

PUBLIC MEETING #2 SUMMARY

The second public meeting for the design of Myakka River Park Master Plan was held on December 3, 2019 at the Tringali Community Center. The goal of this public meeting was to present the preliminary master plan and phase one design elements to receive feedback before the final master plan edits. Representatives from the project team presented the overall project process, the project timeline, overall master plan design, and phase one plan. Over 50 people attended the meeting from all over Charlotte County and comments and concerns were documented.



The meeting consisted of a short digital presentation and printed design boards where residents could ask detailed questions about the master plan. The design boards consisted of the overall master plan, phase one design plan, and detailed blow-ups of important design elements.

The primary design zones included: the major entry/parking, the turn around zones at the corners of the park, the riverfront park with kayak launch, nature trail, the pedestrian entrances, the overlooks, the off-road bike

course, the mile long multi-purpose trail, and the zip line course. Meeting attendees were most excited about the multi-purpose trail, nature trails, riverfront access, overlooks, and the ropes course. Primary concerns about the master plan were traffic capacity, roadway access, park maintenance, environmental concerns, parking, and sidewalk/perimeter requirements. Primary comments from the second public meeting are summarized in the following paragraphs.



Roadway Concerns

All residents are concerned about the one lane roads that border the park. They want to see the proposed roadway expansion occur as soon as possible. The one-lane road is not sufficient for park activities and neighborhood access.

Parking

A few meeting attendees were concerned about the proposed on-street parking/pull off zones by each entrance. The residents would prefer that all parking be enclosed within the park boundaries. Having adequate buffer zones between the road and the parking lots was also a top priority for meeting attendees.

Sidewalk/Trails

There were a few different comments about the hard surface multi-purpose trail and future sidewalk potential. Some residents wanted to see the multi-purpose trail be located closer to the road and also act as a sidewalk. Other residents wanted the trail to be meandering through the vegetation so it would act as more of a nature trail.

Kayak Launch

A few residents wanted to make sure the kayak launch would allow for all types of watersport activities. The ability to back in a vehicle, have a guided/carpet launch, ADA accessible launch, and a soft launch/beach access would be preferred.

Drainage Concerns

The overall neighborhood has some drainage inlets and detention areas into the park. Residents want to make sure the park will address drainage concerns. Drainage concerns would be addressed during future park development phases.

Maintenance/Environmental Concerns

Areas of the park contain invasive plants. The residents would like to make sure there is a maintenance plan to take care of the invasive species. The residents are concerned that the existing environmental quality could be compromised if maintenance is not a priority.



PUBLIC MEETING #2 NEXT STEPS

The design team has summarized the meeting in this document and will revise the plan to better fit the community needs. Also, the design team will recommended future coordination/plan items be taken into account for areas not directly affected by the Myakka River Park Master Plan.