

Forebay Park Public Outreach Meeting Summary

The revised conceptual design (Figure 1) was presented to the public for comment at the July 27, 2022 virtual Park and Recreation Committee meeting, which ran from approximately 6:30 to 9:15pm. Per commissioner statements, an estimated 15 to 24 attendees were present in addition to three of the five commissioners, Julia McIver, Tom Crumpston, and Jeanne Harper, and staff, Vickie Sanders and Brian Michaelson. After an introduction and history of the design process by Jeanne Harper, Vickie Sanders presented the revised conceptual design for public comment. Please see comments below. The meeting concluded with the development of an Ad-hoc committee to review the existing schematic design and public input that has been received in all forums up to now and to bring back to the commissions next meeting a recommended schematic design sufficient for initiating the CEQA process.

Figure 1 – Forebay Park Revised Conceptual Design



Summary of Comments:

The most frequently repeated comments and suggestions included strong support for enhancing the park and adding a playground, the desire to retain the natural feel of the park and remove asphalt, the request to switch the location of the playground and the group picnic area, the desire for more than one pickleball court, and the lack of interest in/desire to remove the disc golf holes and walking path. Additionally, many commenters were in support of a pump track, referred to alternatively as a bike park, BMX track, bike improvements, and bike path. Although not a design comment, a frequently repeated sentiment was the desire for these improvements to move into construction as quickly as possible. Below is a summary of verbal design suggestions presented by each speaker.

Ginger Swigart

- Appreciate the Commission and County support of the project
- Loves the idea of an accessible playground
- Is a member of the Pollock Pines Rotary and the Rotary supports this project.
- Understands the purpose and benefits of a multiuse trail, also interested in the bike park.

Frank Maio

- Remarks included slideshow, not representing CEDAP
- Provided history of project from his experience
- Funds have been collected from community and will be donated to County for this project.
- Wants the group picnic area and playground swapped. Align the group picnic area with the snack shack
- Wants to include a bike park, not asphalt multi use trails

Jimi Scheid

- Thinks more public outreach is necessary because his prior comments aren't addressed in the design
- The area designated for disc golf is too small for a course
- Wants the bike park
- Concerns about having asphalt in the woods impacting the natural feel
- Supports the playground

Mike Conroy

- Excited about playground
- Thinks bike park is an integral part of the design
- Doesn't care about having disc golf
- Need the dog park, wants screening between dog park and residences

Becky G

- With Snowline Little League
- Suggest flipping the group picnic area and the playground for noise reasons
- Want the bike park

Ken Harper

- Wants less pavement. The more natural the better

Jose Tomez

- Volunteers with the little league
- Wants this process to go faster, having a playground is vital for the community

- Wants basketball

Karina F

- Wants community playground
- Add more picnic areas
- More green areas less paved
- No asphalt on trail
- Wants this to happen faster

Sherry Hawk

- Want the bike park
- Want this to happen now

Genevieve

- Playground is very important
- Wants to ensure the playground is adequately sized
- Supports the bike park

Cindy Ward

- Love the idea of a park
- Is concerned about noise, swap the playground and group picnic area
- Loves pickleball, wants four courts.
- Get rid of disc golf
- Bike park is a real plus
- More picnic areas

Karen Duncan

- In support of playground
- Want the pump track back in the design
- Natural trails
- Worried about disc golf being safety concern
- Wants picnic tables

Stephanie Solorio

- Love the idea of a park
- In support of dog park
- Want bike pump track
- Already have walking trail around the lake
- No disc golf
- Wants basketball court
- Swap playground and picnic area
- Multiple pickleball courts
- Likes virtual and after hours meetings

Gail Strong

- Pro pickleball court, wants 2-3. Thinks it should be further from houses due to sound
- 1850s themed playground
- Supports bike pump track including an area for younger kids
- No disc golf

Below is a summary of design revision comments from commissioners:

Tom Crumpston

- Wants more standalone picnic tables, scattered around
- Topography is a concern
- Wants to be considerate of noise created by features near residences. Due to daytime hours of park, thinks this may be less of a concern.
- No walking paths or disc golf
- Perimeter trail as a buffer between features and residences
- Still wants bicycle/off road type facility if it is feasible from an environmental and maintenance standpoint.

Julia McIver

- Keep the pump track
- No disc golf
- Natural trails only
- Include a family area
- Include pickleball
- Provided vegetative screening for residents
- Don't duplicate the walking path around the EID reservoir
- The multi-use trail is too short to be worthwhile
- Explore providing a connection to the EID path.
- Please show topography moving forward.

Jeannie Harper – no design revision comments

Emailed Comment

After the commission meeting, Becky G provided the following email

“Thank you for making this meeting later in the evening. I certainly appreciated all the shared views. A few disc golf baskets scattered with a trail & picnic tables would have the least impact of the scenery. My concern with the playground would be for it to start at least behind the bleachers. The area directly in front of the batting cages does catch a lot of foul balls so having it directly behind where the handicapped parking spot could be dangerous. Being a person that spends a lot of time at the field maintaining the baseball field I just wanted you to be aware of that. I would hate to see this delayed any further so anything we could do to slightly tweak locations and start putting in some of the smaller items would be so appreciated. I believe you will always have some that will misunderstand these meetings to add or change things. You have all done great work in the community to get this moving forward. I fully believe if we get a few of these items moving forward the support will resurface from the community.”