

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018:

17-0020SP Consider/Discuss/Act on a Site Plan for a Neighborhood Park (George Webb Park), Located North of Millbend Drive and East of Eden Drive

Ms. Melissa Spriegel, Planner I for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed site plan. She stated that the City of McKinney Parks Department was proposing to construct an 11.38 acre park (George Webb Park) with facilities including, but not limited to a basketball court, outdoor musical equipment, playground, and picnic area located north of Millbend Drive and east of Eden Drive. Ms. Spriegel stated that typically site plans could be approved by Staff; however, as this site plan is a city park, it was being brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for consideration. She stated that Staff was recommending approval of the proposed site plan as conditioned in the Staff Report and offered to answer questions.

Chairman Cox asked to clarify the size of the park. Ms. Spriegel stated that it was 11.38 acres.

Chairman Cox asked when construction was scheduled to begin and what special features would be included at the park. Ms. Jill Yount, Parks Planning Manager for the City of McKinney, stated that the subject property was acquired from Parkland Dedication. She stated that Staff held a lot of input meetings with the surrounding residents and the school district. Ms. Yount stated that they did not want a splash pad at the site, since there was already one near this location. She stated that this park would be unique as it would include a dry river bed with hand pumps for water, a large pavilion, play structures with some shade provided, a basketball court, and a circular trail around the property.

Ms. Yount stated that the construction documents were approximately 90% completed. She stated that Staff expects construction to start in April or May. Ms. Yount stated that they hope to have it completed by the end of this year.

Alternate Commission Member McReynolds asked for the location of the proposed park. Ms. Yount stated that it would be located west of Custer Road in the Westridge Subdivision area.

Commission Member McCall wanted to clarify that the surrounding property owners wanted a water feature. Ms. Yount stated that they did want some kind of water feature to cool the kids. She stated that the school district wanted an educational activity as well. Ms. Yount stated that Staff is proposing an interactive activity where the children could pump the water into a dry river bed in which they could get in and play. She stated that there would be an interactive garden with planting material that have medicinal properties and signage to teach the children about the plants as well. Ms. Yount stated that the park was being named after George Webb, a local pharmacist.

On a motion by Alternate Commission Member McReynolds, seconded by Commission Member McCall, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed site plan as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 7-0-0.

Chairman Cox stated that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be forwarded to the City Council meeting on February 20, 2018.