

STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES
KIMLEY HORN PROJECT LIST
 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023
 Tom Petty Park Pickleball Improvements

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See attached sign in sheet for additional attendees.		

Summary

A Stakeholder meeting was held on November 14th, 2023, by the City of Gainesville Wild Spaces & Public Places (WSPP) team and the Kimley-Horn Design Team to gain input from the community on the ‘Preliminary Schematic Plan’ showing proposed improvements at Tom Petty Park. Supporting material also included at the meeting was a contextual ‘Project Area’ map and an ‘Image Board’ with example images of proposed improvements. See attachments for the boards as presented. Below includes the input received at the meeting.

Comments within Project Limits

1. Proposed Pickleball Courts: Suggestion was made to reduce the number of proposed courts to preserve more existing trees on site, specifically in the area south of the existing tennis courts. Noise concerns of pickleball were discussed.
2. Existing Trees: There was a general concern regarding tree removal and the desire to maintain as many existing trees as possible.
3. Existing Multi-Use Pad: The existing concrete pad between the existing tennis courts and racquetball courts is used recreationally by a variety of user groups, including bike polo, dance, martial arts, etc. Multiple individuals suggested a multi-use pad, sized 120’ x 60’ with low walls, be provided elsewhere on public property, to accommodate bike polo specifically, if existing pad is to be removed.
4. Existing Parking: Suggestion was made to include signage to prohibit parking within right-of-way and sidewalks.
5. Stormwater/Drainage: A neighboring resident mentioned the area south of the existing tennis courts occasionally holds water following large storm events. Suggestion was made to include plantings and an organic shape to the proposed stormwater basins that would not include fencing around them.

Other Comments:

1. Existing Off-Leash Dog Area: Suggestion was made to provide shade sails or pavilions, more benches, and picnic tables within the fenced dog area. Maintenance needs of dog areas were discussed including mounding of dirt at corners due to dogs running, lack of grass/groundcover, and exposed bench footing/bolts.
2. Existing Playground: Suggestion was made to provide shade sails over the playground equipment.
3. Kiosk: Suggestion was made to provide a kiosk on the south side of the park.
4. Pedestrian Gate: Suggestion was made to provide a pedestrian gate at the NE 16th Avenue crosswalk.
5. Basketball: Suggestion was made to include a basketball court in the proposed improvements.
6. Stage: Suggestion was made to include a small stage as part of proposed improvements which would be related to the 'Tom Petty' namesake.
7. Concession Building: Suggestion was made to include a concession building as part of proposed improvements.

Next Steps:

1. The design team to discuss revision of the Schematic Plan per input received with WSPP team.
2. WSPP and KH team to schedule a First Step meeting to discuss resulting revised 'Preliminary Schematic Plan'.

End of Minutes.

Attachments: Boards as reviewed at the Stakeholder Meeting, notes, and sign-in sheet.

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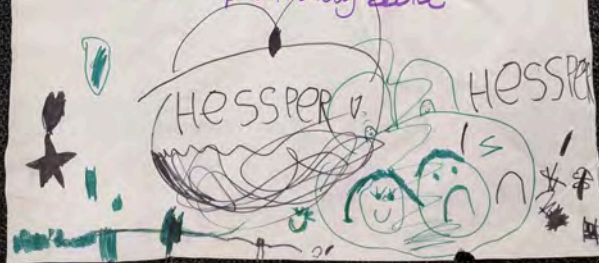
multi-use pad (120' x 60')

↳ currently use ex. pad

Shade w/in dog areas

Bike
↳ Multipurpose court for martial arts, dance, etc. bike

Fewer Pickleball and preserve more trees - Specifically South



→ Shade Sails over the playground equipment
→ a Community Kiosk on the Southside

→ New Benches in Dog Park (more benches) LARGE
↳ locate w/ user input

→ Basketball court

→ Covered pavilion in dog park w/ picnic TABLES

→ Prohibition of R/W & Sidewalk blocking by CARS

- Concern with tree demolition/removal

- Concession Bldg / window ^{↳ esp for covered pickleball courts}

- Dog park dirt ^{marking} ~~building~~ up at corners due to dog ^{marking}
~~corners~~ and no grass, exposing bench footings, bolts, etc.

- Is there opportunity for a stage/
Small stage ^{or} (related to "Tom Petty" name sake)

Area to the south floods
to tennis
courts
sometimes

→ Scale down pickleball courts to 6, remove covered courts
(trees and noise concerns)
removal