



CEDAR FALLS AND HARGRAVES PARKS – TENNIS COURT PROJECTS

December 2, 2021 - Community Meeting

Questions and Answers

Meeting was held virtually and began at 7:30 PM. Attending the meeting and representing the Town of Chapel Hill (TOCH) were:

Marcia Purvis / TOCH Project Manager

Monica Rainey / TOCH

Renuka Soll / Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission Member

Brian Starkey / Withers Ravenel, Project Manager

Nineteen residents attended the meeting. Following a presentation of the project by Marcia and Brian comments below were expressed by meeting attendees:

Jeanette Bench

Asked if project team was aware of and had consideration been given to a spring that is suspected beneath the court. She also asked that we only use native vegetation for landscaping.

Response: Project team will review geotechnical report and investigate the presence and potential influence of spring on existing courts. Also, native vegetation will be used.

Nicky Walker

Stated that 6 backboards are too many and that backboards can be problematic during play. Felt as if one backboard would suffice. He also asked if any decisions had been made about surfacing and offered to provide his perspective.

Response: Backboard comment understood, and Mr. Walker was thanked for his offer to advise on tennis court surfacing

Diane Willis

Asked about construction time frame including duration and suggested relocation of bleachers.

Response: Cedar Falls Construction will take approximately nine months and Hargraves Park another three months. The anticipated time frame is summer and fall of 2022. Bleacher location was subject of additional discussion. and it was noted by participants that the preferred location would be along the north edge of the courts centered between courts 1 and 2 and courts 5 and 6

Anna Mercer McLean

Asked about vehicle access to the courts for tournaments and about the surface of the accessible path proposed.

Response: Vehicle access to courts for maintenance will need to be accommodated and vehicles could be permitted for dropping off items required during tournaments but regular access to courts by vehicles will not be permitted. The surface of the path will have to be hard paved surface to be accessible and to respond to grades

Debbie Baker

Asked about improvements to courts at Ephesus Park

Response: Improvements at Ephesus Park are being looked into but are not part of this project.

Jerry Edwards

Asked about lighting and like the idea of relocating benches to north side of courts. He also asked if the existing courts at Cedar Falls be removed and noted that surfacing solution at Hargraves Park courts might be applicable to courts at Ephesus Park given the similarity of court condition.

Response: Lighting will be upgraded to LED system with cut off fixtures and it was noted that lighting will be positioned to distribute light evenly downward and not be in the eyes of players. The Cedar Falls courts will be removed and the surface material for both locations will be decided when the project team gets further into the design.

Warrick Taylor (Impact Tennis)

Asked about dates for construction, events such as groundbreaking and ribbon cutting and also asked about artist engagement for public art / donor aspect of the project

Response: Final dates for events surrounding the project had not been defined to date and will be provided through town website and other communications once identified. Artist engagement for the project will be directed through the towns' public art program separately but coordinated with the project team.

Meeting concluded at 8:20