



## Public Meeting Notes Gideon Park Site Plan

The meeting was 7 to 9 PM 30 March 2010 at the Strawberry Hill Center / Strawberry Hill Park.

Attendees - **Public** – John Chang, Shelagh Coe, Bill Crane, Myong Lee, Janice Lund, Jim Lund, Marilyn Mandala Dooley, Ellin Spenser, Don Willott.  
**BIMPRD** – Arlan Elms, Kent Scott

Kent outlined the intent of the meeting and noted Comp Plan, CIP Mtg, and 1988 Citizen Group findings for Gideon Park.

No exceptions noted for the goals, outcomes, or schedule in the agenda.

### The group was asked to identify the qualities and assets of the park that they value.

- *I love the park / it has good maintenance*
- *It is lovely because of the wooded area – being there is like when we were kids*
- *It's peacefulness – you don't need to drive – just wander in and out*
- *The park works well with multiple activities – grandkids / football / meditation*
- *Good to see BHS students and dog owners using open space*
- *Park is a wonderful place for respite*
- *Park functions as community front yard and back yard – based on where you live*
- *Appreciate the peaceful, quiet, and simple qualities of the park*
- *Good for kids – open for running / playing in woods / watching dogs / watching older kids play*
- *Impressed that users are generally respectful and caring of the park*
- *Importance of bird habitat*
- *Fruit - blueberries / apples / pears*

### The group was asked to identify opportunities and concerns for potential improvements.

- **Opportunities** –
  - *UPS person concerts – more concerts?*
  - *Support accessibility – adult family home / strollers / etc.*
  - *Improve access into the park*
  - *Review dog waste management*
  - *Naturalize swale – for safety and beauty*
- **Concerns**
  - *Safety of ditch – crossing into the park*
  - *Undefined parking – need better control (fences / rocks) and signs*
  - *Falling limbs of cottonwoods*
  - *Protect kids from running into roadways*
  - *Improve service access / parking at park*

### What are your comments about the DRAFT Park Site Plan?

- *There should be no shelter*
- *There should not be a perimeter trail around lawn*
- *The play area should be upgraded for safety but not expanded – two small and two large swings*
- *Remove rocking toys. (Parks to suggest alternative for replacement)*
- *No space net*

- *Maintain topped firs (Parks will have an arborist review safety and longevity)*
- *Parks should have an arborist review the existing cottonwoods for safety and longevity*
- *Save apple tree (pear tree too)*
- *The park should have more picnic tables and benches*
- *Reduce onsite parking to three spots (Parks to review if roadside parking is OK with COBI)*
- *Move Old Coyote portal to trail head*
- *Concern about entry on corner with traffic – suggestion to increase entry north on Grow and on Gideon Place*
- *'I like the park as it is.'*
- *Potential changes generally agreed – improve lawn, more seating, more picnic tables, new play area, better access from Grow and Gideon, reduced parking, reconstituting butterfly garden.*

*Please let me know by 16 April 2010 if there are any exceptions to the meeting notes.*



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