

**Meeting Minutes: Central/Buchmiller/Sunnyside Parks
 Master Plans
 Study Committee Meeting #5**

Date: February 6, 2007
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Shuts Environmental Center - Central Park
By: Chuck Strodoski
Project No.: 06LAN-01

Persons Attending: James Hackett, Director, Lancaster County Parks and Recreation
 Dave Martin, West Lampeter Township
 Sam Slaymaker, Rockford Foundation
 Keely Maxwell, Franklin and Marshall College
 Dannyelle Combs, Franklin and Marshall College
 Bryan Teschke, Franklin and Marshall College
 Chuck Strodoski, YSM
 Ann Yost, YSM

Purpose of the Meeting: To present the Conceptual Alternative Designs to the Committee and seek input.

Of Record:

1. A. Yost provided a brief summary of the work completed to date.
2. Ann Yost presented the draft Vision Statement derived from the previous study committee meeting. The park vision is stated below:

Central and Buchmiller Parks Vision Statement

Central Park and Buchmiller Park are recreation destinations located in the heart of Lancaster County and central to the urban core that offer scenic settings that retain the natural features of the sites while offering passive and active recreation opportunities for families, individuals, school groups, and community organizations. The parks offer diverse opportunities to explore and enjoy the outdoors and participate in healthful and educational activities. The parks are part of an interconnecting greenway and trail system that links parks and protected green spaces along the Conestoga River.

3. C. Strodoski presented the two alternative designs for each park. The meeting discussion included the following points:
 - Jim Hackett noted that based on recent meeting with the Lancaster City Police Dept. the roads within Central Park have been turned over to the Parks Department, with the exception of Golf Road, a municipal road. This would allow the Parks

Department to close roads throughout the park at their discretion, providing additional security measures. Consideration of closing Rockford Road, or portions thereof, could minimize inappropriate nighttime use, and provide opportunity to open portions of Rockford Road for pedestrian or one-way vehicular travel.

- Concern over the loss of the weather station near the library was raised.
 - A pedestrian connection between the barn and library is suggested.
 - Designation of equestrian trails was suggested.
 - The settling of the landfill area remains a concern. Proposed improvements should carefully consider the landfill. Improvements to the landfill should be low cost/low impact, and consider landfill restrictions.
 - Disc golf on the landfill would require routine mowing, increasing maintenance.
 - Opening the view to the Conestoga River from Rockford Estate was suggested, to strengthen the connection. S. Slaymaker notes the house was originally constructed and named for its ties to the river. Restoring the historic landscape is suggested.
 - Future connections to surrounding land uses were questioned. The readily available mapping was reviewed for potential connections. No planning documents of the surrounding area revealed potential connections beyond the greenways previously discussed. D. Martin suggested that Gypsy Hill Road may have accommodations for pedestrians in the future for connection to the Mill Creek in the east.
 - A suggestion for public transportation stations within the parks was suggested, to promote access from the urban populations.
4. Due to the limited attendance of the study committee, the next study committee meeting will be held to review the alternative designs. The next study committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm at the Environmental Center. Future meetings include a study committee meeting to present the Pre-Final Plan in April, followed by the second public meeting in May 2007. A presentation of the Pre-final plan to the Division heads will be held after the development of the Pre-final plan, prior to the public meeting presentation.

Provide changes or corrections to these meeting minutes to C. Strodoski at YSM within one week of receipt.