



# **PUBLIC DESIGN WORKSHOP**

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## **Town of Little Elm, Texas**

### **PROJECT MEETING MINUTES**

Subject: Public Design Workshop

Date and Time of Meetings: 07/28/2010 6:45 PM

Location: Town Hall  
Little Elm, Texas

Attendees: Tony Chrisman Town of Little Elm  
Mark Hatchel Kimley-Horn  
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Adam Brewster Kimley-Horn  
John Moon Moon Design  
Public (Town has Sign In Sheet?)

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Meetings were held on this date to review preliminary design concepts for Cottonwood Park, Little Elm Park and Beard Park with the public of the Town of Little Elm as an open workshop. Items discussed were as follows:

#### **General Overview**

1. Tony provided an introduction and reason for the need of master planning of the three parks.
2. Tony oriented the public for each park and briefly described existing features.
3. Mark walked through each parks proposed additions as the public interacted with questions/comments.

Public questions/comments were as follows:

#### **Cottonwood Park**

1. Can disc golf be added to the park?
  - a. Yes but need to check with COE if on COE jurisdiction lands.
2. Can playground be moved close to backstops and bleachers?
  - a. If inside backstop area - entire area should be covered due to safety. The idea of a separate area was to try and make the play area safer from errant

- balls and make the playground more accessible to the public for general park use.
3. What areas are controlled by the Marina and what are their plans?
    - a. The marina owner may develop some camping areas. Originally, marina owner planned to do a restaurant and hotel –but nothing has happened.
  4. Will trailhead/monument theme be continued?
    - a. Yes.
  5. Is it possible to place all eight ballfields (four existing, four proposed) in one location?
    - a. Due to drainage patterns, preservation of existing vegetation, and space limitations -this is not possible at Cottonwood.

### **Little Elm Park**

1. Are the existing trails staying?
  - a. It was noted that the existing trails are remaining. However, there are a few areas where the proposed park road will cross.
2. How feasible is moving the boat ramp with the COE?
  - a. The answer was that the COE was happy with the possibility of moving the boat ramp away from the swim beach.
3. Is there overall trail connectivity?
  - a. The answer is that the bridge will have room for a trail connecting Cottonwood and Little Elm. Main street will serve as the connection between Beard Park and Little Elm Park
4. What about the possibility of a large aquatic facility or a smaller pool for lessons?
  - a. It was noted that an aquatic facility was not shown to be highly valued on the survey in the citywide parks master plan. A pool of some type is certainly possible in the future at some location.
5. Is there any room for illuminated soccer practice fields?
  - a. There is little room for soccer fields at Little Elm Park, however there may be an opportunity to provide soccer fields at Sunset Pointe or some other location.
6. A rope course would be a good addition near the rock climbing wall and trail system.
7. Will the public have to pay for parking?
  - a. Council has recently requested that staff look into charging a minimal fee for parking. Possibly day passes and resident fees vs. non-resident fees.

### **Beard Park**

1. Horseshoe pits are a big deal. There are state and even national tournaments that come to Beard Park to use the facility.
2. Will any structures be affected by the floodplain?
  - b. Show floodplain on the plan – current plan has structures out of floodplain.

3. Would it be possible to have a spray ground at Beard Park as opposed to Little Elm Park?
  1. It is possible, however the idea was to keep most water activities at Little Elm Park while leaving Beard Park as a dry activity park.
4. It would be good to have some sort of public identity in the park (bricks with names of families that sponsored them, sidewalks with poetry imprinted, etc.)
5. Farmer's Market idea was well received with "village green" area for pumpkin sales, Christmas light displays, etc. The scale of the Farmer's Market was presented to be more pedestrian and more of a flex space instead of making it vehicle oriented.

### **Summary of Meeting**

1. Concepts for all three parks were well received.
2. Illustrations of Beard Park really helped create a vision of an old town theme.

### **City Action Items**

1. Place conceptual plans and meeting notes on the city website for public view.

### **KHA Action Items**

1. Continue with conceptual plan and visual modeling updates.
2. Complete illustrations of Little Elm Park.
3. Schedule another public meeting (approximately 15 to 30 days out) once any plan adjustments and the balance of the illustrations are ready on Little Elm Park.

NOTE: These meeting notes were prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Should any corrections or modifications be required to these notes, corrections will be noted in the subsequent meeting notes.