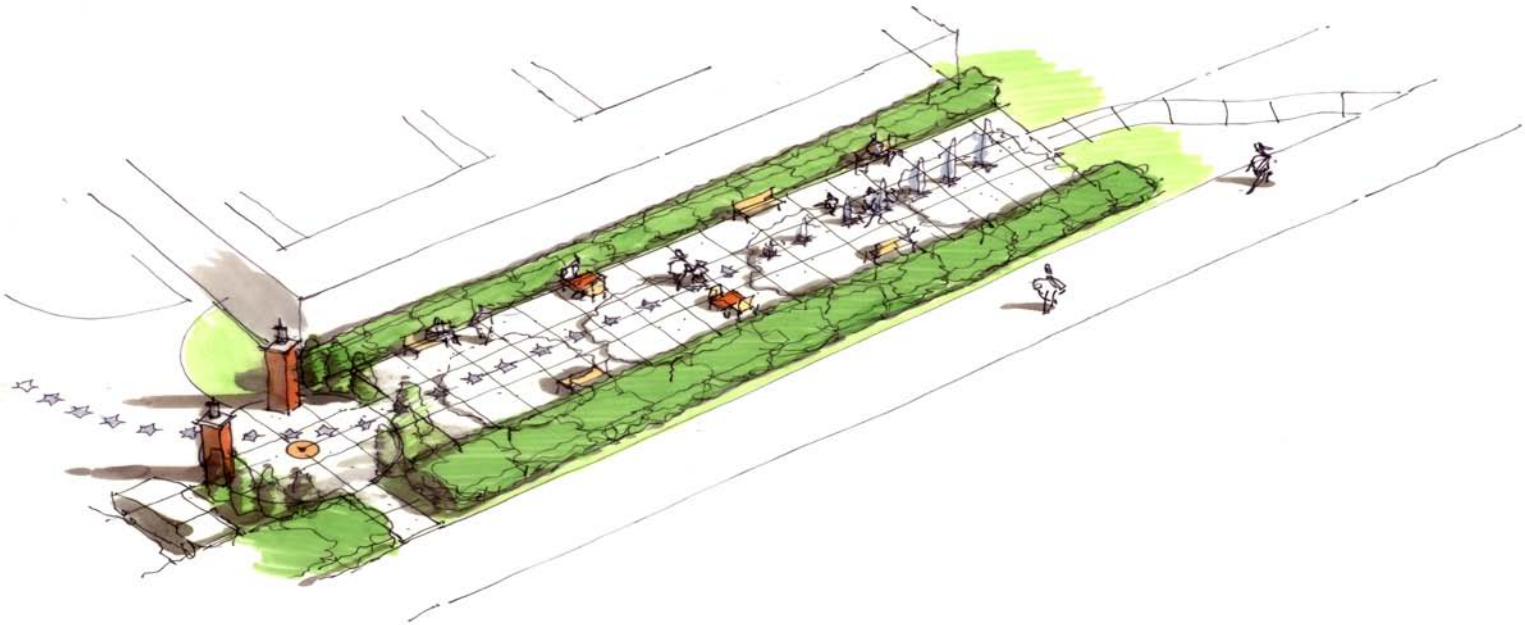




SAM DUFF PARK



LONG RANGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN



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BACKGROUND: Sam Duff Memorial Park was originally the football and track facility for nearby Young High School. Sam Duff was the school's principal from 1915 until 1949 making him the longest serving principal at that school. When Young High closed in 1976 the Sam Duff Memorial Field became part of the Knoxville City Parks system. Over time, the bleachers were removed and several improvements added to the park but no community based master plan was in place. As usage and interest in the park has increased the need for a community input process and a long range development plan was identified.

DATE ACCEPTED: October 20, 2005

CLIENT ORGANIZATION: City of Knoxville and the citizens of South Knoxville

LOCATION: Chapman Highway and Hedgeapple Lane in South Knoxville

CLIENT REPRESENTATIVE: Joe Walsh, City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Division

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PROJECT COORDINATOR: J. Perry Childress

STUDENT INTERN: Joseph Cole

SCOPE OF WORK: Community input and review meetings to develop a long range improvement plan for the park based on user observed needs and neighborhood facility requests.

CLOSING DATE: November 15, 2006



GENERAL INFORMATION

Neighbors and users of Sam Duff Park along with other interested parties including the South Knoxville Beautification Committee and Knoxville Feral Cat Friends were all invited to enjoy a process of input and review to develop a master plan for the park. Project consultant and nearby resident Madeline Rogero conducted a programming input meeting where focus groups expressed their likes, dislikes, and desires for the parks development. Volunteer architect Ken Moffett then prepared conceptual proposals based on the input received which were reviewed at a second public meeting. Powerpoint presentations were used and results from each meeting were distributed to participants and used to guide the project. The long range development master plan was refined to reflect comments and along with accompanying entry, plaza, and rest room renovation proposals complete a citizen based guide for the future of the park.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Volunteer architect Ken Moffett and Community Design Center student intern Joseph Cole developed the overall master plan and details for rest room renovation, water plaza, and entries from both Chapman Highway and Hedgeapple Lane. The rest room and entry proposals were presented as vignette sketches alongside photos of current conditions. Proposed storefront and parking improvements were included as part of the Chapman Highway entrance. Upon completion and public review of the conceptual plans several next steps were identified. To insure ongoing public input it was suggested that a "Friends" association be organized similar the the "Friends of Adair Park" group in north Knoxville. To assist the City with budgeting and moving forward on the proposed improvements a preliminary estimate for design costs was requested. Mr. Moffett got staff at Bullock Smith and Partners to estimate design costs for all the proposed improvements which came in at \$15,000. Some of the design work could be phased and the construction could also follow in phases, each as annual budgets allow.



PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

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The following are results of public input gathered at a meeting held on April 18, 2006. The participants of the meeting were divided into 5 groups, identified as tables A through E. The groups were asked to identify their likes and dislikes in regard to the existing park and then list improvements they would like to see made.

- 4 Likes - things the participants like about the park as it is at this time
- 5 Dislikes - things the participants dislike about the park as it is at this time
- 6 Improvements - changes and additions the participants would like to see added to the park



The following is a list of comments made at a community review meeting held on August 14, 2006. The proposed master plan was presented and the participants were asked what they liked or disliked about the proposals and then were asked to list their questions, suggestions and changes. Before the participants left the meeting they were asked to prioritize the improvements using numbered dots to reflect their ranking of the plan elements from 1 to 5. The weighted votes were then tabulated to determine the popularity of each design element. After the meeting the design team prepared responses to the list of questions.

- 8 Likes and Dislikes - participants response to the draft plan presented
- 9 Questions, Suggestions, and Changes - participants recommendations to the design team
- 10 Design Team Response - answers to participants questions and comments
- 11 Improvement Priorities - a list of weighted voting results ranking design elements



DRAWINGS

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The attached drawings include the existing conditions map used in the initial input meeting and the proposed park improvement drawings which reflect the public meeting participants input from both meetings. These drawings represent design intent only and are NOT intended for, nor should they be used as, construction documents. Further professional assistance may be required to provide those services. The client accepts all liability for the use of these drawings.

- 13 Existing Conditions from April 18, 2006
- 14 Long Range Master Plan
- 15 Plaza and Restroom proposals
- 16 Proposed Entrance Vignettes