biggest issue, but I believe most in that room want absolutely nothing done, and they're using the parking as their catalyst to stop progress. IF more parking is a must (I'm not sure that it is), I like the idea of parking off Woodward. I like this idea mainly because it's better than any other alternative, and I think it's a creative solution.

What I'm most passionate about is paths being added. Joggers, walkers, parents pushing strollers, older folks who need assistance, and most importantly handicapped and wheelchair bound people would greatly benefit. Picnic tables, benches, upgraded playground, and porta potty's are all nice additions.

Anyway, thanks for doing a great job with the parks, and the city in general. I appreciate your efforts, and contrary to many in the room, I think you do a great job communicating what's happening.

Thanks again for your service to the city,

Matt Sullivan

647 Madison St.

On November 11, 2016 at 4:34 PM Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Below is some information for you about an upcoming meeting on this concept plan.

We are in receipt of your recent emails and comments pertaining to the Poppleton Park concept plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and taking the time to write us.

I recognize there are many questions regarding this plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this meeting date and time with anyone that may be interested in attending. To assist in providing information and updates regarding Poppleton Park we have created a City website page as an additional source for information. This page can be found at www.bhamgov.org/poppletonpark.

Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

Lauren

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM, matt sullivan <matt_sulli@comcast.net> wrote:

That no tree removal is huge. However, I truly believe that they are just using the "save the tree" argument as the most justifiable approach to fight parking. The real issue is that they're scared of what a parking lot might bring to their park. Being on M1, they believe it will lead to loitering and other safety issues. And at the end of the day, many of the "no parking lot" contingent are for doing nothing at all...but it's the parking that they're using as the catalyst in their fight. They're prepping letters to commissioners, getting signatures, stoking fear...and their passion is high. So, you might see some emotion and animosity at the next informational meeting. Whatever I can do to help, please let me know.

Thanks, Lauren.

Matt

On November 11, 2016 at 11:48 AM Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Thanks for your email and comments. Your input and support with this concept plan is appreciated.

I will send you a follow-up email as we will be setting an informational meeting to address some of the questions about the plan.

As a side note, the number of parking spaces is still to be determined. The initial 88 on the concept plan just shows the maximum amount possible at that location. It offers the least amount of disruption to the park open space and no tree removal is required, thus far.

Thanks again!

Lauren

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On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 1:47 PM, Matt Sullivan <matt_sulli@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for the work you do on the Parks Board. I am for the updating of Poppleton Park...but based solely on the Poppleton Park Facebook page, I know that many of my neighbors are not. I was quoted in the Eccentric's article a couple weeks ago as being for some upgrades. I've talked to many neighbors since then, and know that some are in favor, while many are not. From what I can tell, parking is the biggest issue...many want nothing to do with additional parking. That said, I think they may be using the parking issue as a catalyst for not doing anything at all. I hope this is not true, but it's the feeling I get, especially when reading the FB comments. I would like to help the cause in whatever way would be useful, but I'm not sure what that is. I'm not at all married to one particular idea over another, and in fact, I agree with many that adding 86 spots is way too many. But I do believe that it's beyond time that the Park should be upgraded in some meaningful way that lends to more community and neighborhood usage. If you have any suggestions as to how I may be able to help, please let me know. Thanks again.

Matt Sullivan
248-703-6642

Sent from my iPhone



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Plan - Reject the Parking Lot

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:58 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add to packet for me.

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:57 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan - Reject the Parking Lot

To: Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Hi Eric,

Thank you for your email on this concept plan for Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interested in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

Lauren

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:45 PM, Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Commission:

My name is Eric Klein and I live at 734 Rivenoak St. I am writing to you in hopes of persuading you to that the parking lot proposed in the concept plan for Poppleton Park should NOT be approved.

The park was one of the main features which drew my family to this neighborhood. Its open, flexible recreational areas, large natural green space, and mature trees make it unique among Birmingham parks. Unlike so many of the parks with more formally structured areas, Poppleton offers a welcome expanse of natural, less manicured beauty to the city.

I just got back from the informational session held at City Hall regarding the concept plan, and the near universal sentiment of the over 100 residents in attendance, as Ms. Wood and Mr. Valentine could attest, was that the parking lot is a bad idea that would forever change the feel and beauty of our park. When asked who was in favor of the parking lot, one person raised his hand. When asked who was opposed to the parking lot, everyone else in the room raised his/her hand. The opinion of the residents, those who you represent, is clear. Please take that into consideration when you vote on Monday and please reject the parking lot as part of the concept plan.

The other point I would like to make is that the Concept Plan does not reflect the public opinion that I have heard at the February 2016 Parks Department meeting or on social media (our neighborhood has a FaceBook page and the near universal sentiment is that the parking lot should be scrapped). The feedback at the February 2016 meeting was overwhelmingly negative from residents to ideas of significant development to the park. There was strong opposition to adding parking, significant hardscaping throughout the park, and more. In the discussion of parking specifically, the consultant at the February 2016 meeting indicated that a parking lot with an entrance off Woodward was practically a non-starter given issues with the approach speeds. Residents who live directly adjacent to the park also noted in the meeting that they are not bothered by the current parking. Thus, the Concept Plan does not represent the sentiment of the residents and should be seriously questioned by the Commission. This is not a time for rubber stamping the Concept Plan for Poppleton Park because the residents do not feel it reflects their input or opinion, especially with respect to the parking lot.

Please take the time to review the emails and comments made by the residents regarding this very important issue. I look forward to seeing you all Monday night.

Best regards,
Eric



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:16 AM

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From: **John Fulgenzi** <johnf@doublejackelectric.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:55 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park Concept

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org

Joe,

My name is John Fulgenzi, I live at 655 Madison, I have 2 children, a special needs son who is 10 and a 6 year old daughter.

My family supports the Poppleton Park Concept. We frequent the park and believe it's outdated and underutilized.

I think the concept is well thought out and a significant up grade. I like the Woodward access to keep traffic out of our neighborhood.

The citizens of most communities would be thrilled with City spending money to upgrade this beautiful property.

It is my opinion that the vocal opposition is a small older minority that simply rejects change.

These are not the people I see in the park on a regular basis with their children. These are the same people that vote against our school millage.

The Poppleton Park neighborhood has a rapidly changing demographic. It gets younger every month. We have roughly forty kids on our street under the age of 14.

Unfortunately those of us who support the concept do not have time to create surveys, attend meetings, and blog on line because we disagree our neighbors.

We have small children and jobs with limited amount of time to voice our support.

The opposition has played a card from our current political environment by spreading fear and misinformation about the Park plan to meet their goals.

I understand it will be impossible to create a concept that everyone can agree on.

I will do my part to rally our neighbors to support this concept. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

John J. Fulgenzi

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:57 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park plan

To: David Graham <davegrahamcracker@gmail.com>

Hello Dave,

Thank you for your email on this concept plan for Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interested in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 8:19 PM, David Graham <davegrahamcracker@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms Wood -

Thank you for the presentation Monday

As one of the minority of supporters (based on the informal straw poll) , I feel that the central issue is vision: whether people want an empty green space by their house (like poppleton is now, and the Greenbelt comment), or a well used park that serves the whole community like you suggested. When I lived 1.5 miles south of the park, I would drive by, but it never occurred to me to use the park – I didn't even know how to get in

Since I live closer to Adams Park, where the project appears to have consensus, I can live with Poppleton having

lower priority, but I think it's unfortunate that tonight's audience comments were focused on NIMBY factors rather than the opportunity for the wider community

Sent from my iPhone

Dave Graham

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Fwd: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear Christine and Brad,

Thank you for your email about Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:18 PM, Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commission,

I implore you to reject the Poppleton Park concept plan on the agenda for Monday December 12, 2016. I am a resident at 282 Wimbledon. My property directly abuts the park. I have several issues with the concept plan as do many of my neighbors. I was in attendance at the informational meeting on Dec. 8, along with over 100 of my neighbors. We were disappointed to hear that this was an informational meeting about the park and there weren't any commission members in attendance to hear our concerns. It would have been nice for you to attend so you could hear the almost unanimous opposition to this concept plan. Here are my main issues with this plan:

1. **Parking along Woodward.** Why do we need 88 spaces with direct access off of Woodward? As you may be aware, whenever the weather is above 50 degrees, the cruisers come out and rev up their engines on Woodward. We cannot open our windows on summer nights because of all the noise from cruising. This parking area will invite loitering, car shows, stops to use the port-a-potties, and trash. I believe it's also a safety issue for the children at the park. There are no other parks that have direct access from Woodward along the corridor from Palmer Park in Detroit up to Pontiac. The Parks and Rec board had input from the neighborhood that no new parking was desired, but they blatantly disregarded the desire of immediate neighbors. The reasoning they provided for this parking was that some residents wanted to eliminate access through the neighborhood and parking along Oxford. This concept plan does nothing to alleviate those issues, the existing parking with access from Rivenoak remains on the plan. The new proposed parking along Woodward is so far from the playground area, families will still park along Oxford so they can have closer access to the playground. I also fear that this parking lot will turn into a commuter lot for offices across Woodward.
2. **The Maze of Pathways.** Why do we need a "track" along the perimeter of the green space? Again, several residents were opposed to this concept and it fell on deaf ears. I am particularly concerned about this as my backyard abuts the park and the path will run very close to my fenceline. I have two small children and I fear that I would be too scared to let them play in the backyard in fear that this path will direct too many strangers close to my property. The greenspace does not need designated paths... leave it green! I understand a pathway to access the playground, but if you eliminate the Woodward access parking, you can eliminate the path. We already have a wonderful network of sidewalks in our city. Please use some resources to complete the sidewalk at the west end of Wimbledon so there can be a completed loop of sidewalk to walk around the park.
3. **The concept plan development process.** I was only aware of two meetings to get input from residents about this concept plan, one in February 2016 and one in October 2016. I was only made aware of these through our neighborhood facebook page. I had no direct mailing from the city about providing input for the concept plan. My property will be directly affected by any changes that will be made to the park. I wish the Parks and Rec board and the consultants preparing the plan would have used a more inclusive forum to get input about changes to the park. A neighborhood survey would have been nice. The Parks and Rec board has been requested to rescind their approval of this plan, but this also has fallen on deaf ears. There are hundreds of Poppleton Park neighborhood residents opposed to this plan, and no one seems to be hearing our concerns.

I would recommend you reject this plan on Monday night. Lets bring it back to the drawing board, so that the residents can have more input on the concept of this park. It seems that the majority opinion is getting lost in the "process". We all know that this plan is "conceptual". In my experience as an architect and a city planner, I am well aware that once these things get down on paper, it is taken as "the Plan". I have a hard time believing that once funding is secured and the city is ready to move forward implementing the plan that the parking or paths will be taken off. Lets save the City from headaches later down the road and develop a smarter concept with actual input from the neighbors who regularly use the park.

Sincerely,

Christine & Brad Fields

282 Wimbledon Dr.

Poppleton Park Residents



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: DO NOT APPROVE THE POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN!

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:15 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:15 AM

Subject: Re: DO NOT APPROVE THE POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN!

To: Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com>

Cc: "rackyhoff@hotmail.com" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, "pbordman@bhamgov.org" <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, "pboutros@bhamgov.org" <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "cdeweese@bhamgov.org" <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "aharris@bhamgov.org" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, "ssherman@bhamgov.org" <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Good Morning Lisa,

I am in receipt of your email today. It was nice seeing you last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 10:26 PM, Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com> wrote:

Below is my original letter sent to you on Nov 2, '16.

150+ residents gathered this evening to listen to Ms. Wood "explain" the process.

At Monday's city commission meeting we will be requesting that you DO NOT PASS the Poppleton Park concept plan.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kaminski

950 Henley St.(Poppleton neighborhood)

Birmingham

From: Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 8:36 PM

To: rackyhoff@hotmail.com; mnickita@bhamgov.org; pbordman@bhamgov.org; pboutros@bhamgov.org; cdeweese@bhamgov.org; aharris@bhamgov.org; ssherman@bhamgov.org

Subject: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN

Commissioners -

As an 18-year resident of wonderful the Poppleton Park neighborhood, I am writing to vehemently oppose the "concept plan" for Poppleton Park. There are a couple of possibly good ideas, ie, ADA playground equipment and PERHAPS a paved path from the existing parking lot to the playground. The remaining suggestions are not needed or wanted. A parking lot with an entrance off of Woodward is, in my opinion, absurd! If a few added parking spaces are needed, then increase the size of the cul-de-sac to accommodate additional parking and add 2-3 handicapped spots right on the street.

Birmingham is touted as a "walkable" city, yet the entire northeast quadrant, known as the Poppleton Park neighborhood is totally reliant on only ONE safe crosswalk to access downtown. The focus should be on walkability. It is almost a mile from my house near Manor Park to the Madison/Oakland crosswalk over Woodward. Our neighborhood now has twice the number of school-aged children as it did when we moved in. Our city leaders should be focusing on a safe crosswalk at Oak, slowing down the Woodward Autobahn traffic and a deceleration lane when entering our neighborhood at Wimbleton. We just endured a 6-month assault on our neighborhood from cut-thru traffic during the Big Beaver reconstruction. Thousands of cars entering off of Woodward to cut through was so incredibly dangerous...and still is!! because of no deceleration lane.

Also, how about directing focus on the defacement and vandalism of the Adams Road railroad overpass that I look at every day when I walk my dog on the Adams Road service drive? My neighbor has been asking for help from the City for seven months! I don't remember it ever being this bad in the 18 years we've lived here. Take care of this mess! Install a camera to monitor vandalism on the underpass like the city has installed at other "problem" areas and intersections, that are then monitored by the police department.

The citizens of Birmingham will better utilize Poppleton Park if they have safe access; riding bikes, walking, jogging, pushing strollers, and can SAFELY cross Woodward on foot. That is how you can improve the utilization of Poppleton Park. Cutting down a dozen-plus trees and allowing cars traveling at 50-60 MPH to swerve into a parking lot IS NOT the way to "IMPROVE" the park for community use. This Woodward-accessible parking lot will invite a whole host of unwanted issues:

- 1-Dream cruisers parked and hanging out 5 months of the year. Creating traffic, noise, trash, loitering.
- 2-Daytime parkers who want to park for free and then cross into town to work. The Kroger parking lot has now been overtaken by "workers" from the new retirement community at Maple and Poppleton.
- 3-Disrupting the quiet "environmentally-sensitive" nature of the park as it now stands.
- 4-Subjecting the people in the San Francisco neighborhood to all of the above, as well as headlights coming and going.
- 5-This will become the Woodward Rest Stop. People who have to "hit the John" on their way home will pull in and utilize the new, permanent porto-Johns that are proposed.
- 6-Safety of children playing at the park.
- 7-Home values.
- 8-Removing a dozen or more mature trees to accommodate all of the above????

If you live in the Poppleton neighborhood you know that part of its charm and character is the quiet park that buffers the incredible noise and traffic on Woodward. The noise from Maple, Quarton or Cranbrook roads is NOTHING compared to the freeway sounds from Woodward traffic. The people of Birmingham know how to access this park.

As to the touted designation as a "Community Park." The master plan on your website indicates that park designations are "suggested" by some National Parks and Rec Association. Their recommendation is a neighborhood park covers 5-10 acres, while the "community park" designation covers those 30-50 acres. Poppleton Park is 17.2 acres, which makes it more akin to a "neighborhood park." This comes directly from the Birmingham Master Plan on the website.

There are plenty of "activity-saturated" parks in the city. What's wrong with open green space??? Most people I've talked to think Barnum Park has been a debacle. The people of Poppleton think the park is generally fine just the way it is. Please take care of and address the real problems mentioned above. We are a large community who will stand together on this issue and we are mobilizing. Please preserve Poppleton Park and work to make it more accessible ON FOOT, by its citizens and taxpayers.

Lisa Kaminski

(18-year resident and taxpayer, three children ages 22, 19, 18)



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:26 AM

Subject: Re: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

To: John Rusche <JPRusche@aol.com>

Cc: Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Rackeline Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Commissioner Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, Mayor Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, City Manager Joseph Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

John,

I am in receipt of your email today. It was nice seeing you last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Your previous emails on same will also be provided to the City Commission and Parks Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate all of your time and input.

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:16 AM, John Rusche <JPRusche@aol.com> wrote:

Hello,

We attended the informational meeting last night. Many thanks to Joe Valentine and Lauren Wood for presenting the information and answering the many questions.

The meeting was standing room only in the Commission Room – around 100 people. There was no sign-in sheet and no minutes taken. Nearly everyone in attendance is opposed to the 88 space parking lot along Woodward. A show of hands was asked for and maybe three people were in favor of it. I counted one, but was told there were three.

There are many good parts to the plan, but we cannot focus on them until this Woodward parking is resolved.

We are opposed to the 88 space parking lot entered and exited from Woodward. That portion of the concept should be rejected by the City Commission. Generations before us realized it is not a good idea. That is why the entrances to Poppleton Park face the neighborhood.

Birmingham Parks should primarily benefit our taxpayers. A Woodward parking lot will primarily benefit others to the detriment of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. It is likely to reduce our property values.

Birmingham workers will use it as free parking. That's fairly harmless. But why should we pay for it under the guise of a park improvement? Most important, on summer nights speeding, drag racing and noise violations on Woodward, past Poppleton Park, are common occurrences. A parking lot perfectly placed for spectators and participants, and as a rest stop for cruisers, can only encourage this. More noise, crowds and speeding cannot enhance property values. We learned during the meeting that many businesses along Woodward with "pull-in/pull-out" parking are faced with cleaning up trash every morning. Do our city workers and police need this added burden?

The destruction of mature trees and open grass area to build this parking lot is remarkable. I estimate it will be 60 feet wide and 440 feet long. That is the length of 1-1/2 football fields. Visualize pavement about half as wide as a football field, and 1-1/2 times as long.

Available parking for Poppleton Park is very understated in planning documents. There are 14 striped parking spaces near the tennis courts, but there is room for about 35 spaces on the street leading to the 14 spaces. In addition there are 35 parking spaces on the west side of Oxford nearer to the child play area. Incidentally, we think there should be no parking, or permit only parking, on the east side of Oxford. So there are about 84 parking spaces without paving more green space. That's about 5 spaces per acre which is a metric P&R uses. We drive or walk Oxford every day. It is very rare that the parking lot is full and that Oxford is crowded.

The Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board is following a process of public meetings, but the consensus among Poppleton residents is that concerns expressed about parking along Woodward are being ignored. The notion that there are 14 parking spaces understates the situation and ignores the way the park is actually used.

- Board minutes show on 9/9/2014 "Bill" stated Poppleton should be evaluated for additional parking options and alternate entrance to relieve neighborhood impacts and accommodate baseball/soccer users."
- Then at the 2/2/2016 P&R Board meeting "Tiffany Smith from M. C. Smith Associates stated that in her professional opinion an entrance coming off from Woodward could not be done based on acceleration from Woodward into the Poppleton Park." Lauren explained that had something to do with a different proposal, not the 88 space version in the concept drawing.

- On 3/1/2016 Lauren Wood called for a Poppleton Park Sub-Committee consisting of three P&R Board members. They are Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe and Bill Wiebrecht.
- On 4/12/2016 Anne Bray requested that a resident should be placed on Ad-Hoc Poppleton Park Sub-Committee. Therese said no and "stated that the Poppleton Park Committee is a Sub-Committee not an Ad-Hoc Committee so the committee is comprised of three Parks and Recreation Board members, City Administration and the consulting firm. Therese stated the recommendations from the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee will be brought back to the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board for further discussion."
- 7/12/2016 the Sub-Committee walked Poppleton Park. Therese stated that there was discussion on possibly adding 40 parking spaces along Woodward and that MDOT is not opposed to the idea and that with the added parking it would not be related to any streets nor would there be access to the neighborhood. Therese stated that the parking would be a pull in pull out such as what is along Woodward.
- 10/5/2016 the 88 space parking lot on Woodward emerges. "Therese stated that advice was received from M.C. Smith Associates and the MDOT Consultants who stated to the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee that the City of Birmingham's Poppleton Park existing parking conditions underserves the existing users with the fifteen (15) spots which serve the current use for baseball and the play area.

How did we go from "possibly adding 40 spaces along Woodward" to an 88 space concept drawing? This concept should be rejected.

Best regards, and thank you for the time and energy you expend on behalf of the citizens of Birmingham.

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Fwd: Poppleton Park development plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:29 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Andrew Harris** <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:28 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park development plan

To: Peter Stevenson <peterstv@gmail.com>, Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Peter,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the Poppleton Concept plan. I've read every e-mail sent to me about this issue and responded to each message sent directly to me. Your concerns and those put forth by many of your neighbors will be in the front of my mind as I continue to study this issue over the weekend and make a decision Monday evening.

Regards,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:23 PM, Peter Stevenson <peterstv@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Andrew,

My name is Peter Stevenson, I live in Poppleton Park at 801 Henley with my wife and 2 kids who attend Harlan Elementary.

I am writing to you to voice my concern over the current Poppleton Park development plan.

As you may have heard, around 150 residents felt passionate enough to pack into our City Office this evening to discuss the plan, at a time and date set by the city itself.. Unfortunately none of the Commission members saw fit to do likewise.

Obviously there is much emotional and vocal outcry voiced lately but I think the simple facts are these:

- The vast majority of Poppleton residents sincerely appreciate the plan and the City's work to develop it so far
- They also agree that it should be community space & do support 95% of the proposed development to that end

Various people have individual concerns but the over riding issue is the addition of 88 parking spaces on Woodward. I agree with the vast majority that this is terrible idea.

I ask that you please listen to overwhelming, passionate opposition to that one piece of the plan and table the plan until it reflects residents' input, or merely require Parks & Rec to resubmit - with just that one exclusion - on Monday night.

I plan to attend as I believe do most of the people who gave up their evenings to be there tonight also.

sincerely

Peter Stevenson



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park concept plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:32 AM

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From: **Andrew Harris** <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park concept plan

To: Naomi Choinard <usemomi@gmail.com>, Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Naomi,

Thank you for your message. As I've told many of your neighbors, your concerns will be in the front of my mind as I study this issue further over the weekend and make a decision Monday evening. Please know that the Commissioners care deeply about this issue and have already spent significant amounts of time reading/listening to the residents' concerns and reviewing the concept plan.

Regards,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:48 PM, Naomi Choinard <usemomi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner and Mr. Valentine,

I am reaching out again as a resident in South Poppleton Park, to make sure you understand how we feel about the concept plan that is being presented to you on December 12th.

While some aspects of the plan have sound reasoning (updated play structures, some walking paths, but with modifications in placement), the most unacceptable part is the proposed parking along Woodward Avenue. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to all of the 100 plus residents that showed up at an informational meeting on Thursday evening, Dec 8th.

The process was emphasized, but it appears flawed because the commissioners are only finding out about the concept plan on the same day they are expected to approve it, in part or whole, or to reject it, in part or whole. We strongly urge you to put this agenda item on hold, or to reject it, and to please take the neighborhoods comments under careful consideration.

Poppleton Park is lovely the way it is, and honestly, it would be just fine to let it be!
On Monday evening, the room will be full, again, and you will hear our voices disagree in part or in whole with this concept plan. PLEASE LISTEN!

Respectfully,
Naomi and Paul Choinard



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:56 AM

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:49 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Patrick Liebler** <pat@lieblergroup.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org, mnickita@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org, pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, rackyhoff@hotmail.com, ssherman@bhamgov.org, jhaines@bhamgov.org

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:10 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: pat@lieblergroup.com

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Lauren

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Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:34 PM

include with his other email, please

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Thank you, Lauren. I appreciate your efforts, as well as the efforts of the commissioners and parks volunteers.

I believe most residents believe the concept plan is the END of the process and do not realize that its approval is, in fact, just the START of the process.

Take care,

Pat

From: Lauren Wood [mailto:lwood@bhamgov.org]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 12:10 PM
To: pat@lieblergroup.com
Cc: Valentine, Joe; Mark Nickita; Andrew Harris; Pat Baldwin; Commissioner Pierre Boutros; Commissioner Carroll DeWeese; rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>; Stuart Sherman; Joellen Haines
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From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:16 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park

To: danagreenberg@comcast.net

Cc: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org>

Hi Dana,

I was forwarded your email today and wanted to personally respond to you.

Thank you for your interest and we do appreciate your time and input provided.

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:26 AM, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org> wrote:

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From: Dana Greenberg <danagreenberg@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:07 AM

Subject: Poppleton park

To: jhaines@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Haines,

I am writing to voice my extreme opposition to the Poppleton Park concept plan that is to be voted on this Monday. Not only am I opposed to the unnecessary parking lot, the tearing down of old beautiful tall trees to be replaced by new baby trees, and the noise pollution that the tree loss and parking lot will add, but I am extremely upset about the "accessibility " plan for a jogging path around the perimeter of northern side of this park. There are sidewalks on 3 sides currently. At what point is the park not accessible enough? Should we just pave the whole park so it is fully accessible? Birmingham has miles of sidewalk for jogging. It is unimaginable that you would reduce the grandeur of this beautiful park by paving through it with more sidewalks. It's a park remember- grass and trees- not pavement (or whatever alternate material you may choose- still unnecessary!) Booth park has beautiful green space and no ridiculous perimeter sidewalks.

I sincerely hope you take our emails into consideration when voting on the park that sits in my backyard, not yours.

Dana Greenberg

420 Wimbleton Drive

Birmingham

Yes the park is my backyard

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2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 1:07 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Stephen Nesbitt** <nesbitt.stephen@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Poppleton park

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

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269 Wimbleton

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To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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Thank you again for taking the time to write us and offer your comments about the Poppleton Park concept site plan.

Also, feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks again!

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Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:13 AM

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Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

Mayor

City of Birmingham, MI

"never worry about action- only about inaction"
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@MarkNickita on Twitter**Mark Nickita on FB**

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From: Mark Memmer <mmemmer@yahoo.com>

Date: December 7, 2016 at 10:30:50 PM EST

To: <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, "pbordman@bhamgov.org" <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, "pboutros@bhamgov.org" <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "cdeweese@bhamgov.org" <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "aharris@bhamgov.org" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, "ssherman@bhamgov.org" <ssherman@bhamgov.org>

Subject: Poppleton Park - Don't Ruin It

Reply-To: Mark Memmer <mmemmer@yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

We are 23 year residents of Birmingham.

Hopefully you will be hearing from many residents of the Poppleton Park neighborhood regarding proposed improvements to our namesake park. Judging from comments on our Facebook Group page, most residents are in favor of the improvements except the idea of removing beautiful, mature trees to create a parking lot for 88 vehicles along Woodward.

We question the need. Adjacent to Poppleton park there are 30-35 parking places on the west side of Oxford. (We think there should be no parking on the east side of Oxford.) We walk or drive on Oxford every day. It is very rare when most of the parking is occupied. And we believe it is rarer still that people are parking on the residential side streets. Removing the trees for parking will ruin the character of the park. It is a park and parks are supposed to be green areas that have trees.

It would provide free all-day parking for Birmingham workers, just a short walk to downtown. Similar to what is happening at the Kroger parking lot.

It would also provide great parking and great views all summer long for what could become the Poppleton Park drag strip.

We would much rather have you spend available resources on a safe crosswalk at Woodward and Oak Blvd! Also do something to make the landscaping on the west side of Woodward, across from Poppleton Park, look more attractive and better kept.

Finally, we would like to see the speed limit on Woodward reduced to 35 mph, as it is in Ferndale. It would greatly improve the sense of safety and walkability of our piece of Woodward. It wouldn't even delay the drivers very much. Without stopping for traffic signals, driving the two miles between 14 Mile and Big Beaver, at 45 mph takes 2 minutes 40 seconds. At 35 mph it takes 3 minutes 25 seconds. 45 seconds longer!

Thank you for the time and energy you give to our community.

Best regards,

Mark and Victoria Memmer

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Poppleton Park2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: powerswriter@gmail.com
Cc: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Hi Rebecca,

Connie Folk forwarded your email to me.

Thank you for your email regarding Poppleton Park.

Your email will also be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Sorry you were unable to attend the informational meeting last night to review more information about the concept plan.

Following this on **December 12th** the Poppleton Park concept plan will be presented to the City Commission at their meeting which begins at **7:30 PM at City Hall**.

Thank you again for taking the time to write us and offer your comments about the Poppleton Park concept site plan.

Also, feel free to contact me anytime, I would be happy to go over your concerns.

Lauren

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:41 AM

Please add to the packet for today.

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From: **matt sullivan** <matt_sulli@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:29 AM
Subject: Re: Poppleton Park
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Joe & Lauren,

I was at the meeting last night, and although I am for Poppleton Park being re-done, I did not speak up. I did speak on the record at meeting in October, and I continue to believe that Birmingham has done a great job on the previous park upgrades. I did not speak last night because I didn't feel that it would have done any good, and I didn't feel comfortable doing so given the emotion in that room. I feel bad for what you had to endure. It couldn't have been easy, but you did a great job!

I know many people in Poppleton Park and other areas of Birmingham that support a facelift to the park. The "against" crowd is well organized, and with so many retirees, I believe they will always be more vocal and present. I do understand some of their concerns, although I don't believe they should be show stoppers to some kind of facelift for the park. I believe it is a PUBLIC park, not a private park for Poppleton residents, which I truly believe many of them feel.

Parking is obviously the biggest issue, but I believe most in that room want absolutely nothing done, and they're using the parking as their catalyst to stop progress. IF more parking is a must (I'm not sure that it is), I like the idea of parking off Woodward. I like this idea mainly because it's better than any other alternative, and I think it's a creative solution.

What I'm most passionate about is paths being added. Joggers, walkers, parents pushing strollers, older folks who need assistance, and most importantly handicapped and wheelchair bound people would greatly benefit. Picnic tables, benches, upgraded playground, and porta potty's are all nice additions.

Anyway, thanks for doing a great job with the parks, and the city in general. I appreciate your efforts, and contrary to many in the room, I think you do a great job communicating what's happening.

Thanks again for your service to the city,

Matt Sullivan

647 Madison St.

On November 11, 2016 at 4:34 PM Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Below is some information for you about an upcoming meeting on this concept plan.

We are in receipt of your recent emails and comments pertaining to the Poppleton Park concept plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and taking the time to write us.

I recognize there are many questions regarding this plan and in an effort to address these questions we will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan on December 8, 2016 at City Hall in the Commission Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please share this meeting date and time with anyone that may be interested in attending. To assist in providing information and updates regarding Poppleton Park we have created a City website page as an additional source for information. This page can be found at www.bhamgov.org/poppletonpark.

Thank you again for your interest and input during this process.

Lauren

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM, matt sullivan <matt_sulli@comcast.net> wrote:

That no tree removal is huge. However, I truly believe that they are just using the "save the tree" argument as the most justifiable approach to fight parking. The real issue is that they're scared of what a parking lot might bring to their park. Being on M1, they believe it will lead to loitering and other safety issues. And at the end of the day, many of the "no parking lot" contingent are for doing nothing at all...but it's the parking that they're using as the catalyst in their fight. They're prepping letters to commissioners, getting signatures, stoking fear...and their passion is high. So, you might see some emotion and animosity at the next informational meeting. Whatever I can do to help, please let me know.

Thanks, Lauren.

Matt

On November 11, 2016 at 11:48 AM Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Thanks for your email and comments. Your input and support with this concept plan is appreciated.

I will send you a follow-up email as we will be setting an informational meeting to address some of the questions about the plan.

As a side note, the number of parking spaces is still to be determined. The initial 88 on the concept plan just shows the maximum amount possible at that location. It offers the least amount of disruption to the park open space and no tree removal is required, thus far.

Thanks again!

Lauren

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On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 1:47 PM, Matt Sullivan <matt_sulli@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for the work you do on the Parks Board. I am for the updating of Poppleton Park...but based solely on the Poppleton Park Facebook page, I know that many of my neighbors are not. I was quoted in the Eccentric's article a couple weeks ago as being for some upgrades. I've talked to many neighbors since then, and know that some are in favor, while many are not. From what I can tell, parking is the biggest issue...many want nothing to do with additional parking. That said, I think they may be using the parking issue as a catalyst for not doing anything at all. I hope this is not true, but it's the feeling I get, especially when reading the FB comments. I would like to help the cause in whatever way would be useful, but I'm not sure what that is. I'm not at all married to one particular idea over another, and in fact, I agree with many that adding 86 spots is way too many. But I do believe that it's beyond time that the Park should be upgraded in some meaningful way that lends to more community and neighborhood usage. If you have any suggestions as to how I may be able to help, please let me know. Thanks again.

Matt Sullivan
248-703-6642

Sent from my iPhone



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Plan - Reject the Parking Lot

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:58 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Please add to packet for me.

Thanks!

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:57 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan - Reject the Parking Lot

To: Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Allison Klein <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Hi Eric,

Thank you for your email on this concept plan for Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interested in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

Lauren

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:45 PM, Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Commission:

My name is Eric Klein and I live at 734 Rivenoak St. I am writing to you in hopes of persuading you to that the parking lot proposed in the concept plan for Poppleton Park should NOT be approved.

The park was one of the main features which drew my family to this neighborhood. Its open, flexible recreational areas, large natural green space, and mature trees make it unique among Birmingham parks. Unlike so many of the parks with more formally structured areas, Poppleton offers a welcome expanse of natural, less manicured beauty to the city.

I just got back from the informational session held at City Hall regarding the concept plan, and the near universal sentiment of the over 100 residents in attendance, as Ms. Wood and Mr. Valentine could attest, was that the parking lot is a bad idea that would forever change the feel and beauty of our park. When asked who was in favor of the parking lot, one person raised his hand. When asked who was opposed to the parking lot, everyone else in the room raised his/her hand. The opinion of the residents, those who you represent, is clear. Please take that into consideration when you vote on Monday and please reject the parking lot as part of the concept plan.

The other point I would like to make is that the Concept Plan does not reflect the public opinion that I have heard at the February 2016 Parks Department meeting or on social media (our neighborhood has a FaceBook page and the near universal sentiment is that the parking lot should be scrapped). The feedback at the February 2016 meeting was overwhelmingly negative from residents to ideas of significant development to the park. There was strong opposition to adding parking, significant hardscaping throughout the park, and more. In the discussion of parking specifically, the consultant at the February 2016 meeting indicated that a parking lot with an entrance off Woodward was practically a non-starter given issues with the approach speeds. Residents who live directly adjacent to the park also noted in the meeting that they are not bothered by the current parking. Thus, the Concept Plan does not represent the sentiment of the residents and should be seriously questioned by the Commission. This is not a time for rubber stamping the Concept Plan for Poppleton Park because the residents do not feel it reflects their input or opinion, especially with respect to the parking lot.

Please take the time to review the emails and comments made by the residents regarding this very important issue. I look forward to seeing you all Monday night.

Best regards,
Eric



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:16 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **John Fulgenzi** <johnf@doublejackelectric.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 9:55 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park Concept

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Cc: lwood@bhamgov.org

Joe,

My name is John Fulgenzi, I live at 655 Madison, I have 2 children, a special needs son who is 10 and a 6 year old daughter.

My family supports the Poppleton Park Concept. We frequent the park and believe it's outdated and underutilized.

I think the concept is well thought out and a significant up grade. I like the Woodward access to keep traffic out of our neighborhood.

The citizens of most communities would be thrilled with City spending money to upgrade this beautiful property.

It is my opinion that the vocal opposition is a small older minority that simply rejects change.

These are not the people I see in the park on a regular basis with their children. These are the same people that vote against our school millage.

The Poppleton Park neighborhood has a rapidly changing demographic. It gets younger every month. We have roughly forty kids on our street under the age of 14.

Unfortunately those of us who support the concept do not have time to create surveys, attend meetings, and blog on line because we disagree our neighbors.

We have small children and jobs with limited amount of time to voice our support.

The opposition has played a card from our current political environment by spreading fear and misinformation about the Park plan to meet their goals.

I understand it will be impossible to create a concept that everyone can agree on.

I will do my part to rally our neighbors to support this concept. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

John J. Fulgenzi

President

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Fwd: Poppleton park plan

1 message

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Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:58 AM

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:57 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park plan

To: David Graham <davegrahamcracker@gmail.com>

Hello Dave,

Thank you for your email on this concept plan for Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interested in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

Lauren

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 8:19 PM, David Graham <davegrahamcracker@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms Wood -

Thank you for the presentation Monday

As one of the minority of supporters (based on the informal straw poll) , I feel that the central issue is vision: whether people want an empty green space by their house (like poppleton is now, and the Greenbelt comment), or a well used park that serves the whole community like you suggested. When I lived 1.5 miles south of the park, I would drive by, but it never occurred to me to use the park – I didn't even know how to get in

Since I live closer to Adams Park, where the project appears to have consensus, I can live with Poppleton having

lower priority, but I think it's unfortunate that tonight's audience comments were focused on NIMBY factors rather than the opportunity for the wider community

Sent from my iPhone

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <claird@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear Christine and Brad,

Thank you for your email about Poppleton Park and attending our informational meeting last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

Lauren

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:18 PM, Christine Fields <novo76@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commission,

I implore you to reject the Poppleton Park concept plan on the agenda for Monday December 12, 2016. I am a resident at 282 Wimbledon. My property directly abuts the park. I have several issues with the concept plan as do many of my neighbors. I was in attendance at the informational meeting on Dec. 8, along with over 100 of my neighbors. We were disappointed to hear that this was an informational meeting about the park and there weren't any commission members in attendance to hear our concerns. It would have been nice for you to attend so you could hear the almost unanimous opposition to this concept plan. Here are my main issues with this plan:

1. **Parking along Woodward.** Why do we need 88 spaces with direct access off of Woodward? As you may be aware, whenever the weather is above 50 degrees, the cruisers come out and rev up their engines on Woodward. We cannot open our windows on summer nights because of all the noise from cruising. This parking area will invite loitering, car shows, stops to use the port-a-potties, and trash. I believe it's also a safety issue for the children at the park. There are no other parks that have direct access from Woodward along the corridor from Palmer Park in Detroit up to Pontiac. The Parks and Rec board had input from the neighborhood that no new parking was desired, but they blatantly disregarded the desire of immediate neighbors. The reasoning they provided for this parking was that some residents wanted to eliminate access through the neighborhood and parking along Oxford. This concept plan does nothing to alleviate those issues, the existing parking with access from Rivenoak remains on the plan. The new proposed parking along Woodward is so far from the playground area, families will still park along Oxford so they can have closer access to the playground. I also fear that this parking lot will turn into a commuter lot for offices across Woodward.
2. **The Maze of Pathways.** Why do we need a "track" along the perimeter of the green space? Again, several residents were opposed to this concept and it fell on deaf ears. I am particularly concerned about this as my backyard abuts the park and the path will run very close to my fenceline. I have two small children and I fear that I would be too scared to let them play in the backyard in fear that this path will direct too many strangers close to my property. The greenspace does not need designated paths... leave it green! I understand a pathway to access the playground, but if you eliminate the Woodward access parking, you can eliminate the path. We already have a wonderful network of sidewalks in our city. Please use some resources to complete the sidewalk at the west end of Wimbledon so there can be a completed loop of sidewalk to walk around the park.
3. **The concept plan development process.** I was only aware of two meetings to get input from residents about this concept plan, one in February 2016 and one in October 2016. I was only made aware of these through our neighborhood facebook page. I had no direct mailing from the city about providing input for the concept plan. My property will be directly affected by any changes that will be made to the park. I wish the Parks and Rec board and the consultants preparing the plan would have used a more inclusive forum to get input about changes to the park. A neighborhood survey would have been nice. The Parks and Rec board has been requested to rescind their approval of this plan, but this also has fallen on deaf ears. There are hundreds of Poppleton Park neighborhood residents opposed to this plan, and no one seems to be hearing our concerns.

I would recommend you reject this plan on Monday night. Lets bring it back to the drawing board, so that the residents can have more input on the concept of this park. It seems that the majority opinion is getting lost in the "process". We all know that this plan is "conceptual". In my experience as an architect and a city planner, I am well aware that once these things get down on paper, it is taken as "the Plan". I have a hard time believing that once funding is secured and the city is ready to move forward implementing the plan that the parking or paths will be taken off. Lets save the City from headaches later down the road and develop a smarter concept with actual input from the neighbors who regularly use the park.

Sincerely,

Christine & Brad Fields

282 Wimbledon Dr.

Poppleton Park Residents



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: DO NOT APPROVE THE POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN!

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:15 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:15 AM

Subject: Re: DO NOT APPROVE THE POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN!

To: Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com>

Cc: "rackyhoff@hotmail.com" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, "pbordman@bhamgov.org" <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, "pboutros@bhamgov.org" <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "cdeweese@bhamgov.org" <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "aharris@bhamgov.org" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, "ssherman@bhamgov.org" <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Good Morning Lisa,

I am in receipt of your email today. It was nice seeing you last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate your time and input.

Lauren

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On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 10:26 PM, Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com> wrote:

Below is my original letter sent to you on Nov 2, '16.

150+ residents gathered this evening to listen to Ms. Wood "explain" the process.

At Monday's city commission meeting we will be requesting that you DO NOT PASS the Poppleton Park concept plan.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kaminski

950 Henley St.(Poppleton neighborhood)

Birmingham

From: Lisa Greene Kaminski <lgreenek@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 8:36 PM

To: rackyhoff@hotmail.com; mnickita@bhamgov.org; pbordman@bhamgov.org; pboutros@bhamgov.org; cdeweese@bhamgov.org; aharris@bhamgov.org; ssherman@bhamgov.org

Subject: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN

Commissioners -

As an 18-year resident of wonderful the Poppleton Park neighborhood, I am writing to vehemently oppose the "concept plan" for Poppleton Park. There are a couple of possibly good ideas, ie, ADA playground equipment and PERHAPS a paved path from the existing parking lot to the playground. The remaining suggestions are not needed or wanted. A parking lot with an entrance off of Woodward is, in my opinion, absurd! If a few added parking spaces are needed, then increase the size of the cul-de-sac to accommodate additional parking and add 2-3 handicapped spots right on the street.

Birmingham is touted as a "walkable" city, yet the entire northeast quadrant, known as the Poppleton Park neighborhood is totally reliant on only ONE safe crosswalk to access downtown. The focus should be on walkability. It is almost a mile from my house near Manor Park to the Madison/Oakland crosswalk over Woodward. Our neighborhood now has twice the number of school-aged children as it did when we moved in. Our city leaders should be focusing on a safe crosswalk at Oak, slowing down the Woodward Autobahn traffic and a deceleration lane when entering our neighborhood at Wimbleton. We just endured a 6-month assault on our neighborhood from cut-thru traffic during the Big Beaver reconstruction. Thousands of cars entering off of Woodward to cut through was so incredibly dangerous...and still is!! because of no deceleration lane.

Also, how about directing focus on the defacement and vandalism of the Adams Road railroad overpass that I look at every day when I walk my dog on the Adams Road service drive? My neighbor has been asking for help from the City for seven months! I don't remember it ever being this bad in the 18 years we've lived here. Take care of this mess! Install a camera to monitor vandalism on the underpass like the city has installed at other "problem" areas and intersections, that are then monitored by the police department.

The citizens of Birmingham will better utilize Poppleton Park if they have safe access; riding bikes, walking, jogging, pushing strollers, and can SAFELY cross Woodward on foot. That is how you can improve the utilization of Poppleton Park. Cutting down a dozen-plus trees and allowing cars traveling at 50-60 MPH to swerve into a parking lot IS NOT the way to "IMPROVE" the park for community use. This Woodward-accessible parking lot will invite a whole host of unwanted issues:

- 1-Dream cruisers parked and hanging out 5 months of the year. Creating traffic, noise, trash, loitering.
- 2-Daytime parkers who want to park for free and then cross into town to work. The Kroger parking lot has now been overtaken by "workers" from the new retirement community at Maple and Poppleton.
- 3-Disrupting the quiet "environmentally-sensitive" nature of the park as it now stands.
- 4-Subjecting the people in the San Francisco neighborhood to all of the above, as well as headlights coming and going.
- 5-This will become the Woodward Rest Stop. People who have to "hit the John" on their way home will pull in and utilize the new, permanent porto-Johns that are proposed.
- 6-Safety of children playing at the park.
- 7-Home values.
- 8-Removing a dozen or more mature trees to accommodate all of the above????

If you live in the Poppleton neighborhood you know that part of its charm and character is the quiet park that buffers the incredible noise and traffic on Woodward. The noise from Maple, Quarton or Cranbrook roads is NOTHING compared to the freeway sounds from Woodward traffic. The people of Birmingham know how to access this park.

As to the touted designation as a "Community Park." The master plan on your website indicates that park designations are "suggested" by some National Parks and Rec Association. Their recommendation is a neighborhood park covers 5-10 acres, while the "community park" designation covers those 30-50 acres. Poppleton Park is 17.2 acres, which makes it more akin to a "neighborhood park." This comes directly from the Birmingham Master Plan on the website.

There are plenty of "activity-saturated" parks in the city. What's wrong with open green space??? Most people I've talked to think Barnum Park has been a debacle. The people of Poppleton think the park is generally fine just the way it is. Please take care of and address the real problems mentioned above. We are a large community who will stand together on this issue and we are mobilizing. Please preserve Poppleton Park and work to make it more accessible ON FOOT, by its citizens and taxpayers.

Lisa Kaminski

(18-year resident and taxpayer, three children ages 22, 19, 18)



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Fwd: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:27 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:26 AM

Subject: Re: POPPLETON PARK CONCEPT PLAN - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

To: John Rusche <JPRusche@aol.com>

Cc: Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Rackeline Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Commissioner Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>, Mayor Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>, City Manager Joseph Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

John,

I am in receipt of your email today. It was nice seeing you last night.

Your email will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Your previous emails on same will also be provided to the City Commission and Parks Board.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and we do appreciate all of your time and input.

Lauren

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:16 AM, John Rusche <JPRusche@aol.com> wrote:

Hello,

We attended the informational meeting last night. Many thanks to Joe Valentine and Lauren Wood for presenting the information and answering the many questions.

The meeting was standing room only in the Commission Room – around 100 people. There was no sign-in sheet and no minutes taken. Nearly everyone in attendance is opposed to the 88 space parking lot along Woodward. A show of hands was asked for and maybe three people were in favor of it. I counted one, but was told there were three.

There are many good parts to the plan, but we cannot focus on them until this Woodward parking is resolved.

We are opposed to the 88 space parking lot entered and exited from Woodward. That portion of the concept should be rejected by the City Commission. Generations before us realized it is not a good idea. That is why the entrances to Poppleton Park face the neighborhood.

Birmingham Parks should primarily benefit our taxpayers. A Woodward parking lot will primarily benefit others to the detriment of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. It is likely to reduce our property values.

Birmingham workers will use it as free parking. That's fairly harmless. But why should we pay for it under the guise of a park improvement? Most important, on summer nights speeding, drag racing and noise violations on Woodward, past Poppleton Park, are common occurrences. A parking lot perfectly placed for spectators and participants, and as a rest stop for cruisers, can only encourage this. More noise, crowds and speeding cannot enhance property values. We learned during the meeting that many businesses along Woodward with "pull-in/pull-out" parking are faced with cleaning up trash every morning. Do our city workers and police need this added burden?

The destruction of mature trees and open grass area to build this parking lot is remarkable. I estimate it will be 60 feet wide and 440 feet long. That is the length of 1-1/2 football fields. Visualize pavement about half as wide as a football field, and 1-1/2 times as long.

Available parking for Poppleton Park is very understated in planning documents. There are 14 striped parking spaces near the tennis courts, but there is room for about 35 spaces on the street leading to the 14 spaces. In addition there are 35 parking spaces on the west side of Oxford nearer to the child play area. Incidentally, we think there should be no parking, or permit only parking, on the east side of Oxford. So there are about 84 parking spaces without paving more green space. That's about 5 spaces per acre which is a metric P&R uses. We drive or walk Oxford every day. It is very rare that the parking lot is full and that Oxford is crowded.

The Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board is following a process of public meetings, but the consensus among Poppleton residents is that concerns expressed about parking along Woodward are being ignored. The notion that there are 14 parking spaces understates the situation and ignores the way the park is actually used.

- Board minutes show on 9/9/2014 "Bill" stated Poppleton should be evaluated for additional parking options and alternate entrance to relieve neighborhood impacts and accommodate baseball/soccer users."
- Then at the 2/2/2016 P&R Board meeting "Tiffany Smith from M. C. Smith Associates stated that in her professional opinion an entrance coming off from Woodward could not be done based on acceleration from Woodward into the Poppleton Park." Lauren explained that had something to do with a different proposal, not the 88 space version in the concept drawing.

- On 3/1/2016 Lauren Wood called for a Poppleton Park Sub-Committee consisting of three P&R Board members. They are Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe and Bill Wiebrecht.
- On 4/12/2016 Anne Bray requested that a resident should be placed on Ad-Hoc Poppleton Park Sub-Committee. Therese said no and "stated that the Poppleton Park Committee is a Sub-Committee not an Ad-Hoc Committee so the committee is comprised of three Parks and Recreation Board members, City Administration and the consulting firm. Therese stated the recommendations from the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee will be brought back to the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board for further discussion."
- 7/12/2016 the Sub-Committee walked Poppleton Park. Therese stated that there was discussion on possibly adding 40 parking spaces along Woodward and that MDOT is not opposed to the idea and that with the added parking it would not be related to any streets nor would there be access to the neighborhood. Therese stated that the parking would be a pull in pull out such as what is along Woodward.
- 10/5/2016 the 88 space parking lot on Woodward emerges. "Therese stated that advice was received from M.C. Smith Associates and the MDOT Consultants who stated to the Poppleton Park Sub-Committee that the City of Birmingham's Poppleton Park existing parking conditions underserves the existing users with the fifteen (15) spots which serve the current use for baseball and the play area.

How did we go from "possibly adding 40 spaces along Woodward" to an 88 space concept drawing? This concept should be rejected.

Best regards, and thank you for the time and energy you expend on behalf of the citizens of Birmingham.

John & Marilyn Rusche

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Fwd: Poppleton Park development plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:29 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Andrew Harris** <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:28 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park development plan

To: Peter Stevenson <peterstv@gmail.com>, Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Peter,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the Poppleton Concept plan. I've read every e-mail sent to me about this issue and responded to each message sent directly to me. Your concerns and those put forth by many of your neighbors will be in the front of my mind as I continue to study this issue over the weekend and make a decision Monday evening.

Regards,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:23 PM, Peter Stevenson <peterstv@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Andrew,

My name is Peter Stevenson, I live in Poppleton Park at 801 Henley with my wife and 2 kids who attend Harlan Elementary.

I am writing to you to voice my concern over the current Poppleton Park development plan.

As you may have heard, around 150 residents felt passionate enough to pack into our City Office this evening to discuss the plan, at a time and date set by the city itself.. Unfortunately none of the Commission members saw fit to do likewise.

Obviously there is much emotional and vocal outcry voiced lately but I think the simple facts are these:

- The vast majority of Poppleton residents sincerely appreciate the plan and the City's work to develop it so far
- They also agree that it should be community space & do support 95% of the proposed development to that end

Various people have individual concerns but the over riding issue is the addition of 88 parking spaces on Woodward. I agree with the vast majority that this is terrible idea.

I ask that you please listen to overwhelming, passionate opposition to that one piece of the plan and table the plan until it reflects residents' input, or merely require Parks & Rec to resubmit - with just that one exclusion - on Monday night.

I plan to attend as I believe do most of the people who gave up their evenings to be there tonight also.

sincerely

Peter Stevenson



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park concept plan

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:32 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Andrew Harris** <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park concept plan

To: Naomi Choinard <usemomi@gmail.com>, Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Naomi,

Thank you for your message. As I've told many of your neighbors, your concerns will be in the front of my mind as I study this issue further over the weekend and make a decision Monday evening. Please know that the Commissioners care deeply about this issue and have already spent significant amounts of time reading/listening to the residents' concerns and reviewing the concept plan.

Regards,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:48 PM, Naomi Choinard <usemomi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner and Mr. Valentine,

I am reaching out again as a resident in South Poppleton Park, to make sure you understand how we feel about the concept plan that is being presented to you on December 12th.

While some aspects of the plan have sound reasoning (updated play structures, some walking paths, but with modifications in placement), the most unacceptable part is the proposed parking along Woodward Avenue. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to all of the 100 plus residents that showed up at an informational meeting on Thursday evening, Dec 8th.

The process was emphasized, but it appears flawed because the commissioners are only finding out about the concept plan on the same day they are expected to approve it, in part or whole, or to reject it, in part or whole. We strongly urge you to put this agenda item on hold, or to reject it, and to please take the neighborhoods comments under careful consideration.

Poppleton Park is lovely the way it is, and honestly, it would be just fine to let it be!
On Monday evening, the room will be full, again, and you will hear our voices disagree in part or in whole with this concept plan. PLEASE LISTEN!

Respectfully,
Naomi and Paul Choinard



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Poppleton Park

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:56 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joellen Haines** <jhaines@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:49 AM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Patrick Liebler** <pat@lieblergroup.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org, mnickita@bhamgov.org, aharris@bhamgov.org, pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, rackyhoff@hotmail.com, ssherman@bhamgov.org, jhaines@bhamgov.org

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Pat Liebler

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From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:10 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: pat@lieblergroup.com

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Lauren

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To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:34 PM

include with his other email, please

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Thank you, Lauren. I appreciate your efforts, as well as the efforts of the commissioners and parks volunteers.

I believe most residents believe the concept plan is the END of the process and do not realize that its approval is, in fact, just the START of the process.

Take care,

Pat

From: Lauren Wood [mailto:lwood@bhamgov.org]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 12:10 PM
To: pat@lieblergroup.com
Cc: Valentine, Joe; Mark Nickita; Andrew Harris; Pat Baldwin; Commissioner Pierre Boutros; Commissioner Carroll DeWeese; rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>; Stuart Sherman; Joellen Haines
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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:16 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton park

To: danagreenberg@comcast.net

Cc: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org>

Hi Dana,

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:26 AM, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org> wrote:

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From: Dana Greenberg <danagreenberg@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:07 AM

Subject: Poppleton park

To: jhaines@bhamgov.org

Dear Ms. Haines,

I am writing to voice my extreme opposition to the Poppleton Park concept plan that is to be voted on this Monday. Not only am I opposed to the unnecessary parking lot, the tearing down of old beautiful tall trees to be replaced by new baby trees, and the noise pollution that the tree loss and parking lot will add, but I am extremely upset about the "accessibility " plan for a jogging path around the perimeter of northern side of this park. There are sidewalks on 3 sides currently. At what point is the park not accessible enough? Should we just pave the whole park so it is fully accessible? Birmingham has miles of sidewalk for jogging. It is unimaginable that you would reduce the grandeur of this beautiful park by paving through it with more sidewalks. It's a park remember- grass and trees- not pavement (or whatever alternate material you may choose- still unnecessary!) Booth park has beautiful green space and no ridiculous perimeter sidewalks.

I sincerely hope you take our emails into consideration when voting on the park that sits in my backyard, not yours.

Dana Greenberg

420 Wimbleton Drive

Birmingham

Yes the park is my backyard

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Please add this one to the last packet.

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Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Amy Root** <rootabega5@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 10:47 AM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Dear Joe,

After attending last night's(12/8) Informational meeting for the concept plan for Poppleton Park we were encouraged to communicate with you our concerns. You made it clear we needed to email you and/or attend Monday's board meeting to have our concerns heard.

There was a unanimous outcry by the 100+ neighbors in attendance, NOT to add 88 parking spaces (accessible off of Woodward Ave) into Poppleton Park. I agree.

The guidelines offered for determining what makes a park a mini, a neighborhood or a community, are just that, guidelines. Regardless of it's additional 1 acre that catapults it into the "community" designation, it's a neighborhood park and should remain that way!

Sincerely,

Amy Root
460 Henley St

—
Joseph A. Valentine
City Manager
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12/9/2016

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Include with others.

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Subject: Poppleton

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Hi Joe

Thanks for last night's meeting, informative it certainly was and heartening to learn that the people are finding their voice. I hope you relay in no uncertain terms to the Commission that the Parks Board has failed to hear what the people were telling them from the beginning, that they do not wish Poppleton Park to be developed in any major way. I am well aware that Poppleton is a Community Park, but who indeed is it to be developed? We are all currently free to visit it any time we choose. It is my hope that this plan be ditched, apart from the addition of new playground equipment and vegetation. All the other major parks in the town have been developed, let this one remain as a quiet, minimally developed area, that is peaceful and serene. Enough already, the Parks have been overdeveloped enough as it is.

Thank you.

Anne M. Bray

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Fwd: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:22 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 11:49 PM

Subject: Fwd: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristie Bidlake <kristiecoplin@gmail.com>

Date: December 8, 2016 at 8:32:06 PM EST

To: mnickita@bhamgov.org

Subject: Re: Concerned Citizen in Poppleton Park Neighborhood

Although you did not respond to my initial concerns, I am writing again because you will be voting on this concept plan on Monday. For your information, there was an informational meeting tonight on Poppleton Park. Our neighbors filled the Commission Room to voice their concerns. There was not a seat left in the house and any many were standing along the walls.

I want to re-iterate that as a neighborhood we do NOT support the proposed Poppleton Concept plan. It appears that our concerns are falling on deaf ears, and what is best for this neighborhood and neighbors is being blatantly ignored.

Listen to what the community wants and DO NOT vote to approve the Poppleton Park Concept plan.

On Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 5:50 PM, Kristie Bidlake <kristiecoplin@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Mark,

I moved to Birmingham in the summer of 2015 and was so excited I could be a part of the community. Since moving in, I feel like my family is constantly under attack from the city and county governments. The house we bought is on the corner of Wimbleton and Woodward. When buying the home, we decided to ignore the traffic on Woodward for one of the most beautiful back yards I have ever seen within a city. Our property is half an acre and backs up to the River Rouge. Our backyard was completely wooded, until the county came in to fix the sewer running underneath Woodward. In one day, they decimated our back yard and cut down trees that were over 100 feet tall. When I came home that evening, I stood in my backyard with tears rolling down my face as the one reason my husband and I purchased the home was now gone. Of course, the county did not replant trees. Instead, they left us with a big, open, uneven space. So far, we have purchased two new pine trees to help fill the space, but as you know trees are expensive and these will take 10+ years to grow and block any traffic and sound.

Then, the city decided to raise our property taxes because of Prop A and said the market value of our home was over \$100,000 more than what we bought it for, increasing our taxes by over \$5,000 a year. So then, my husband and I had to go to the city tax tribunal, who showed no interest in listening to why our home value should be reduced from what they assigned. Of course, I had to spend additional time then working with the county, who recently settled with us on a reasonable value. All of that could have been avoided if the city tax tribunal would have been reasonable.

Then, the closure of Big Beaver turned Wimbleton Drive into a main road – not a neighborhood road. Half the time, I couldn't even pull out of my own driveway as cars would block it waiting to turn onto Woodward. Walking our dog in the neighborhood became unsafe as people would fly down the road, ignoring all speed limits and stop signs. It wasn't until recently I felt like life could get back to normal when Big Beaver re-opened.

Now, the proposed changes to Poppleton Park. I hope you read my concerns below, in full, as a parking lot is NOT what is best for this Birmingham neighborhood. Between the destruction of my beautiful woods, months of working to receive a fair taxable value of our home, the closure of Big Beaver, and now a proposed parking lot at the one park that has gotten my husband and I through all of the other bad stuff - I feel like my year and a half living in Birmingham has been one in which I have been under attack, constantly.

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. Based on the recent rendering of Poppleton Park and recent letter written by Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, it is blatantly apparent that there is a current disregard for what is best for the residents who live on, near, and enjoy Poppleton Park on a daily basis. A potential parking lot off of Woodward is not only flawed logic, but puts our neighborhood at risk for noise, theft, and reduced home values.

The proposed parking lot directly off of Woodward is based off a flawed logic. Most residents of Birmingham use Poppleton Park for the play equipment. With small children and strollers, most residents driving to Poppleton Park usually park off of Oxford, as it is closest to the play equipment and most easy to transport small children and all of the necessary items needed to tend to small children.

Parking off of Woodward will be even further away from the play equipment, and will not be utilized by those driving to the park for the play equipment. There is a better opportunity to expand the current parking lot, as it is closer to the play equipment than a lot off of Woodward would be.

The proposed parking lot off of Woodward will also be a nuisance to the neighborhood on summer nights. Have you ever driven by the any of the businesses on Woodward between 13 and 14 mile on a summer night? All of the kids hanging out with their cars, drinking beer, selling drugs, and revving their engines will be our future. The noise that is currently created from "cruisers" leaving city limits on summer nights is enough to wake up babies, dogs, and sleeping adults – but that will get worse with cruisers peeling out of the parking lot onto Woodward. Will this parking lot be closed after dark to reduce crime and noise? Will the parking lot be patrolled on a regular basis for loitering? Do the police have enough manpower to have a police officer in this area full time to keep the noise down and make sure the area is safe for walkers at night? These are all concerns that need to be addressed for the safety and well-being of Poppleton Park residents.

This proposed parking lot will also reduce the value of homes directly on or near the park. Currently, the park is a big draw for neighborhood sales. Will the city plan to reimburse residents based on lost home value due to noise and unwanted guests? We recently bought a home in the neighborhood and I am now concerned about my future home value with the proposed parking lot.

Lastly, the most recent letter by Lauren Wood does not address the reduction of mature trees in Poppleton Park. There is absolutely no way that all of the beautiful trees between Woodward and the park will be able to stay in place with a parking lot. The proposed plan includes the planting of new trees, but that is not the same as beautiful mature trees that have taken 50+ years to grow in size.

There are many more options in making Poppleton Park a more accessible park, such as:

- 1) Increasing the size of the current parking lot
- 2) Creating a cross walk on the north side of Woodward to connect east and west Birmingham, so families can safely cross at Oak and Woodward
- 3) Reducing the speed limit to a safer limit such as 35 MPH. Currently, cars drive by so fast on Woodward it is hard to feel safe walking, in our walkable community.

I beg you that you please listen to what the residents of Poppleton Park want for the future of this park. This park is utilized by us on a daily basis, while your parking plans are for visitors who only visit once or twice a year. Again, this is where we live, this isn't a place that we just visit. The proposed parking lot will have detrimental changes to our every day.

I look forward to your response.

Kristie and Chris Bidlake

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Fwd: Poppleton Park Master Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:55 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Master Plan

To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 11:47 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Master Plan

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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From: Heidi Geissbuhler <heidigeiss@ameritech.net>

Date: December 8, 2016 at 9:39:21 PM EST

To: "mnickita@bhamgov.org" <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, "aharris@bhamgov.org" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, "pbordman@bhamgov.org" <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, "pboutros@bhamgov.org" <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "cdeweese@bhamgov.org" <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackyhoff@hotmail.com" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, "ssherman@bhamgov.org" <ssherman@bhamgov.org>


Subject: Poppleton Park Master Plan

Reply-To: Heidi Geissbuhler <heidigeiss@ameritech.net>

Dear Commission,

My husband and I attended the informational meeting on December 8, and were told to submit our comments about the pending Poppleton Park Master Plan. As residents of this neighborhood for the past 20 years, we are vehemently opposed to a parking lot off of Woodward and the picnic shelters. We feel these do not serve the local community, and will put a strain on the Parks Department to keep the park clean. I do not think you will find to many people in this neighborhood that support the Woodward Parking Lot.

We are however, in favor of new and more interesting play equipment for the kids, and maybe some improved drainage in the green space. Another concept might be to only allow parking on one side of Oxford, this would allow emergency vehicles egress down the streets.

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Fwd: Poppleton Park meeting this evening

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:57 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 12:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park meeting this evening
To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Peter Stevenson** <peterstv@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:43 PM
Subject: Poppleton Park meeting this evening
To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear Joe,

My name is Peter Stevenson, I was one of the dissenting voices in the room this evening.

I would like to thank you for your efforts tonight. It was a very difficult situation and you handled it very well.

Clearly lots of passion in the room and the usual extreme outliers here and there, but overall I believe that the group summary is this:

- The vast majority of Poppleton residents sincerely appreciate the plan and the City's work to develop it so far
- They also agree that it should be community space & do support 95% of the proposed development to that end
- The overriding issue that is getting everyone worked up is the addition of 88 parking spaces on Woodward

If the City can remove or table this one piece, at least for now, then I believe it would regain strong support of the Poppleton community for the remainder of the plan.

Thanks again for your professionalism this evening.

sincerely

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Fwd: Poppleton Park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:01 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Allison Klein** <allisonklein22@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 1:58 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park

To: pbordman@bhamgov.org, pboutros@bhamgov.org, cdeweese@bhamgov.org, ssherman@bhamgov.org, jvalentine@bhamgov.org, rackyhoff@hotmail.com, aharris@bhamgov.org, mnickita@bhamgov.org

Cc: Eric Klein <ericklein22@gmail.com>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

To the City Commission,

I have written previously to you with no reply from anyone here but Ms Wood (who I must commend for being responsive to all the questions that have arisen over this issue). You have received my concerns specific to the concept plan elements, and I hope that you have read them. What I want to stress especially strongly before Monday's meeting is how apparent it is to me that the process for producing such a plan is broken. A plan that was supposedly intended to be informed by resident input and is now drawing such ire from so many people is a failure. You need to require the parks department to change their process and find a more inclusive way of designing a concept plan. We want to work with the city to provide updates for our park - but such updates must not be ramrodded through and attached to the city master plan without more careful consideration from the people who are its primary users.

Allison Klein
734 Rivenoak St



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Proposed Poppleton Park Plans

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:17 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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Subject: Fwd: Proposed Poppleton Park Plans
To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Greg Geissbuhler** <ggeissbuhler@icloud.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 9:14 PM
Subject: Proposed Poppleton Park Plans
To: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Dear Mr. Valentine,

My wife and I attended the informational meeting on December 8, and were told to submit our comments about the pending Poppleton Park Masterplan. As residents of this neighborhood for the past 20 years, we are vehemently opposed to a parking lot off of Woodward and the picnic shelters. We feel these do not serve the local community, and will put a strain on the Parks Department to keep the park clean.

We are however, in favor of new and more interesting play equipment for the kids, and maybe some improved drainage in the green space. Another concept might be to limit parking to one side of the street, especially on Oxford, so emergency vehicles can make there way down the streets.

Thank you for your time,

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:19 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:19 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept Plan

To: Sally <salswift@comcast.net>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Commissioner Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, "rackeline hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>" <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>, "Valentine, Joe" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Andrew Harris <aharris@bhamgov.org>

Hi Sally,

We are in receipt of your email about Poppleton Park.

I am glad you were in attendance last night. Thank you for your interest and we do appreciate your time and input provided.

Your comments will be shared with the Mayor and City Commissioners and be provided to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Thanks again,

Lauren

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On Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:17 PM, Sally <salswift@comcast.net> wrote:

After attending the 12/08/2016 Poppleton Park informational meeting, I am voicing my objection to the conceptual plan which will be presented to you on 12/12/2016. Last evening's meeting was attended by well over 100 residents of Poppleton Park. By overwhelming consensus of the attendees, the plan should be scrapped and redeveloped with input from all neighborhood residents.

The decision to add 88 parking spaces on an 8 lane road is an invitation for a new cruiser's hangout now that the parking lot at 13 mile & Woodward has been demolished. Noise, trash, drinking and drugs by residents potentially from communities from Downtown Detroit to Pontiac will destroy our neighborhood. I certainly will not feel safe in my home or in the park as the lot fills up.

There were no facts presented to support the change from a 17 acre neighborhood park to a community park, described on your own city website as 30+ acres, other than the board's arbitrary determination. So by changing the definition, the decision to add significant parking followed with no facts to support the need. Parking is not an issue at this park with the exception of dream cruise weekend.

If you truly wish to turn Birmingham into a walkable community, then eliminate the parking lot. Install a crosswalk at Oak and Woodward so Poppleton Park and Bloomfield Township residents can safely walk or bike to the restaurants, farmer's market and businesses on North Old Woodward. In turn, residents on the west side of Woodward can walk or bike to Poppleton Park.

We agreed the playscape needs updating. Beyond that, the Concept Plan is not representative of the residents'/taxpayers' needs in the Poppleton Park neighborhood.

Please seriously listen to our neighborhood residents' objections and reject the Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

Sally Swift
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December 9, 2016

Mr. Joseph Valentine
Manager, City of Birmingham
Mayor and City Commissioners
151 Martin Street
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Subject: Poppleton Park Master Plan

Dear All:


Last evening I, along with my wife attended the informational meeting regarding the proposed Master Plan being presented to the City Commissioners on Monday December 12, 2016. There were approximately 100 to 150 people in attendance who felt the plan was not thoroughly thought through and did not represent the hopes of the neighbors or other citizens and it should not be presented or accepted.

I have been a licensed architect and planner for 40 years and have had extensive experience in city planning, university and corporate master planning and I have several points I would like to point out why I feel the plan should not be approved.

- Having a picnic ground and parking lot at one of the two major entrances to the city is not portraying the grand entrances to the city envisioned by the City Master Plan.
- Eighty-eight parking spaces are not needed, especially along Woodward. Having used and observed the park for 25 years there have never been that many cars even when there is a softball game
- Having the parking along Woodward will not take traffic away from Oxford Street. The people parking on Oxford are parent watching their children play. That will not change with the proposed plan.
- Having a walking trail is nice, but using crushed gravel as a base will not make it accessible as a barrier free design. The noise from the trail should not be adjacent to the residences.
- There are numerous other planning deficiencies, like location of the drinking fountain, the speed of traffic on Woodward, the congestion caused by the parking lot entrance close to Madison Street, and parking not provided near the function requiring it.

Please take my comments into consideration before accepting this plan.

Sincerely,


Donald T. Root, RA

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Please complete the following poll
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I am OPPOSED to the
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155 Votes



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Jen Bee

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Fwd: Please hear my concerns

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 3:55 PM

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 3:46 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please hear my concerns
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Rackline Hoff** <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Re: Please hear my concerns
To: Gigi Nichols <giginichols@comcast.net>

Gigi,

Thanks for your letter and for your very thorough discussion of your concerns regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan. Be assured that I and my fellow Commissioners are being apprised regularly of residents' concerns. I will definitely have them in mind when we discuss the concept plan at the Commission meeting Monday night. Nothing has been decided at this point, so I look forward to a very candid and respectful exchange of ideas at that meeting.

Racky

From: Gigi Nichols <giginichols@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2016 2:17 PM
To: rackyhoff@hotmail.com
Subject: Please hear my concerns

Hi Racky,
I know that you are always the voice of reason on the Commission and I am asking for you to represent me and my neighbors with your good judgement at the Monday's meeting.

On Monday, you will be presented with a plan for Poppleton Park. I have lived in the Poppleton Park neighborhood for 23 years. On the evening of December 8th, I attended the informational park meeting along with 123 angry residents who packed the City meeting room to hear Lauren Wood's proposal for the Park. I am probably more engaged with City agendas and meetings than the typical Birmingham resident, however, I have only recently heard of the plans for the redevelopment of the Park. This whole plan was developed without the proper input from the residents who live in Poppleton Park, and that might be the reason that people are so angry. To sum it up, the residents are all for improving the playground equipment and vehemently opposed the addition of an entrance off Woodward with 88 parking spaces and the two picnic shelters.

Here are my personal concerns:

1. **The addition of 88 Parking Spaces and an entrance off of Woodward.** I cannot even believe that this is being presented as a good idea! In today's world, most communities look for ways to preserve and reclaim green space, not destroy it! As you might recall, when Shain Park was being redesigned, MANY residents and merchants complained that the City would be removing 2/3 of the parking to make way for the new and improved Park. The response that the City gave at that time was "Well those parking lots are rarely used." I ask you, why is that same criterion not being used for this project? We already have an 18 car parking lot in Poppleton Park which is located by the tennis courts. It is never used. The ONLY time that lot is utilized is for softball games on select summer evenings. The neighborhood residents who attended the meeting last night were very disappointed that **the Parks and Rec Committee could not supply any study on how the existing lot is being utilized, yet they think it is a good idea to add 88 new parking spots.** I asked Lauren Wood a logical question at the meeting last night. Under the new plan, would there still be parking on Oxford? The answer was yes. Today, people who visit the park by auto, choose not to park in the existing lot because it is too far to walk to the playground when you can just pull up and park on Oxford. Therefore, please refer to the diagram and ask yourself, if you were toting two young children to Poppleton Park to play for the afternoon, would you park on Woodward Avenue and walk all the way through the park, OR would you pull right up to Oxford and walk a few steps to the play structure? The tennis court parking and the proposed parking on Woodward are equidistance to the playground. We already know nobody that visits the playground parks their car at the tennis courts. This is a fact. So, the new plan is supposed to alleviate parking problems in the neighborhood? I can assure you the parking problems in the neighborhood will remain the same because people will continue to park where it is most convenient. Besides being a waste of money, my heart breaks for all of the mature trees that will be taken down to make way for the parking lot. My heart also breaks for the homeowners who will now have a view of a parking lot instead of mature trees. They will still be asked to pay the same taxes, but their properties will be devalued. It is a shame and again, I cannot even believe that this is being considered.

2. **Picnic Shelters.** Sounds like a nice idea, but the addition of shelters will bring nothing but trouble for our neighborhood. I can speak from personal experience. Our property abuts Manor Park. When we first purchased our property, we thought "How nice, we will be living next to a beautiful park." It wasn't too long that we learned exactly what that would entail. Every day, and I mean EVERY DAY I pick up garbage in the Manor Park. Sometimes it's just wrappers from McDonalds but many times it's an empty bottle of Jack Daniels. Please consider how creepy it would be for you to know that this activity is going on just steps away from where your family lives. When our daughters were in high school, and they were driving home by themselves from activities after dark, we would have to warn them that if there was anyone sitting in a car across the street at the park to use their cell phones and call us and we would escort them into our house. Happened all the time. Yes, there is a big sign at Manor Park that says NO Alcohol; Park closes at Dusk. Do you think people from the outside care about this sign and these park rules? I can assure you they do not. I mentioned that I pick up garbage every day. I do this because I feel like I am the caretaker of the Park. I imagine that the folks who

live near Poppleton are doing the same thing. We don't call the City and tell them that there are a few beer cans laying around then and ask them to send a maintenance guy over to pick up the trash. We do it ourselves. We take pride in the park. So, now we are hit with this plan from the City that includes Picnic Shelters which is going to bring a lot of new people into the park and create more problems for our neighborhood--more trash, more loitering at night and more alcohol consumption which is prohibited but ignored. The group that attended last night's meeting was very disappointed that Lauren Wood could not supply any statistical information from the Springdale Picnic Shelters to determine if extra shelters were even needed. She also could not supply any information on if the shelters were being rented by residents or outsiders. The lack of research on this plan is appalling. Please hear us on this issue.

3. New Trail that Runs behind the House. Horrible plan and not needed. My concerns are the same as the Picnic Shelters. This is only going to give outsiders an opportunity to come right up to someone's backyard. Theft in our neighborhood has been sky high. I don't know if you are aware, but several weeks ago thieves hit our neighborhood hard stealing the tires off 5 cars and leaving them on blocks. They were at our house getting ready to steal our tires when they were scared away. They ran and left their jack in our front yard and we called the police. The police came to our house and took the jack for fingerprints. Please consider how disturbing this would be for you, had this activity been going on in your driveway while your family slept. (photo from the Poppleton Park robberies)



Poppleton Park is a lovely place to live and we don't plan on moving anytime soon. However, we will sell our house if it is no longer a safe place to live. Poppleton is a lovely park. I would welcome new playground equipment. All of the other ideas are not needed and not requested by the residents who are the caretakers of this park. I ask you take special care in voting on Monday. The people who voted for you are counting on it. Respectfully submitted,
Gigi Nichols

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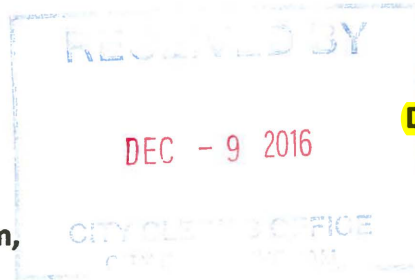
We have lived in our home on Tottenham road for over 25 years, and chose this beautiful neighborhood for all of its charming character and quiet suburban ambiance. We raised our two children here and spent many an afternoon at the Poppleton Park. One of the key characteristics we loved about the park was the ability as a parent to see your child run free without inhibition. To run with a kite in the large field of grass with untethered abandon; and as parents we could allow this because we knew the park was safe. We knew the grassy area was wide open and perfect for running back and forth, and was completely safe. No cars would come by and risk an accidental collision, no cars would come by and risk an even more frightening event – a quick abduction with a easy entry into and out of the park. As a community park it was perfect, all who enjoyed it entered into the neighborhood community and so all who were present felt a kinship – a connection to enjoying the quiet solace of Poppleton Park and a place to create a lifetime of memories.

Sometimes upgrades can be very beneficial: ramps that allow everyone to enjoy, adequate drainage to prevent flooding and mosquito infestation – for example can absolutely make a positive impact. But some modernizations, though well intentioned, may not achieve the original goal. Poppleton Park is a very safe community park for all families, it offers so much Just As It Is. Frisbee or kites in the grassy areas, a blanket and a book to soak up the sun, kids areas to swing and climb, tennis for all ages and baseball for all to enjoy. This is a community park that offers lots of wide open spaces, hard to find in a metro area.

Please, please think about what you are proposing. Think about the potential negatives that can come of a quick on-and-off access to Woodward. From a safety perspective, this runs up so many red flags in the world we live in. Our children live in a world with so many dangers. So many places where they simply cannot run free. Poppleton park has been a green glade of grass, where children can run with joy as their parents lay back and enjoy watching and relaxing – knowing this is a safe haven. As parents, we rarely find such peace in this metropolitan environment. Safety and joyful family time should be our community focus.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karen Frederick

Karen Frederick



December 7, 2016

To the City Commission of Birmingham,

As a family we have enjoyed Poppleton Park for more than 25 years and wanted to share with you our concern over the proposed plans to alter it. This park offers so much to the community with play structures for children, tennis, baseball and lots of natural space for everyone to enjoy. The proposed improvements, simply wouldn't improve it and would actually cost a great deal of money. As a Birmingham resident I encourage you to vote against this proposed concept plan.

**Sincerely,
Michael Frederick**



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: The Seriously Flawed Poppleton Park Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 5:40 AM
Subject: The Seriously Flawed Poppleton Park Plan
To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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Subject: The Seriously Flawed Poppleton Park Plan

Dear Mayor Nickita and Commissioners,

I am a long time resident of the Poppleton Park neighborhood. I grew up on Wimbledon and have now lived at 756 Abbey for twenty years.

I attended the informational meeting this past Thursday and heard the presentation of the concept plan for the park. In case you haven't heard, the 100 Poppleton Park residents who filled the room were almost unanimously and strongly opposed to key elements of the plan. In a show of hands only one person supported the plan. Clearly the plan needs to go back to the drawing board and should be removed from Monday night's agenda. To vote on this plan as it exists makes absolutely no sense.

Much of the defense of the plan was that it had followed the process. We heard this over and over. Unfortunately, the process led to something not only flawed but upsetting to the residents in the surrounding neighborhood.

The biggest concern is the 88 parking places along Woodward Avenue, or frankly any parking that leads off Woodward. The 14 spots near the baseball field are rarely filled. If families with young children choose not to park there now and walk all the way to the playground then they are not going to walk all the way from Woodward. Here is a suggestion: Limit parking on Oxford to the side bordering the park and perhaps carve out a small strip of parking (for 10 cars, not 88) near the playground.

Any parking off of Woodward is inviting car watchers from April to September, car sellers, and loiterers. Not to mention the possibility of worse activity. There is no park with access right from Woodward anywhere from Detroit to Pontiac. This would essentially create a rest stop.

Another alarming aspect of the plan is the amount of grass and mature trees that would be replaced. Green space is precious and irreplaceable. To add a giant 88 space concrete pad, many lengthy 8 foot wide walkways, pads for expanded playgrounds, picnic areas and toilet facilities all adds up. Most of all, I am not in favor of cutting down any mature trees.

There are aspects of the plan that are good such as a revitalized playground and making the park more accessible to people with wheelchairs.

Thank you in advance for considering the point of view of the Birmingham neighborhood. I'm looking forward to discussing this at the meeting Monday evening.

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 5:04 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park Concept

To: John Fulgenzi <johnf@doublejackelectric.com>

Cc: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mr. Fulgenzi,

Thank you for your email sharing your input on the Poppleton Park concept plan. I will be sure to share this with the City Commission as they deliberate on this issue as it is presented to them on Monday. Your input is appreciated and is an important part of this public process.

Best Regards,
Joe Valentine

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From: **Rebecca Powers** <powerswriter@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 9:12 AM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Dear Director Wood:

Thank you for your reply. I've heard from several commissioners and am so impressed with the responsiveness of our leadership.

Commissioner DeWeese and I have communicated in detail regarding points that undoubtedly arise on Monday.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Powers



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Do The Right Thing On The Poppleton Park Proposal December 12

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:09 PM

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>
Date: Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 8:46 PM
Subject: Re: Do The Right Thing On The Poppleton Park Proposal December 12
To: Jack Burns <jackburns1@comcast.net>

Dear Mr Burns

Thank you for your email and sharing your thoughts regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan.

I can assure you that the members of the City Commission and I are aware of and have read all of the communications that we have received. Also, please note that our deliberation and decision on this item will be focused on positively adding to the neighborhood and to the city. We are aware of the various concerns and opinions that have been expressed. Additionally, we have been following the development of the concept plan and are aware of the elements that are being considered. Please keep in mind that this is only a concept that will assist us in budgeting for the future.

We appreciate your input and that you have spent your time to pass along these specific ideas and concerns. This is an important and part of the public process and we welcome it. The feedback that we have received will be carefully considered and included as part of our discussion when the Concept Plan comes in front of the City Commission for review this coming Monday.

Thank you again for reaching out to us.

Mark

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On Dec 11, 2016, at 12:19 PM, Jack Burns <jackburns1@comcast.net> wrote:

Mayor Mark Nickita –

My name is Jack Burns. Over the past three years I have had the opportunity to observe and interact with the Birmingham City Commission on several occasions – via my representing our neighborhood on the Putney Street sewer project and more recently by being a member of the first graduating class of the Birmingham Citizens' Academy.

I am NOT sending you this note to instruct you how to vote on Monday December 12 regarding the Poppleton Park proposal.

I am only asking that you and your peers on the Birmingham City Commission do what I believe you have always done – **the right thing.**

The plan as proposed is obviously not what the majority of us living in the Poppleton area want for our park. Please – at minimum – delay any action until a plan can be developed that is much less controversial and more acceptable to those of us who regularly use the park. Thank You.

Jack Burns

898 Putney St.



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Fwd: Poppleton Park Proposal input

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:10 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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To: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 6:36 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Proposal input

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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Subject: Poppleton Park Proposal input

Dear Mayor Nickita, Mayor Pro Tem Harris and fellow Commissioners,

I have lived at 756 Abbey since 1995 and attended the informational meeting regarding the Poppleton Park proposal last Thursday evening. It was very apparent that the vast majority of Poppleton Park residents and the Birmingham community at large are in opposition to several aspects of the proposed plan being

presented to you for approval Monday evening. Due to the strong opposition presented at Thursday's meeting, previous emails, phone calls and comments at earlier meetings, I would like to strongly recommend that you either reject the proposed Poppleton Park recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board or recommend that the Poppleton Park Proposal be sent back to the Parks and Recreation Board for further study including additional public input.

The most prevalent argument made in Thursday's presentation was that the Plan was going forward because the process had been followed. I would like to point out that when the process does not reach most of the residents affected, how good is that process unless the intention is to garner little feedback? The presentation was also skewed to only reflect positive comments about the Plan while leaving out comments from those who opposed various aspects of the Plan.

I am in agreement with the majority of my neighbors that any additional parking coming off Woodward is not only unnecessary but detrimental to the Park and the neighborhood. Additional parking was first suggested to alleviate the high traffic volume on Oxford. There are currently 14 unused parking spaces at the south end of the Park because the majority of families with young children do not want to walk the distance to the play structures. Parking along Woodward would simply create more parking that is too far for these families. I would like to suggest that the east side of Oxford become a no-parking zone which would alleviate a lot of the congestion on Oxford and potentially encourage more people to park in the existing spots. This could be achieved with no changes to the Park nor any additional cost.

I am also in agreement with my neighbors that it is unnecessary for an 8 foot wide paved path around the perimeter of the open space resulting in cutting down many beautifully aged trees. A narrower path for accessibility should be considered but only unhealthy trees should be spared.

Thank you for considering the input of the majority of Birmingham residents regarding the Poppleton Park proposal. I look forward to your response.

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Fwd: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:11 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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Subject: Poppleton Park Concept Site Plan
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Cc: jvalentine@bhamgov.org, jhaines@bhamgov.org, lwood@bham.gov.org, Cindy Fairless <kcfairless@aol.com>

Hello,

My name is Kent Fairless. My wife and I currently reside at 323 Wimbledon.

I am writing to express our opposition to the Poppleton Park Concept Site plan that was presented by Lauren Wood and Joe Valentine at an informational meeting held Thursday December 8th.

My wife and I also attended the Poppleton Park Public Workshop on February 2, 2016 which hosted by Lauren Wood.

It was very clear that at both meetings there was overwhelming opposition to the plan. (When I say overwhelming, I'm talking about 95% opposed.)

While there are some good elements of the plan (improving the playground area, adding trees), the plan to add 88 or 102 parking spaces is the biggest concern.

The immediate community, the people most affected by any changes to Poppleton Park, do not want a parking lot expansion.

Many in the immediate community see the parking lot plan as a congregation area, akin to a rest stop, park & ride and / or RTA stop that will create unintended consequences and hurt property values.

In addition, the plan proposes a \$2M budget, for which funding has not yet even been secured.

Other reasons for the opposition:

- There is not one park in the city of Birmingham with direct access off of a major road such as Woodward Avenue, an 8-lane thoroughfare.
- Poppleton Park already has an existing parking lot that is empty the majority of the time. Any street parking issues, which are rare, would be minimal in comparison to the problems with an 88 or 102 space parking lot.
- Poppleton Park is a unique environmentally-sensitive green space that would be better left undisturbed than subject to the Poppleton Park Concept Site plan.
- The immediate community welcome most of the improvements, but are overwhelming opposed to the parking lot, and to a lesser extent, the walking path that would be right behind many homes.

In the face of such opposition, I'm at a loss to understand why the Parks and Recreation Board is moving forward with presenting the Poppleton Park Concept Site plan to the City Commission.

I'm asking that you consider the voice of the people, the immediate community most impacted by this plan, and kill any further consideration of the plan as it is currently conceived.

Thank you,

Kent and Cindy Fairless



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Fwd: Please Stop Poppleton Park Concept Plan! From concerned parents

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:11 PM

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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Subject: Re: Please Stop Poppleton Park Concept Plan! From concerned parents

To: Lauren Kerr <laurenkfreund@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, Racky Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <sshernan@bhamgov.org>, Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, "Andrew M. Harris" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Nick Freund <nick@freundcm.com>

Mr. and Mrs. Freund,

Thank you for your email to the City Commission sharing your thoughts and input on the Poppleton Park concept plan. Your communication to the City Commission has been received and I will be sure to include this with other communications the City Commission has received as they deliberate on this issue as it is presented to them for the first time this evening. Your input is appreciated and is an important part of this public process.

Best Regards,

Joe Valentine

On Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 1:59 PM, Lauren Kerr <laurenkfreund@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, I am a concerned Poppleton Park resident - and mother of a toddler - who spends time in the park almost daily.

After following the development of the conceptual plan for Poppleton Park's overhaul, I am voicing my objection to the plan which will be presented to you on 12/12/2016. The 12/8/16 informational meeting was attended by well over 100 residents of Poppleton Park. By overwhelming consensus of the attendees, the plan should be halted, and redeveloped with input from the affected neighborhood residents. There is a way we could renovate the park that would actually enhance the experience for residents and their families.

The decision to add 88 parking spaces on an 8 lane road is an invitation for a new cruiser's hangout now that the parking lot at 13 mile & Woodward has been demolished, and invites people to the park year round. Noise, trash, drinking and drugs by undesiderables potentially from communities from Downtown Detroit to Pontiac will destroy our neighborhood and make the park an unsafe place for families and kids - like mine - to play. My husband and I would not be able to comfortably enjoy the park with our young son knowing that, as the parking lot fills up, there are strangers who potentially do not share our interest in

keeping the park a safe and beautiful sanctuary in our neighborhood.

The parks and rec presentation did not provide legitimate facts to support the change from a 17 acre neighborhood park to a community park, described on your own city website as 30+ acres, other than the board's arbitrary determination. So by changing the definition, the decision to add significant parking followed with no facts to support the need. Parking is not an issue at this park with the exception of dream cruise weekend - when parking is at a premium all up and down the Woodward corridor, not just in our area.

If you truly wish to turn Birmingham into a walkable community, then scrap the conceptual plan, and especially eliminate the parking lot. Please, please, please install a crosswalk at Oak and Woodward so Poppleton Park and Bloomfield Township residents can safely walk or bike to the restaurants, farmer's market and businesses on North Old Woodward. I see families all the time - like mine - running while they push a stroller to make it across Woodward - terribly unsafe!! Especially with little kiddos in tow! In turn, residents on the west side of Woodward can walk or bike to Poppleton Park.

It's a shame that our municipal leaders would propose destroying the last green space along Woodward in Birmingham. We already know what street side parking looks like... blargh!!!

We agreed the playscape needs updating. Beyond that, the Concept Plan is not representative of the residents'/taxpayers' needs in the Poppleton Park neighborhood.

We've seen plans for other parks go awry... and we don't want this preliminary plan to move forward any further in council chambers.

Please seriously listen to our neighborhood residents' objections and reject the Poppleton Park Concept Plan.

Thank you,
Lauren and Nick Freund
963 Warwick St, Birmingham

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Fwd: Poppleton Park plan remarks

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From: <m.winsand@att.net>

Date: Sun, Dec 11, 2016 at 4:04 PM

Subject: Re: Poppleton Park plan remarks

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City Commissioners:

Why, what or who precipitated the Poppleton plan? A grant? Petitions from the neighborhood? City Hall? It's a lovely peaceful green park in the middle of a neighborhood so why make such radical changes? And perhaps not in the best interests of the city. After reviewing the information we're still wondering why? We know it fits a federal guideline of a "community park", but that doesn't mean we are obligated. How many beautiful mature trees will be cut down and replaced with new ones in a different place. Cutting trees down and replacing them is an expensive project. Just ask a resident in this city of trees. Why do we need 80 parking spaces? We don't see it solving the problem, but adding to it. People will continue to park on the streets because it's more convenient to certain areas of the park. Adding parking spaces and shelters will give the park a commercial atmosphere and we don't want that in our neighborhoods. Residents desires must be seriously considered. They are the ones impacted not those who don't live here. It also looks like an expensive project plus added maintenance costs and headaches. Birmingham is not a large city and should be preserving scarce green spaces. Once it's gone there is no replacing it.

We urge you to vote "no" on this plan it just doesn't fit, or make sense, seem practical or desirable. Maybe design a plan with friendlier and less invasive ideas. The 55 years we've lived in Birmingham there have been many changes, mostly good. We'd like to see our city maintain some of its charm for future generations.

Thank you for serving as a Commissioner and doing your best to do what's in the best interests of Birmingham residents.

Amos and Marilyn Winsand
909 Tottenham, Birmingham

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Fwd: Poppleton Park hearing draws over 100 people

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:30 PM

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Subject: Poppleton Park hearing draws over 100 people
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This is a story about public input, and how a well-intended concept plan to fix up a community park in Birmingham can quickly sour.

Start with the crowd of over 100 people who attended an informational hearing Thursday night at City Hall to go over the concept plan for Poppleton Park. The plan calls for walking trails, benches, water fountains, playground equipment — even a new port-a-potty.

Most people at the meeting liked those elements. But the proposal also includes an 88-space parking lot off Woodward Avenue, and that has residents riled up — to the point they were chanting “Kill the plan!” at Thursday’s meeting.

By a show of hands, every person in the room but one said they were against adding a new parking lot. The 17-acre park is located off Woodward just north of Maple. Neighbors living around the park are concerned about people using the parking lot as a late-night hangout, or people leaving used cars in the lot to sell.

Plus, the Woodward Dream Cruise. Residents can already picture a lineup of old Camaros and Mustangs lining up in Poppleton every August.

“This is somebody’s field of dreams,” resident Lisa Kaminski said of the plan. “If you build it, they will come.”

In the beginning

Unfortunately, when city officials set out to develop a concept plan for Poppleton Park last February, not a lot of people showed up for the initial meetings. And the few who did apparently said the park needs more parking spaces. So it was added to the plan, and later endorsed by the city’s parks board.

DPS Director Lauren Wood said the Poppleton Park plan will be added to an overall master plan for the city’s park system. The master plan allows the city to go out and seek federal grants. It also provides residents with a perspective of how the parks in their neighborhood might develop over time.

Wood said the same planning process was used to develop Booth Park, Barnum Park, Shain Park — and other open green spaces. The city just adopted a concept plan for Kenning Park in 2014. She also emphasized not every plan is seen to fruition, but rather there are elements included because the public asked for them.

“Sometimes they get done, sometimes they don’t,” she said.

On top of that, Wood said there is no money budgeted at this time for Poppleton Park improvements.

Sticking to a process

City Manager Joe Valentine emphasized Thursday that he was happy to see a large turnout because he wants to make sure the public understood how the plan came together and why certain elements were included.

He also emphasized that concerns about parking would be included in the deliberation process when the plan goes before the City Commission for review.

The commission is scheduled to review the plan Monday. The commission can accept the entire plan or just parts of it.

Valentine noted that several alternative parking plans were explored, and that nothing is set in stone at this point. He also noted the plan calls for removing about a dozen trees to clear out some open space — but calls for adding 90 new trees to the park. Wood said some of the trees targeted for removal are not in the best of condition.

On Thursday, he assured the residents that the commission will take their concerns into account. He also encouraged the public to get involved during the initial stages of a planning process, and that the city has text notifications and email blasts for anyone who wants to stay informed about meetings.

As for the public attending the meeting, it's a given the vast majority will be attending Monday's meeting to express their concern over parking — and the possible loss of some mature trees to clear out open space.

"We don't need to cut down trees to throw a Frisbee," resident Ruby Teegarden said at the meeting, summing up the feelings of the majority of people at the hearing.

Monday's commission meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the city offices at 151 Martin St. The agenda, along with background information on Poppleton Park, is posted at www.bhamgov.org (<http://www.bhamgov.org>).

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:30 PM

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Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 7:55 PM

Subject: Fwd: Resident concerns about Poppleton Park

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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I am resending the below email that was sent 6 weeks ago and went without a response except from Carroll Deweese.

Please consider my following concerns as a new (March '16) resident of Wimbledon Drive in the Poppleton Park neighborhood. The single largest draw to purchase our home was the

abundant green space of PP and the old-fashioned neighborhood feel.

Based on the recent rendering of Poppleton Park and recent letter written by Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services, I am concerned the city is abandoning its ideals as a walkable community in the effort to appease MDOT or fix a problem that simply doesn't exist. Recently the logic of acreage to parking was shared, which would imply that parking is insufficient. To the contrary, a simple observational study would reveal that the vast majority of park utilizers walk to the location. The existing parking lot is NEVER in use. I am a primary care physician who deals with a largely urban and underserved population. Many of my patients come to walk/exercise in PP at my recommendation because the areas around their homes are unsafe. Not once have I heard a complaint about an inability to park. Just recently I was at a restaurant and had a discussion with a waitress who lives in Royal Oak who was excited about the proposed Woodward Parking because "it will be nice to have somewhere to park for free for work." I suspect many others will utilize it as city parking, rather than for intended park use. In addition, a parking lot off Woodward is likely to turn into its predecessors; a loitering spot for Dreamcruisers and others. The lot, combined with the large empty space of the park, could potentially open up our neighborhood to greatly increased crime and noise pollution. If it is essential that the acreage/parking formula be following, then perhaps the park should be rezoned as a neighborhood park, as it is much smaller than comparable community parks.

Our experience just with the Big Beaver closing this past summer revealed that the Birmingham PD is unequipped and understaffed to deal with the increased volume of traffic into our neighborhood. We had a rash of breaking/enterings and tire thefts - this would give an opportune entrance/exit and hiding point for such activity. Also, we query who would monitor the maintenance of the park with the proposed picnic structures -even now, cleanup is a local neighborhood community effort.

I am all for improvements to the park, specifically the preservation of mature trees and greenspace, improvements to the current play structures, and even the potential expansion of the current parking lot. However, I do not feel that parking off Woodward is the answer.

This proposed parking lot will also reduce the value of homes directly on or near the park. Currently, the park is a big draw for neighborhood sales. Will the city plan to reimburse residents based on lost home value due to noise and waste?

Please stay firm in your commitments to maintain Birmingham as a walkable community and a city of trees. The proposal ignores both. These are the features that entice residents to live in the area and pay the taxes. With short-sighted changes such as those proposed, you risk loss of a taxpayer basis.

I beg you that you please listen to what the residents of Poppleton Park want for the future of this park. This park is utilized by us on a daily basis, while your parking plans are for visitors who only visit once or twice a year. Again, this is where we live, this isn't a place that we just visit. The proposed parking lot will have detrimental changes to our every day.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Gierer and Daniel Seidman
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Fwd: Poppleton Park Project

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:31 PM

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Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park Project

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Dear Birmingham City Commissioners,

I am a long-time resident of Poppleton Park. I attended the informational meeting for the Poppleton Park improvement project on Thursday, December 8. I urge you to reject improvement plan proposed by the Parks and Recreation department. My family and I strongly oppose adding parking spaces with access from Woodward Avenue. The additional parking is not needed, it would change the character of the park, and there has been no evidence presented that adding these spaces are in the best interest of the residents of Birmingham. Some other components of the plan could have merit but the parking spaces and access should be eliminated or the entire plan rejected outright.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Dolan

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Subject: Re: Poppleton Park informational meeting
To: Ryan Dix <ryandix76@gmail.com>
Cc: Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Ryan,

Thank you for your kind email and I'm glad you found the informational meeting of interest and informative. It is nice to have an engaged citizenry that participates in the public process for the best outcomes in the community. I appreciate your interest and involvement and taking the time to share your thoughts.

If Lauren or I can ever be of service to you, please feel free in contacting us.

Best Regards,
Joe Valentine

On Sat, Dec 10, 2016 at 9:42 AM, Ryan Dix <ryandix76@gmail.com> wrote:

Lauren and Joe,

Thanks for putting together the meeting on Thursday. It was interesting and informative and your professionalism is commendable. I couldn't stay until the very end to thank you personally, but I wanted you to know your work is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dix

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Subject: **Poppleton Park Concept Plan**

City Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to vote no on the Poppleton Park concept plan. The process for developing this plan has been flawed. Resident input has been ignored and even the simplest of demographic analysis on who will benefit from these upgrades has not been done.

First off, no survey of park users has been done to determine where the users live and how they arrived at the park. Having lived with my backyard to the park for the past 14 years, I can guarantee you that most users who drive to the park do not live in Birmingham. But we don't know for sure because the Parks Department has not even done a simple survey to find out.

For example, we are being told two new picnic pavilions are planned for Poppleton Park since the Springdale pavilion is over-booked and the city needs more pavilion capacity. But yet when asked what percent of people who reserve the Springdale pavilion are Birmingham residents versus non-residents, the Parks Department cannot answer that question since they have not looked into it.

The question "Who are we building this park for?" cannot be answered by the Parks Department. Will these improvements mainly be used by Birmingham residents who cannot get these amenities in their local neighborhood park? Or will the increased parking, added picnic pavilions, and other amenities draw even more people from Troy, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills and Royal Oak into our neighborhood park? Unless these questions can be answered, the concept plan should be sent back to the drawing board.

Finally, you will hear a long explanation about the open planning process and public meetings. This is true, there have been numerous meetings for public comment. The meeting I attended was packed with residents opposed to this plan and what happened – nothing. The public process was just for show. The Parks Board is going to do what the Parks Board wants to do no matter what the residents living in the Poppleton neighborhood say. That's why on Monday you will have a commission room packed with angry residents – the Parks Board and Parks Department are not listening to the residents input.

Thanks for your time,

Brad Coulter

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Subject: **Poppelton Park Plan Concerns**

Whom it may concern,

My name is Joem Buss, and as a resident of poppelton park, I am strongly opposed to the proposed plan.

In 2012, we chose to move to Birmingham and especially the more "natural" setting of the Poppelton Park drew us to this area.

As recent studies have shown, there are significant negative impacts (run off, pollution) on sealing off surfaces and that major cities esp European ones are reconsidering their park plans and actually removing concrete surfaces and even rubber play surfaces. In Berlin, preschools are removing play structures and opt to utilize the natural beauty of woods to provide natural play areas and provide kids with true opportunities to gain a respect for the environment, breath fresh air and foster creativity.

As such, specifically the planed parking lot expansion and any paving of green spaces eg walking paths, picnic pavillions and removal of mature trees is not only an eye sore but will do nothing to benefit the Birmingham population, but further add cost to your budget to service and maintain.
(I don't see that the plan includes cost to clean the proposed walkways in winter moving forward and avoid beyond sued if someone slips).

In none of the documentation of the Parks & Rec board I saw a proper case building based on current usage of why even so many parking spots are needed as the current ones are mostly empty and even during busy times spaces are left open.

From my professional opinion the current concept plan is lacking proper due diligence and justification why this is necessary and rather a way to spend budget for the sake of spending, which I don't think any elected official, like yourself, these days should stand for.

In summary the plans are unacceptable, would destroy the park, lower our property values and invite crime, noise and pollution into our neighborhood.

I am asking you to vote for our kids, our health and adequate spending of budgets given to you and vote AGAINST the proposed plans.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday for the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Dear City Commissioners

We are resending our letter from November 9 since the meeting last evening led us to believe that the residents are not being heard by you. Joe Valentine's behavior during the meeting garnered no confidence that the message from our 100+ voices in attendance requesting that the plan be stopped immediately,

would be carried to the Monday night Commissioner Meeting. We were greatly disappointed that there were no notes or minutes taken which could be conveyed to you and there was no sign-in sheet to back up the number of residents vehemently opposed to the plan.

So, let me be quite clear:

NO on the 88 parking spaces
NO on both picnic shelters
NO on the paved 8' track
NO on removing healthy trees

YES on the porta potty on a pad
YES on updated, ADA compliant, playground updates with appropriate ingress and egress
YES on several updated handicapped parking spaces on Oxford
YES on one side of the street parking on Oxford

Sincerely,
Linda and Scott Wilson

On Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 4:36 PM, Linda Wilson <linda.wilson918@gmail.com> wrote:

November 9, 2016

Dear Mayor Hoff and Birmingham City Commissioners,

Thank you for recognizing that Poppleton Park could use a little TLC. Although some improvements to Poppleton Park are warranted, we believe you have overstated the changes needed, or desired. It seems that you dream for our park to look more like Beverly Park or Springdale Park with their large asphalt parking lots and cement picnic pavilions which are rented out for class reunions and large parties. It's obvious from our neighborhood communications that our residents do not share your dream.

We read with interest the November 7, 2016 memo from Lauren Woods, Director of Public Services. It filled in a number of details concerning your concept for our park. Despite your technical definition of Poppleton Park as a community park, we can assure you that those of us who live here see it as a neighborhood park that is shared with the community for baseball games, soccer practice and playground use. Perhaps it would be easiest to reclassify Poppleton Park as a neighborhood park as seen by the residents instead of trying to reestablish it as the community park that it is not.

A note on two of the community parks and their improvements as listed in the memo. Shain Park has always been the main city park although, ironically, the prime parking spaces and favorite play structures were removed for its improvement. Kenning Park has multiple opportunities for city recreation although many parking spaces were removed to create the skate park and the firing range. It still has high parking demand for daily use of the year-round tennis and skating facilities. By definition, Poppleton Park does not have the same needs as these parks, so the parking standards framed in Lauren Wood's memo regarding "Area Space Standards and Parking Ratios for Outdoor Sport Facilities as outlined in Time-Saver Standards for Landscape Architecture" do not apply. Also, both of these examples are surrounded by the city or the neighborhood. Neither of these are exposed by parking off of a main road like Woodward.

We have not heard a single positive comment regarding your proposal to add 88 parking spaces along Woodward or the removal of so many trees, a point which was tactically avoided in the memo. Cutting down a large number of mature trees and replacing them with saplings does not measure up to our definition of improvement especially in a city known for its mature plantings. In fact, the addition of these parking spaces will change the atmosphere of the park and could have a profound negative impact

on the neighborhood and its safety. Those who visit the playground will always park along Oxford because the playground is on the north east side of the park. So, perhaps limiting parking to one side of Oxford would be helpful. We cannot visualize a parent walking all of the way from Woodward in order to get to the playground. It lacks common sense.

It's understood that Birmingham workers currently park at Kroger and the doctor's offices on the east side of Woodward in order to avoid paying daily parking in the structures. The additional spaces along the park will be heartily welcomed by them. It will also provide a perfect opportunity for those who need a place to hang out, especially from June through August for many of the all summer dream cruisers.

As 25-year Poppleton Park residents we urge you to consider fully the preferences of the residents. Reach out to those who will be directly affected by your actions, specifically those who own property adjacent to the park who will have jogging paths outside their back doors. Question the residents with small children that use the park regularly. Canvas the sports teams that use the park for baseball or team practices.

Most importantly, some of this money would be better spent on making our "walkable community" safe for walking by providing a crosswalk at the Woodward and Oak intersection. This would enable safe and easy access to the Farmer's Market, Tim Horton's and downtown. The current practice of running across the median is a liability for the citizens and the city. The expectation that everyone should walk down to Oakland in order to cross Woodward is

not feasible.

The charm of Poppleton Park is one of the reasons we chose our home. We moved here in 1990 with two young children and were thrilled to have the park and play area so close. Our girls played safely at the playground. We played on and supported the Poppleton Park baseball team in the 90's. The baseball diamond and the open grass areas have been used consistently during the warmer months. Parking is rarely a disturbance.

We urge you to amend your plans in consideration of the neighborhood's vision. Please avoid over developing our park to meet your own concept which could lower housing values, increase security concerns and have a long term, undesirable impact on our homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott A. and Linda H. Wilson

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Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 12:54 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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Subject: Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2016 at 3:41 PM

Subject: Fwd: Poppelton Park Concept Plan

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Mark Nickita

Mayor

City of Birmingham, MI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Buss <lhenrym@gmail.com>**Date:** December 9, 2016 at 3:29:07 PM EST**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;**Subject:** Poppelton Park Concept Plan

Good Afternoon,

I trust you will exercise your good judgement on Monday when voting on the Poppelton Park Concept Plan.

As a resident of poppelton park, I am strongly opposed to this proposed plan. Specifically, the parking lot, any paving of green space (walking paths - we have enough sidewalks!), picnic pavillions and removal of

mature trees.

The current concept plan is unacceptable and would destroy our park, lower our property values and invite crime and noise into our neighborhood.

Please do the right thing for our neighborhood and our children and vote to oppose this current plan.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday for the meeting.

Thanks,
Lisa Buss
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Fwd: Opposition to Poppleton Park plan

1 message

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 1:04 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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From: **Mark Nickita** <mnickita@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 11:24 AM

Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Poppleton Park plan

To: Joe Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

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From: James Casazza <jcasazza@gmail.com>

Date: December 12, 2016 at 11:11:08 AM EST

To: James Casazza <jcasazza@gmail.com>

Subject: **Opposition to Poppleton Park plan**

To whom it may concern,

My name is James Casazza. As a resident of the Poppleton Park neighborhood, I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed plan for the park.

My wife and I moved to the area 3 years ago, and often enjoy the park with our 4-year old son. The natural setting, mature tree, green space and existing amenities provide an excellent park and serve as a natural buffer from the noise and traffic on Woodward avenue. In our many visits to the park, we often see neighbors enjoying the tennis courts, ballpark and playground. However I've never seen a shortage of parking in the existing lot.

The planned changes include removing mature trees to install a large, 80+ space parking lot accessed from Woodward Ave, and the addition of several large picnic pavillions in the existing green space. These changes are not only unnecessary, but they would be detrimental to the character of the park, and have not been justified by the work of the Parks & Rec board in their plan.

In particular, the proposed Woodward access parking lot will invite noise, litter, petty crime and loitering to the area. It appears that this lot will now be the largest along Woodward, inviting summer-long visits from the dream cruise spectators who drive in to park, drink and watch the cars go by from April to September, placing a burden on the residents and our public safety officials.

In short, I believe the planned changes to Poppleton Park are unacceptable to the neighborhood and our city, and I urge you to vote against this proposal on your agenda for the meeting on December 12. I thank you for you time, and look forward to seeing you at the meeting this evening.

Sincerely,

James & Mary Casazza

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Fwd: Poppleton Park updates

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 2:02 PM

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Subject: Poppleton Park updates

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Cc: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>, "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear councilperson,

The POPPLETON Park updates look great with the exception of the parking lot off Woodward.

Locating a parking lot off a regional highway effectively makes Poppleton Park a regional park rather than a Birmingham park.

I urge you to reconsider that decision and relocate parking lot access off residential streets consistent with the other Birmingham Community parks.

I believe neighborhood street access to the parking lot would be a safer option for my grandchildren who play in that park.

Also, it is not fair for Birmingham citizens who paid for the park to compete for space with non-residents who will much more easily be able to use the park with the proposed Woodward access lot.

Finally, I am wondering if Birmingham police will have to patrol the park checking for residency? I sincerely hope it does not come to that. The police have more important things to do and don't need this added burden.

12/12/2016

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Poppleton Park updates

Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Waters

1476 Holland Street

Birmingham, MI 48009

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

My name is Margaret Kowal. My husband Dan and I live at 266 Wimbledon Drive with our three children. We have lived and raised our three children there over the past 20 years.

We would ask that you please consider the voices of not only the community of people who live within a 3 mile radius of our community park, but especially to the voices of the people who live on the park and who know it and everything about it on a daily basis. We believe that we largely and intimately know the 3-mile radius community that our community park serves. We know how beloved and well-used it is — just as it is. We would ask that you consider the voice of the people whom you represent:

We are in favor of a wheelchair accessible play structure area and also maintaining our open green space. We believe that this solution would best serve the 3-mile radius community. We are opposed to an additional parking lot; we are opposed to a paved walk-way around the perimeter of the park; and we are opposed to the cutting down of any trees.

Is the park underutilized?

No. In fact it is well used — just as it is. I have had a clear view of nearly the entire park for 20 years, and it is well-used. Kids fly kites and remote control toys. Kids play frisbee, tag, lacrosse, soccer, cross country ski and do many other activities that are enjoyed in large, open, green spaces. Young families run across the field with their toddlers.

Is parking a year-round problem?

No. I can see the parking lot from my kitchen table. It's empty year-round. Oxford is crowded with parked cars a couple weeks out of the year when schools start up in the Fall and let out in the spring. But even then, the playgroups don't use the existing parking lot. I highly doubt that they would use a new parking lot that would be even further away from the play structures.

Who would an additional parking lot benefit?

I would propose that an additional parking lot would benefit people who live *outside* our 3-mile community radius, not people who live within our 3-mile radius. A parking lot along Woodward would invite *people from outside our 3-mile community radius* to come and loiter.

Would there be safety concerns surrounding an additional parking lot and a paved track around the perimeter of the park?

Yes, and especially during the summer months and special events such as Dream Cruise. We already know from businesses on Woodward in Birmingham that loitering, refuse and general abuse of public property has become a problem. A track would allow and invite the very same people to come within close enough proximity to look into people's backyards and back windows and into their homes. That becomes a safety concern.

Could the proposed concept plan devalue Poppleton Park property?

Yes. There are three criteria typically involved in determining whether property values could be devalued based on changes to a public park?

1. Is there a change in the effective use of the park? yes
2. Is there a change in evening hours that allows congregating into the night? yes
3. Is there an elimination of a green belt or existing buffer? yes

(cont'd from page 1) The proposed additional parking lot, paved walkways and cutting down of trees would change the very nature of the entire area and the very reason that people choose to live and invest here. I am speaking on behalf of myself and five of my neighbors:

Pam and Tim Doyle, 244 Wimbleton Drive

Kathleen and Jack McInerney, 129 Abbey Street

Steve Nesbitt, 269 Wimbleton Drive

It is of great concern to all of us that our pristine park would become subject to abuse from people outside our 3-mile radius. We, who live on the park, know that parks invite loitering at night. A place to park would only add to the loitering.

Are wheelchair accessibility and open, green space mutually exclusive?

No. We could make the play structures wheelchair accessible and keep the open green space. In speaking with one particular family who requested the wheel chair accessible improvements to the Poppleton playground equipment, they also said that an additional parking lot and a paved track around the perimeter of the park were NOT part of the request.

So, who wants the additional parking lot? Why?

We personally do not know of any residents within a 3-mile radius of Poppleton Park who are in favor of an additional parking lot, the paved walking path, or the cutting down of trees.

Who wants the paved track? Aren't we already saturated with access to paved tracks in our community?

These items were not included in the 2012-2016 Master Plan. Therefore, where and when did the need arise? There was a Public Workshop on February 15, 2011. At that workshop, a group of 37 residents gave input. There was not mention of a concept plan for Poppleton Park. The input from the Public Workshop was as follows:

"maintain open space"

"grass is good"

"open space is good"

With regard to Poppleton Park, there was only mention of a basketball court, maintenance of grading & draining fields, and parking with "expansion" in parentheses.

Is the same protocol for approval being followed for the 2017-2021 Master Plan as was used for approval of the 2012-2016 Master Plan? Is or was there a Public Workshop (last February) that is reviewing the 2017-2021 5-Year Master Plan?

Finally, in keeping with the precedent set in 2011, I would propose that there should be a Public Workshop, at which the Concept Site Plan should be reviewed, before going into the 2017-2021 Master Plan. The protocol followed for the approval of the 2012-2016 Master Plan was as follows, and I believe that the same protocol should be followed:

"Whereas in order to gain input from the public, the Parks and Recreation Board held a Public Workshop in February of 2011

"Whereas a Master Plan was completed and made public for review, August 13, 2011, and a Public Hearing was held before the Parks and Recreation Board on September 13, 2011, to enable additional comments from the public.

*February 11, 2011 — Public Workshop

*August 14, 2011 — Plan made available to public for review

*September 13, 2011 - Public Hearing; Lauren Wood present 2011-2016 (5) Master Plan for approval

*November 28, 2011 — Plan adopted by governing body



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Fwd: Poppleton Park

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 4:47 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claire@bhamgov.org>

Please add in latest packet.

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Subject: Fwd: Poppleton Park

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From: **matt sullivan** <matt_sulli@comcast.net>

Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 4:04 PM

Subject: Poppleton Park

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Cc: jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Matt Sullivan, and I live on Madison in the Poppleton neighborhood. By now I'm sure you all are more than aware of the emotion behind the PP concept plan. Briefly, I want to give you my perspective as someone who currently has young kids, as well as someone who spend their own childhood playing in Poppleton Park.

First, thank you for serving the community. I was raised here, moved away for college and a total of 18 years in Chicago and San Francisco, and new moved back 8 years ago because my wife and I wanted to raise our kids in this amazing city. Many people, on Facebook in particular, complain that Birmingham is not the city it once was. I believe the opposite is true, and it is indeed a great city, especially one in which to be raised. I applaud the forward thinking change that the commissioners and city government has implemented, and I think our city is better than ever.

I also believe the parks are better than ever. The city planners should be given a big thank you for implementing such amazing change. Last week I was in Shain Park for the winter fest (daughter

sang in glee club and we saw Santa), and it was an amazing experience, much in part to the new layout of the park. It's just gorgeous. And my kids went sledding at Booth Park on this very day...and that park too is light years more kid friendly than it was when it was simply at baseball diamond and open field, and very few ever used it. And Barnum too is getting more beautiful by the year as the landscaping grows. So for me, the city has proven they know what they're doing with the parks, and I hope that continues with Poppleton.

My six siblings and I have been saying since the mid 70's that Poppleton is underutilized, and in need of a facelift. 40 years later, that's still true. I think walking paths would greatly enhance the park for joggers, walkers, older folks, young families with strollers, and most importantly, special need families. A couple small pavilions, picnic tables, improved landscaping including more trees, a nice, level open space for Frisbee, etc, and porta potty's would all be great enhancements.

It is my belief that these upgrades should happen regardless of the parking lot decision. I know most in my neighborhood are against the parking, and I agree with them in part. I do think a creative way to add some parking is probably something the city should continue to explore, but perhaps not off Woodward since it's so opposed by those in the neighborhood. I do not agree with the potential problems that such a parking would bring, but I do understand the belief that we'd be losing a very beautiful stretch on the east side of Woodward, as you wind through Birmingham, which gives our neighborhood some of it's charm.

That said, I would love the city to move forward tonight with the concept plan for everything but the parking off of Woodward, and would like the parking to be open for more discussion. I don't think that my neighbors want added parking anywhere, but they especially don't want it off Woodward. I also believe that many of the folks that are against parking are against any enhancement to the park whatsoever. They believe the park is more private than public, and serves as only an extension of our neighborhood. They also believe that the less it's used by those not in our neighborhood, the better and safer for all nearby. I completely disagree with such sentiment.

Finally, I know that many around Quarton Lake did not want upgrades done to that Lake area, as they thought it would bring unwanted traffic and people to "their" lake area. And some businesses and many residents around Shain Park were hard to persuade to upgrade that park. And I know the residents around Barnum had a lot of emotion around the parking and other upgrades that the building of that park would bring to their neighborhood. But like everything, Parks need to be taken care of and enhanced from time to time, and Birmingham has placed great value on this idea, which I hope continues with Poppleton.

Again, many thanks for your service...and no matter the outcome tonight and beyond with Poppleton Park, I truly believe Birmingham will continue to be one of the best suburbs in the nation.

Best regards to you all,

Matt Sullivan

Poppleton Park Resident (born & raised)

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Fwd: POPPLETON PARK - THANK YOU

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Dec 13, 2016 at 1:20 PM

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Subject: POPPLETON PARK - THANK YOU

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Cc: City Manager Joseph Valentine <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, Public Services Lauren Wood <Lwood@bhamgov.org>

Dear Mayor Nickita and Commissioners,

Thank you for facilitating a very positive experience last night. Given the standing room only participation of over 100 people you did an excellent job of ensuring that we all felt heard. And your decision to remove the 88 space parking lot on Woodward and the northwest picnic shelter proved you were listening.

The Poppleton Park neighborhood can't thank you enough, for this decision and for the time, energy and judgement you all contribute to our City.

Best regards, and best wishes to you and your families for a happy and safe holiday season.

John & Marilynn Rusche

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Poppleton Park hearing draws over 100 people

Jay Grossman, hometownlife.com

2:29 p.m. EST December 9, 2016



(Photo: Jay Grossman)

This is a story about public input, and how a well-intended concept plan to fix up a community park in Birmingham can quickly sour.

Start with the crowd of over 100 people who attended an informational hearing Thursday night at City Hall to go over the concept plan for Poppleton Park. The plan calls for walking trails, benches, water fountains, playground equipment — even a new port-a-potty.

Most people at the meeting liked those elements. But the proposal also includes an 88-space parking lot off Woodward Avenue, and that has residents riled up — to the point they were chanting “Kill the plan!” at Thursday’s meeting.

By a show of hands, every person in the room but one said they were against adding a new parking lot. The 17-acre park is located off Woodward just north of Maple. Neighbors living around the park are concerned about people using the parking lot as a late-night hangout, or people leaving used cars in the lot to sell.

Plus, the Woodward Dream Cruise. Residents can already picture a lineup of old Camaros and Mustangs lining up in Poppleton every August.

“This is somebody’s field of dreams,” resident Lisa Kaminski said of the plan. “If you build it, they will come.”

In the beginning

Unfortunately, when city officials set out to develop a concept plan for Poppleton Park last February, not a lot of people showed up for the initial meetings. And the few who did apparently said the park needs more parking spaces. So it was added to the plan, and later endorsed by the city’s parks board.

DPS Director Lauren Wood said the Poppleton Park plan will be added to an overall master plan for the city’s park system. The master plan allows the city to go out and seek federal grants. It also provides residents with a perspective of how the parks in their neighborhood might develop over time.

Wood said the same planning process was used to develop Booth Park, Barnum Park, Shain Park — and other open green spaces. The city just adopted a concept plan for Kenning Park in 2014. She also emphasized not every plan is seen to fruition, but rather there are elements included because the public asked for them.

“Sometimes they get done, sometimes they don’t,” she said.

On top of that, Wood said there is no money budgeted at this time for Poppleton Park improvements.

Sticking to a process

City Manager Joe Valentine emphasized Thursday that he was happy to see a large turnout because he wants to make sure the public understood how the plan came together and why certain elements were included.

He also emphasized that concerns about parking would be included in the deliberation process when the plan goes before the City Commission for review.

The commission is scheduled to review the plan Monday. The commission can accept the entire plan or just parts of it.

Valentine noted that several alternative parking plans were explored, and that nothing is set in stone at this point. He also noted the plan calls for removing about a dozen trees to clear out some open space — but calls for adding 90 new trees to the park. Wood said some of the trees targeted for removal are not in the best of condition.

On Thursday, he assured the residents that the commission will take their concerns into account. He also encouraged the public to get involved during the initial stages of a planning process, and that the city has text notifications and email blasts for anyone who wants to stay informed about meetings.

As for the public attending the meeting, it's a given the vast majority will be attending Monday's meeting to express their concern over parking — and the possible loss of some mature trees to clear out open space.

"We don't need to cut down trees to throw a Frisbee," resident Ruby Teegarden said at the meeting, summing up the feelings of the majority of people at the hearing.

Monday's commission meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the city offices at 151 Martin St. The agenda, along with background information on Poppleton Park, is posted at www.bhamgov.org (<http://www.bhamgov.org>).

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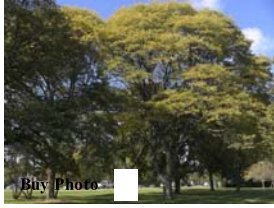
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Birmingham picks paradise over a parking lot

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It was paradise versus a parking lot – and guess who won?

After hearing concerns from hundreds of residents about the loss of green space, the Birmingham City Commission voted 7-0 Monday to remove an 88-space parking lot out of a conceptual master plan for a city park off Woodward Avenue.

Instead, the commission accepted parts of the Poppleton Park plan that call for new ADA-approved playground equipment, walking trails, a picnic shelter, new trees, improved drainage and some new portable toilets.

“I cannot even count how many communications we received on this issue,” Commissioner Stuart Sherman said of the proposed parking lot. “This is a park concept plan, not a parking concept plan. It’s really why we’re here tonight.”

Monday’s meeting wraps up months of deliberations regarding Poppleton Park and what types of improvements and amenities should be included in a concept plan. The 17-acre park is the second-largest parcel of public green space in Birmingham and most residents would agree it needs an upgrade.

But not more parking.

“Basically, this park is in the middle of a neighborhood,” resident Heidi Geissbuhler told the commission. “It is off of Woodward, but it’s surrounded on three sides by a large neighborhood. Everyone goes there and I think most of us kind of know what’s practical and what works there – and what doesn’t.”

More green space

Poppleton is located east of Woodward Avenue and north of Maple Road. The park is accessed from Oxford and Rivenoak roads and the existing 14-space parking lot is at the north end of Rivenoak. One reason for the proposed parking off Woodward was to keep park traffic out of the neighborhood.

The park contains several pieces of play equipment, a softball field and two tennis courts. The rest is basically open space.

Mike Smith of [M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc. \(http://mcsagroup.com/\)](http://mcsagroup.com/), the Grand Rapids-based company hired to help redesign the park, said more parking is needed to accommodate the baseball field and other activities.

“Based on 40 years of experience and having developed hundreds of parks ... it takes 70 parking spaces for one ball field,” Smith told the commission. “That’s what is needed for on-site parking.”

Smith said the number of spaces off Woodward was also developed based on conversations with the Michigan Department of Transportation, since Woodward Avenue is a state-owned road.

“But it’s a highly negotiable element,” Smith said about the number of spaces.

The commission went a step further, voting to scrap the parking lot and take it out of the plan. As several commissioners noted, they want to move forward on the plan without having one element as a major sticking point.

“Maybe one person out of 100 is supportive of adding a parking lot off Woodward Avenue,” Commissioner Carroll DeWeese said Monday. “Most people favor the other elements and this park is due for improvements.”



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After the meeting, resident Lisa Kaminski said she was thrilled with how the commission handled the parking situation.

"I thought they did a great job," Kaminski said. "Unless you live in this neighborhood, you really don't know some of the challenges we face. This is a bedroom community and Poppleton Park is our buffer zone. Woodward is a noisy eight-lane highway ... we don't need something that's going to affect our safety, our home values and our quality of life."

DPS Director Lauren Wood told the audience Monday it was important to have a concept plan on file for Poppleton to allow the city to move forward with budgeting and possible grant applications. She said the total cost of improvements add up to about \$1.8 million.

In addition to taking out the parking lot, the commission also removed a second picnic shelter from the concept plan. The proposed walking paths will also need some fine-tuning in terms of where they're located.



It was a packed house at the Birmingham City Commission meeting Monday. (Photo: David Bloom)

Resident Patty Edwards also felt the meeting went well and applauded the commission for listening to the residents. But she questions whether the planning process should have been handled differently from the start, given the outcry over the parking lot proposal.

"I think there's a flaw in the process," she said. "It never should have reached the point where people were so upset and angry – there's a real disconnect in the process that needs to be repaired. Personally, I think the vast majority of people these days find it repugnant to pave over green space."

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	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE
<u>REVENUES</u>								
FOOD & BEVERAGE SALE	1,227	34,354	72	47,329	1,299	81,683	1,428	84,305
MERCHANDISE SALES	388	7,812	-	14,898	388	22,710	1,765	25,940
WEEK DAY GREENS FEES	9,103	182,249	18	199,770	9,121	382,019	9,601	387,296
WEEKEND & HOLIDAY GREENS	3,464	92,322	-	105,267	3,464	197,588	3,081	197,500
CART RENTALS	382	5,241	-	5,118	382	10,358	175	9,599
TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES	590	5,386	-	4,797	590	10,183	-	10,350
CLASSES	-	140	-	89,252	-	89,392	-	95,130
GOLF CART RENTALS	3,483	82,715	-	90,863	3,483	173,577	3,592	169,284
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP	-	3,350	-	7,560	-	10,910	-	10,920
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	200	35,700	-	96,100	200	131,800	350	129,068
UNLIMITED GOLF PASS	-	(11)	-	3,600	-	3,589	-	5,050
PACKAGE CLUB PASS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	725
GOLF HANDICAP FEE	-	641	-	1,766	-	2,407	-	1,684
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	-	1,558	15,836	1,558	15,836	386	10,348
LEASE PAYMENTS	1,600	17,000	570	6,157	2,170	23,157	1,354	16,341
SUNDRY & MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	309	-	309	20	2,571
CASH OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)	-	31	-	35	-	66	-	93
TOTAL REVENUES	20,438	466,928	2,218	688,656	22,656	1,155,584	21,752	1,156,204
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
<u>FINANCE</u>								
ADMINISTRATION COST	1,474	15,951	1,474	15,951	2,948	31,902	2,860	34,160
AUDIT	-	654	-	654	-	1,308	88	1,403
SUB-TOTAL FINANCE	1,474	16,605	1,474	16,605	2,948	33,209	2,948	35,563
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	6,353	63,898	4,629	69,482	10,982	133,380	11,086	156,400
OVERTIME PAY	4	159	-	0	4	159	-	(5,316)
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,248)
FICA	483	4,857	350	5,271	833	10,128	841	11,398
HOSPITALIZATION	367	4,247	367	4,292	734	8,539	686	6,344
LIFE	14	166	14	167	28	333	28	340
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	223	1,350	223	1,398	446	2,748	85	(1,916)
DENTAL/OPTICAL	49	600	49	604	97	1,204	100	1,227
LT/ST DISABILITY	21	258	21	260	43	518	42	510
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	62	626	45	683	108	1,308	108	1,512
SICK LEAVE PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	68	1,344	68	1,448	136	2,791	132	(2,060)
HRA BENEFIT	-	10	-	10	-	20	-	20

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RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	208	2,461	208	2,468	417	4,928	218	2,628
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	74	878	74	885	148	1,763	105	1,309
OPERATING SUPPLIES	521	33,213	2,984	35,506	3,505	68,719	15,332	70,384
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	246	5,134	604	5,226	850	10,360	3,734	15,628
TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC UTILITY	224	2,930	671	10,210	895	13,141	1,841	12,367
GAS UTILITY	93	1,266	-	964	93	2,229	933	2,422
WATER UTILITY	-	-	-	145	-	145	-	127
TRAINING	-	288	-	188	-	475	-	1,187
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	2,421	26,588	2,421	26,668	4,842	53,256	4,833	41,259
SUB-TOTAL MAINTENANCE	11,432	150,272	12,729	165,874	24,161	316,145	40,104	314,641
<u>CLUBHOUSE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	7,053	79,346	3,186	112,642	10,239	191,988	10,721	202,475
OVERTIME PAY	-	704	93	3,828	93	4,531	-	1,103
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(512)
FICA	535	6,106	246	8,892	782	14,998	819	15,527
HOSPITALIZATION	974	11,270	974	11,269	1,947	22,539	1,944	20,357
LIFE	2	19	2	20	3	39	5	41
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	230	1,616	230	1,638	459	3,254	258	238
DENTAL/OPTICAL	4	49	4	51	8	100	16	116
LT/ST DISABILITY	2	21	2	21	3	42	8	49
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	69	785	31	1,138	101	1,924	110	1,964
SICK TIME PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	78	1,555	78	1,676	155	3,230	174	(1,572)
HRA BENEFIT	-	20	-	20	-	40	-	40
RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	242	5,585	242	5,584	484	11,169	20	22
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	71	1,953	71	1,954	143	3,907	16	48
OPERATING SUPPLIES	620	12,746	548	13,630	1,168	26,376	747	19,423
FOOD & BEVERAGE	418	12,253	43	14,893	461	27,146	286	30,410
BEER AND WINE	-	7,259	-	6,338	-	13,596	316	12,322
MERCHANDISE	267	7,483	696	13,824	963	21,307	79	18,884
INSTRUCTORS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	-	4,603	-	11,811	-	16,414	30	11,554
TELEPHONE	103	924	98	1,086	201	2,010	75	2,087
CONTRACTUAL ALARM	79	867	145	1,598	224	2,464	183	2,067
ELECTRIC UTILITY	419	4,420	-	-	419	4,420	178	4,721
GAS UTILITY	99	1,159	-	299	99	1,458	42	1,326
WATER UTILITY	-	2,322	-	976	-	3,298	-	5,598
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	1,315	-	1,390	-	2,705	-	2,756

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MARKETING AND ADVERTISING	-	163	-	163	-	325	75	5,211
DEPRECIATION	4,250	47,557	4,833	53,374	9,083	100,931	8,917	101,638
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	2,488	14,821	2,488	17,855	4,975	32,676	998	31,871
LIAB INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,250	18,124	1,250	18,124	2,500	36,247	678	27,135
LIQUOR LICENSE	-	1,253	-	1,253	-	2,505	-	2,505
SUB-TOTAL CLUBHOUSE	19,253	246,294	15,259	305,345	34,512	551,639	26,695	519,404
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,159	413,170	29,462	487,823	61,621	900,993	69,747	869,608
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(11,720)	53,758	(27,244)	200,833	(38,965)	254,591	(47,995)	286,596
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION AND TRANSFERS)						355,522		388,234

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History of Rounds - Calendar Years 2012-2016

MONTH	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		
	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	405	1,572	1,977	0	292	292	0	0	0	0	0	0	321	0	321
April	2,420	2,591	5,011	1,573	2,260	3,833	3,705	652	4,357	3,087	1,713	4,800	2,389	1,616	4,005
May	4,433	4,129	8,562	4,314	3,797	8,111	4,393	3,493	7,886	4,892	4,293	9,185	5,461	3,910	9,371
June	5,206	4,522	9,728	5,774	4,406	10,180	5,330	4,216	9,546	5,556	4,268	9,824	5,595	4,269	9,864
July	4,707	4,651	9,358	5,098	4,286	9,384	5,139	4,636	9,775	5,718	5,218	10,936	5,788	4,856	10,644
August	4,128	4,449	8,577	5,195	4,695	9,890	4,376	4,084	8,460	4,408	4,403	8,811	4,273	3,873	8,146
September	3,145	3,071	6,216	3,019	3,154	6,173	3,074	2,746	5,820	3,411	3,059	6,470	3,163	2,698	5,861
October	796	2,495	3,291	2,795	1,779	4,574	915	2,493	3,408	2,666	908	3,574	2,037	1,990	4,027
November	0	1,104	1,104	576	0	576	33	675	708	1,489	0	1,489	2	1,545	1,547
December	0	412	412	53	0	53	0	124	124	514	0	514	0	54	54
TOTALS	25,240	28,996	54,236	28,397	24,669	53,066	26,965	23,119	50,084	31,741	23,862	55,603	29,029	24,811	53,840

2016 Membership Analysis

	CY 2016		CY 2015		CY 2014		CY 2013		CY 2012		CY 2011	
MEMBERSHIPS	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Business	109	12.56%	109	12.73%	102	13.42%	99	13.20%	101	13.56%	84	14.81%
Non-Resident - Individual	465	53.57%	475	55.49%	406	53.42%	401	53.47%	398	53.42%	343	60.49%
Non-Resident - Dual	209	24.08%	194	22.66%	175	23.03%	185	24.67%	186	24.97%	111	19.58%
Non-Resident - Family	85	9.79%	78	9.11%	77	10.13%	65	8.67%	60	8.05%	29	5.11%
Total	868	100.00%	856	100.00%	760	100.00%	750	100.00%	745	100.00%	567	100.00%

	CY 2016		CY 2015		CY 2014		CY 2013		CY 2012		CY 2011	
RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	#		#		#		#		#		#	
Resident	1,874		2,090		1,733		2,007		1,843		1,244	

YTD 2016 and YTD 2015 Revenue Comparisons

REVENUES	SALES CY 2016		SALES CY 2015		DIFFERENCE
Greens Fee	\$582,160	68.56%	\$607,160	69.69%	(\$25,001)
Cart Fee	\$184,251	21.70%	\$179,607	20.61%	\$4,644
Food & Beverage	\$42,083	4.96%	\$48,121	5.52%	(\$6,038)
Beer	\$39,033	4.60%	\$34,999	4.02%	\$4,034
Wine	\$1,551	0.18%	\$1,390	0.16%	\$161
Total	\$849,077	100.00%	\$871,277	100.00%	(22,200)