



Sustainability Committee

Agenda
June 5, 2017
6pm - Room C

1. Review and approve April and May minutes
2. Approve Renn Parkland Letter
3. In the Street—Saturday, Sept. 9
 - a. What is our message and how do we get it out there?
4. Administrative Items and Future Meeting Topics
 - a. Next meeting August 7
5. Public Comment

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May 9, 2017

City of Frederick Planning Commission
140 West Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701

RE: Renn Parkland (PC17-213FSI) Recommendations

Dear Chairman Nicklas,

Representatives from Harris Smariga presented the Renn Parkland plan to the Sustainability Committee on May 1, 2017. The Committee discussed various aspects of the park plan and recommendations are below.

1. Provide landscape screening around the Fairview Cemetery sufficient to block from the cemetery visitors' view any users of the path adjacent to the cemetery. Screening should also minimize noise that could be intrusive to the graveside visitors. Maximize the space between the path and cemetery to the greatest extent possible while still retaining the continuity of the system.
2. While not recommended by staff, if the sensitive path remains in the plan, mow only a five-foot wide swath and allow vegetation to abut immediately with no transition to taller vegetation. This will minimize disturbance to meadow dwelling species.
3. To discourage anything other than foot traffic on the sensitive path, if allowed to remain in the plan, do not mulch, gravel, or install other tread surface.
4. Install removable bollards at the beginning of the path system to discourage motorized vehicle traffic. This will allow staff access for maintenance staff, but not public motorized traffic.
5. If there are opportunities for stream restoration, they should be completed as the park is developed. This stream has not been buffered with trees for some time, destabilizing the banks and causing sedimentation.

6. Special considerations for event parking should be considered, such as shuttling participants from parking decks or other locations to the event.
7. Provide adequate trash, recycling, and pet waste facilities. This park is very likely to attract visitors with pets and it is vital to provide facilities to keep pet waste out of the creek.
8. If solar lighting is pursued, the lights need to provide at least five nights of lighting in a battery backup system, either in the pedestal or battery bank. The lights along the asphalt path need to remain on and at full power throughout the night.

Sincerely,

Eric Daniels, Chairman, Sustainability Committee

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