

## Forest Drive Community Meeting 1/22/08

### Meeting Minutes

*City attendees*

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### Voiced Comments from Attendees

<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
<b>Right-of-Way &amp; Maintenance</b>	
Does the City have any plans to expand the roadway as part of this project? (i.e. sidewalks and bike lanes)	No roadway footprint expansion is included in this project. This project focuses mainly on beautification.
Who owns the HOA maintained areas?	This depends on the size of the ROW, case by case basis.
Inconsistency with ROW landscape maintenance, some HOA's have money for this and others do not. Forest Hill Div. 1 expressed interest in having the City help them with maintenance.	This may be included as part of the project, we will need to look at the extent of the ROW.
Cottonwoods on the Drive as you come up the hill from CC Pkwy are currently leaning and are of immediate concern.	We will take a look at this and take action as needed.
Is there going to be a more proactive approach to managing the Alders and Vine maple along the Drive?	Trees will be evaluated and managed on a case by case basis but it is understood that many of the trees currently need work.
There is a severe odor coming from the area around the Powerlines and oil seepage has been seen in the adjacent greenbelt.	OK, we will see what we can find.
Landscaping between roadway and fencing is difficult to maintain by HOA's, is the City going to maintain these areas as part of this project?	If the area is within the ROW then the City will take over maintenance.
Can more 'Mitt-Mutt' station be installed along the Drive? Especially at Forest Hill Park.	Good idea, we will try to incorporate this.
<b>Toolkit Comments</b>	

Mixed woodlands concept...are Cottonwoods considered native? If so, how are they going to be addressed when they get large?	Yes, Cottonwoods are native but these trees will be managed individually. Cottonwoods and Alders can be phased out with more appropriate species.
There are 4 different design comments, are these going to blend?	It is our intention to have these blend, further design is needed to work this out.
Will pathway and infrastructure materials be evaluated so as not to introduce further impervious surfaces?	Recent pathway construction utilized porous asphalt. Future materials will be evaluated to minimize impervious footprints.
<b>Fencing Concerns</b>	
The fencing styles along the Drive are varied, can a standard be developed?	The project toolkit may be expanded to look at fencing standards.
Trees growing adjacent to existing fencing is destroying the fences from root damage, can these be removed?	Possibly, this is a case by case basis.
Will fences be replaced as part of this project?	Not in the original scope but may be possible through NEP, Match or a project expansion that would need to be approved by the Leadership Team and Council.
Money for landscaping is wasted without including funds to construct matching fences. Pressure needs to be put on adjacent homeowners to encourage new fences match. Can the City assist with this?	OK, we will look into providing some assistance through the available City programs.
Can the City build all new fences on City ROW as part of this project.	We will evaluate this and provide further information. No money is currently available as part of this project for fencing.
Fences may be a hot issue with those that are not adjacent to the Drive, suggested that the City incorporate landscaping first then phase in fence replacement.	No response.
Fences need replacement and matching standards are encouraged.	No response.
<b>Neighborhood Signage</b>	
In the past, have HOA entry signs been paid for and installed by the City?	Some have been funded by the initial developer, some have been partially funded through the Match program but the City has not fully funded neighborhood signs.
Will existing signage that was installed through the Match program be maintained by the City under this project?	No, this is still the responsibility of the HOA.
Stone signs are preferred over wood. They	

last longer and require less maintenance.	
<b>General/Other</b>	
Can any neighborhood be part of the Match program?	Yes.
There are 12 HOA's along Forest Drive and only 3 have active associations. May be difficult to stir interest in these communities.	OK
Encourage by meeting turnout and voiced opinions of having future correspondence to work through the project.	Agreed
Can all email addresses be collectively shared with the participants of the meeting?	We will look into this but there could be legal concerns with this.
Somerset board member pointed out new plantings at entrance off Newport as an example of a successful project that was implemented through City programs.	

**Written Comments from Attendees (from the provided forms)**

<b>Mixed Woodlands</b>
Like the ideas about continuity.
Clear and remove wind storm damaged trees from parks.
Install native plants and mix of plants to provide color throughout the season. Do not plant large native shrubs too close to pathways that would require un-natural pruning.
Install vine maples, some evergreens, natural shrubs. Remove Cottonwoods, leaning Alders and Blackberries.
Small scale trees preferred to larger ones. Quantity of deciduous trees impact storm system in fall.
Install Vine maple and Sugar maple with red fall color. Remove the Cottonwood, Alder and Blackberries.
Yes, install native species.
Install low maintenance, draught resistant plantings.
Too many trees lost over the years, keep it natural as possible.
Plant Vine maples and Dogwoods. Remove Blackberries.
Cottonwoods a nuisance, cut them down.
Not dense enough in the winter.
Limit street exposure by adding evergreen plantings.
<b>Storm Swale/Path</b>
Would prefer this vs. piped drainage.

Clear blackberries and dead trees.
Strongly dislike impervious surfaces, not sustainable and difficult to maintain with tree roots uplifting.
Needs to be good looking and well maintained.
Extra trimmings during spring and summer has improved current appearance.
Meandering pathway is nice but yellow grass is unattractive. Feeling of unsafe conditions where trail is flat with roadway.
Small tree and shrubs in swale areas look better than just grass.
Drain at 133 <sup>rd</sup> Pl SE always plugs and floods intersection.

**Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk**

Some portion of Forest Ridge receives water drained from the uphill land. Need better gutter system to keep the sidewalk dry. If not, some sidewalk is always wet all the time.
Prefer asphalt sidewalk concept that is already present along many portions of Forest Drive.
Prefer free flowing or winding pathways. Drainage needs improvement.
Provide greater safety.
Minimize, this belongs in the City.
Need continuous sidewalks.
Suggested to add sidewalks and bike lanes.

**Ornamental Plantings**

Perennials with low maintenance is desired.
Not necessary.
No laurel.
Consistency between HOA entrances.
Minimize, inconsistent with view of Forest Drive.
To difficult to maintain.
Include plantings that tie the whole street together.

**Portal Markers, Signs**

Prefer Type A fence vs. Type B fences that abut private property along Forest Drive. Many of the existing Type A fences that face Forest Dr are over 20 years old and need replacement. I also think we need some commonality for neighborhood signs.
Signs that require minimal maintenance and not made of wood – stone or concrete that are natural looking.
Portal markers and neighborhood signs not necessary.
Provide lighted crosswalks. Maintenance around some signs is currently poor.
Maintenance by the City to enhance appearance of landscaping around neighborhood signs. Install Gateway signs at both ends of the Drive.
Create a sense of greater community, not just neighborhoods. Would be nice if the City can take over or aid in sign maintenance.
Northern entrance to 142 <sup>nd</sup> has been very poorly maintained over the years.

Try to tie some of the gateway design into the neighborhood signs.
Add overhead crosswalk signs.
<b>Other Thoughts and Comments</b>
Need traffic reduction mechanism to avoid speeding.
Need to plant some trees (cedar for example) along blocks 148 <sup>th</sup> – 152 <sup>nd</sup> to reduce traffic noise disturbing the houses.
Suggestion: A website to collect all opinions/review from the public.
Need Mitt Mutts at Forest Hill Park.
Consistency along the Drive could be a bit “frightening”, diversity is encouraged.
Have the City construct a fence within the ROW.
Do not have the City pay for private fencing.
Construction of an uniform fence within City ROW. Install yellow flashing speed control light. Install Mutt Mitts.
Consistent fencing, both of public and private property. More Mutt Mitts.
Build fences on City ROW.
Include Mutt Mitts and educational signs on how to use them.
Establish a preferred design for fencing. Install traffic control devices between Lakemont Blvd and 163 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.