

RHODESIDE & HARWELL

DEAN PARK MASTER PLAN

Stakeholder Focus Group Session
March 18, 2016, 7 PM

City of Manassas, VA Dean Park Master Plan

SUBJECT: Stakeholder Focus Group Session
DATE/TIME: March 10th, 7 PM – 8:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION: Boys and Girls Club at Dean Park, Manassas, VA

1. How is Dean Park used today? What program elements are frequently used?

- Tennis courts
- Baseball fields
- Football fields
- Walking trails
- Skate park

2. What do you like about the existing Dean Park?

- There are many activities that can be done at the park
- It is in a central location
- Events/programs are offered at a reasonable price
- Families frequently use the park
- The school does not “overpower” the Jennie Dean Memorial

3. What would you improve at Dean Park?

- Restrooms should be open year-round
- A paved path is needed to connect skate park and parking lot
- Trash along trails and other areas should be collected and disposed
- Drainage on ballfields and open field (undeveloped area) are inadequate
- Fill “crown” in football field
- Maintenance is needed at the open fields (undeveloped area of park)
- Get rid of moles that create holes in the ground which are hazardous for park users
- The soil is rocky in many areas and present a hazard to park users
- Transit (bus) access is needed

4. What is your vision for Dean Park?

- Improved fields
- Incorporation of practice ballfields
- Creation of a “central park” for children
- Diversity of sports opportunities / support field sports
- Open / flexible greenspace
- Dog park
- “Miracle field” for children with special needs (ADA)
- Soccer fields

- Volleyball courts
- Basketball courts
- Running track
- Golf area
- Open fields for kites and hobby airplanes
- Storage shed
- Improved lighting
- Creation of a “volunteer conservation corps” to help maintain the park (e.g. cut grass, collect grass, etc.)
- Consider future overpass at Wellington Road and railroad
- More restrooms are needed that are accessible from different areas of the park.
- Explore opportunities for shared facilities with school (e.g. restrooms, storage facilities, etc.)
- Improved wayfinding signage
- More sports fields than picnic areas are needed

5. What are concerns you have with the development of Dean Park?

- Increased lighting particularly glaring stadium lights
- Traffic
- Noise
- Scale of recreation facilities (e.g. regional ballfields vs. passive park activities)
- Lack of trash bins
- Cleanup after pets (dog park)

6. What are parks that you have visited that would serve as a good example to Dean Park?

- Smith Lake Park, Stafford, VA
- Community Center at Manassas Park, VA
- Wakefield Park, Annandale, VA
- Signal Hill Park, Manassas Park, VA
- Hellwig Park, Prince William County, VA