

Meeting Summary

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| Owner: City of Richland Parks and Recreation | |
| Project: Leslie Groves Master Plan | Date: June 28, 2023, 5-7:00pm |
| | Location: Leslie Groves Park Shelter #1 |
| Meeting: Public Workshop #1 | MTLA Project No: 23-012 |

The following meeting summary expresses our understanding of the items discussed. Please provide any corrections, additions, changes, or questions to MT-LA in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of this document. A clarification or revised document will be issued.

Summary:

VOTING BOARDS:

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OR SEE MORE OF IN LESLIE GROVES PARK?

| Topic | Number of Votes |
|---|-----------------|
| Natural Areas | 66 |
| Increased Restoration of Native Plant Species | 60 |
| More Access to the Shoreline | 42 |
| Shoreline / Water Access | 41 |
| Separation of Bike and Pedestrian Paths | 40 |
| Pickleball Courts | 21 |
| Improved Swimming Areas | 20 |
| Parking | 18 |
| Tennis Courts | 18 |
| Improved Docks | 16 |
| Arboretum | 16 |
| Playgrounds | 15 |
| Bike Skills Course | 14 |
| Basketball | 9 |
| Baseball Field | 3 |
| Softball Field | 3 |
| Total: | 402 |
| | 402/6=67 |



VOTING BOARDS:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN LESLIE GROVES PARK? (Participants asked to vote for top 6)

| Topic | Number of Votes |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Walk | 74 |
| Water Sports | 54 |
| Bike | 53 |
| Birdwatch | 35 |
| Nature Study / Habitat Restoration | 34 |
| Play (Playground) | 32 |
| Swim – 29 | 29 |
| Run | 29 |
| Multi-sport open play areas | 23 |
| Picnic | 23 |
| Tennis | 22 |
| Basketball | 9 |
| Sand Volleyball | 7 |
| Exercise | 7 |
| Fish | 3 |
| Baseball | 2 |
| Total Votes: | 436 |
| | 436/6= 72 |

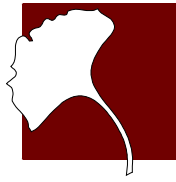


(others – Rowing, shell/sup storage, small craft center)

STICKY NOTE COMMENTS SORTED BY CATEGORY:

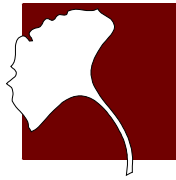
PARKING

1. Get rid of over half of the river road parking lot (it is used only for drugs and other things)
2. Add to parking lot by sand volleyball courts
3. No new parking – use existing lots all the way up to the boat launch (only busy three months a year). Don't pave natural areas for that (protect wildlife)
4. No more paving
5. Why did the city remove part of the parking lot below Hains?
6. No more parking lots. Just expand current parking lots
7. More parking (south of existing graven near Newcomer)
8. More parking
9. Please don't replace park with parking lots
10. No new parking (no more concrete)
11. No new parking – natural habitat is good



- 12. No new parking
- 13. No new cement
- 14. Consider using permeable concrete in paved areas (work with water)

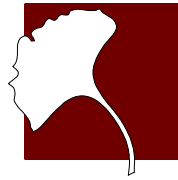




BIKES

1. Manage bike speeds to prevent running off road or getting in the way of pedestrians (safety)
2. Bike parking and repair stand (not car parking). No racks as they do not work for most bikes (and especially ebikes)
3. Restrict battery/motor bikes (danger to others)
4. Install bike pump/repair stations along the trail – there are several commercial brands out there that are really great
5. Bikes ok but slower than running speed pedestrian (must yield to pedestrians)
6. Ban e-bikes
7. City should institute bike speed signs and post lots of them. Particularly to battery bikes, scooters, and other motor vehicles
8. E-bikes = motorcycles
9. Traffic speed controls
10. Ban e bikes
11. Traffic revision, traffic slowing infrastructure to prevent/discourage racing from the park on Saint, Park St, and Newcomer
12. License the ebikes (tin tab)
 - a. Annual safety inspection
 - b. Would reduce theft and speeding in parks





PATHWAYS

1. More paths between biking and walking paths
2. Smooth bike trails
3. Maintain trails (concern about tripping hazards in some places)
4. Maintenance on path and shoreline (regular repair of asphalt bike paths)
5. Smooth bike trails
6. Repair cracks in asphalt for bike and pedestrian paths
7. Keep the bike and walk areas (they are loved)
8. Resurface walk path
9. Sever roots that destroy (cut) path
10. Bike and pedestrian path maintenance
11. Bike trail needs fixing/smoothing in parts

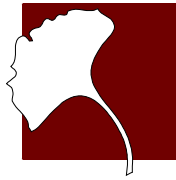
GARBAGE / RECYCLING BINS

1. More garbage bins
2. Extra litter control
3. Not enough garbage cans on the warm/hot weekends
4. Community compost
5. River clean up (litter)
6. Need more garbage bins in picnic area
7. More garbage cans on holidays
8. More signs for no littering
9. Recycling bins near picnic area
10. More garbage capacity in swim/picnic areas (and regular pick up to prevent pile up)
11. Increased garbage pickup frequency in summer months
12. Better recycling
13. More garbage bins
14. Usage permit for large parties to enforce clean up deposit that depends on clean up



NATURE

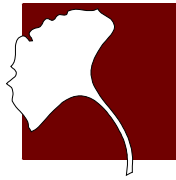
1. Food for migratory birds (Cedar waxwings and other songbirds nest and depend on food from Russian Olive Trees)
2. Bigger Beach
3. Communicate about toxic algae
4. Maintain a good amount of trees
5. Better buffers and habitat
6. Keep testing and place results for algae and risk to animals
7. Don't change shoreline
8. Don't change weedy habitat for wild animals between Leslie groves and the dike (1 mile south)
9. Don't touch the north end (near Ferry St)
10. Extend grassed area to south
11. Add grass to the "wasteland" area between Park St grass and the "nice" natural area
12. Integration of native plant species gardens within the commonly used spaces with interpretive signage
13. More signage to educate uses and the importance of native plant or animal species – reconnect community to our native shrub steppe environment
14. More access to river shore (Snyder to Hains)
15. Keep trees over trail trimmed + a few windows
16. Keep the open spaces open
17. Don't mow all the grass areas (leave tall grasses for pollinators)
18. Plants for wildlife (birds especially)
19. Education on ecology
20. Keep the parks
21. Remove weed trees from in front of memorial benches. Weed tree growth is result of poor maintenance
22. Restore native vegetation
23. Remove lower tree limbs
24. A few windows on river through trees
25. Keep natural areas
26. Beach cleanup – engage park users



27. Need more nature
28. Need more nature preservation signs and such
29. Work with nature
30. Plant more shade trees for shade on the walking path and play areas
31. Educate people on the value of buffers
32. Keep natural areas trimmed to reduce crime and fire hazards
33. Less chemicals on the grass

WATERCRAFT

1. Rowing facilities for the new non-profit rowing club
2. Kayak skiff lockers
3. Provide access for kayak, sup, and canoe
4. River access for canoes/kayaks at Newcoming Parking Lot
5. Tri-Cities Rowing Association would love space for rowing shells close to shore
6. Keep all watercraft access non-motorized except for Snyder Street ramp
7. Rowing/sup storage
8. Make N boat launch bigger
9. Non-motorized watercraft storage (rowboats, paddleboards, etc)
10. "Small Craft Center" (human powered crafts)
11. Enforce no motor in river area
12. Secure sup/kayak/skiff storage
13. No jet skis or motorized both (danger to kayakers and wildlife)
14. A few new launch points for kayaks/sups
15. Small watercraft storage
16. Jet ski ban (enforce)



RUSSIAN OLIVES (and other invasive species)

1. Food for migratory birds (Cedar waxwings and other songbirds' nest and depend on food from Russian Olive Trees) [COPIED FROM NATURE]
2. Remove Russian olives
3. Get rid of Russian olives
4. Remove more Russian olive trees
5. Get rid of Russian olives
6. Eradicate blackberries and Russian olives
7. Remove Russian olive trees
8. Remove all invasive species (Russian olive, blackberries, weeping willow, etc)
9. Leave blackberries alone
10. Eliminate non-native species (Russian olive and grasses)

TENNIS COURTS

1. Resurface and maintain existing tennis courts
2. Repair tennis courts
3. To provide pickleball, please do not sacrifice the tennis courts by painting on them or replacing them
4. Resurface tennis courts

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. No developing in natural areas
2. No more commercial development or parking lots
3. Keep the green spaces green and free of development
4. No commercial development
5. No more land sales to businesses



DOGS

1. Dog park where the drug deal parking lot is
2. Splash/water play for dogs and kids
3. Dog beach
4. Separate dogs and pedestrians
5. What can the public do to enforce the existing leash laws ("My time in LGP +HAP is continually ruined by off leash dogs")
6. keeping out unleashed dogs
7. More pressure on down owners to pick up poop

CATS

1. Get rid of the cats as they are decimating the bird population
2. Criminalize cat feeding – birds deserve protection
3. No feeding the bird killing feral cats

BATHROOMS

1. Keep all restrooms open
2. Keep bathrooms open or put in porta potties if closed for repair
3. Keep bathrooms open
4. Keep the bathrooms open and clean

ACTIVITIES

1. Open water swim lessons and safety info board
2. Higher quality sand in the children's sand box to meet or exceed the quality of sand at the volleyball court
3. Keep life jacket loan boards going. Put up swim area buoys
4. Replace volleyball court sand with natural sand – not abrasive crushed rock sand which can cause silicosis
5. Make * to exercise equipment [can't read handwriting]



6. New swim buoys
7. Fix the weather station at the north end of the park
8. Keep multi-sport fields
9. True play sand in children's area – remove ground gravel that is there now
10. Regular patrols for lost fishing tackle, which could ensnare wild fish
11. Timely upstream monitoring and prevention of toxic algal conditions

OTHER

1. Communicate about budget (so citizens can understand what is possible)
2. More parks so everyone can walk or ride bikes to the park
3. More drinking fountains
4. Transit access
5. Don't add lights (keeps out late parties and such – very nice park that closes)
6. More geocaching
7. Native American first foods garden and cultural information
8. Warning signage (islands/current)
9. Naturalist points of index markers
10. More memorial benches, etc
11. Shade
12. Put up bronze statues of local large wildlife (cougars, husky, badgers, coyotes, various fish)
13. Between newcomer and Hains – native pollinator garden (native plants for wildlife)
14. Keep working on homeless population outside of park
15. It's the best park – keep it wonderful
16. "This is the best park/river in Richland. Don't 'fix' it! (=ruin it)"

End of Summary