

18:17:12 From John Oliver to Hosts and panelists : Seasonal restrooms = ?

18:18:52 From burt granofsky to Hosts and panelists : Hi Luis, I would like to add that Newton Youth Ultimate is also a permit holder at McGrath, and has been for a few seasons.

18:18:56 From John Oliver to Hosts and panelists : Does PRC have 'priorities' or mandatory inclusions in the plan? (ie., things that must be included)

18:19:04 From Debbie Sussman to Hosts and panelists : is it possible to have rest rooms available year round?

18:19:36 From Neritan Mustafa : Is the plan to be turf of grass? Does plan include Lights? What is the timing

18:21:14 From sam figler to Hosts and panelists : SORRY - DIDN'T MEAN TO RAISE MY HAND. GREAT JOB!

18:21:20 From Mark Schreiber : Where is LAX wall to be placed and how close to Cheesecake Brook? What mitigation plans are in place to avoid impact on the stream?

18:21:45 From burt granofsky to Hosts and panelists : Thank you!

18:22:55 From Kathleen Heck to Hosts and panelists : Please be assured that we have a history of supporting the recreation fields at McGrath. For many years, we paid an arborist firm to prune our trees on the city side of the fence. The city's fence around McGrath Park abuts Cheesecake Brook for several hundred feet. What affect would the planned changes to McGrath fields, specifically "improved drainage" and the construction of what appears to be a lacrosse practice wall with a subterranean foundation, have on the groundwater and runoff to Cheesecake Brook? Where will the water go that will be diverted from 10 acres of playing fields?

18:25:07 From Debbie Sussman to Hosts and panelists : Wouldn't lights make sense for expanding general use of the fields; perhaps limited lights but some areas.

18:25:36 From John Oliver to Hosts and panelists : Why NOT consider lights at this facility?

18:26:37 From Neritan Mustafa : We (Newton Soccer) desperately needs (1) Turf, lit fields and (2) quality fields right away. and we need it to be compatible with school schedule changes. What is the timing for current plan to have quality fields

18:26:41 From John Oliver to Hosts and panelists : Lights are a thing :-)

18:27:28 From Kathleen Heck to Hosts and panelists : Lights at a field that is surrounded by residences would be a real concern. The Warren Apartments worked hard to reduce ambient light from its own fixtures.

18:29:56 From Joanne Walker to Hosts and panelists : Out of all the choices available, why prioritize a lacrosse wall?

18:31:26 From Kathleen Heck to Hosts and panelists : What are the dimensions of the lacrosse wall?

18:32:44 From Clifford Slater : I have a quick question...if you are not talking Turf or Lights here, could this project be completed sooner than 3 years out? Possibly 12 months or be online in Fall 2022? Is that a possibility?

18:32:51 From Debbie Sussman to Hosts and panelists : is seems to me a space this big needs permanent bathrooms year round. Port a potties-yuk!

18:34:08 From burt granofsky : I second Cliff's suggestion that we move as quickly as possible with some of the less complicated projects. There is already a significant field crunch in the city and it is impacting program growth.

18:34:18 From Mark Schreiber : Why not consider putting lacrosse wall near one of the tennis courts, rather than near the stream?

18:35:45 From Clifford Slater : Got it. Thank you. That IS a lot of steps. Quite a process. Funding sounds important!

18:36:41 From Neritan Mustafa : Is public (voice of customer) being considered from the go re turf and lights...If not could it delay the process given that public hearings are in the middle of the process you just explained

18:37:35 From Kathleen Heck to Hosts and panelists : Luis, thanks for all the work you clearly have put into this.

18:38:45 From Joanne Walker to Hosts and panelists : It seems curious to consider a permanent lacrosse wall for a seasonal sport.

18:40:19 From Kevin Spector to Hosts and panelists : Less of a question, more of a comment... Newton Lacrosse continues to have hundreds of youth athletes in our program and this is the only field that the town has dedicated for our use. It's great to see that multiple lax fields and a lacrosse wall are still part of the design plan.

18:44:21 From John Oliver to Hosts and panelists : I think there might be a need to EXPAND lighted fields... Albemarle and Forte have lights today...

18:44:43 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : Will you commit this full transparency? Dedicated project webpage? Publish every design iteration? Collect public comment continuously?

18:47:04 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : When you allow consultants and city staff to get too far down the design process without frequent public input, a project can go in the wrong direction and time and money is wasted

18:48:25 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : The commissions are appointees of the mayor. You need general public's input

19:17:02 From burt granofsky : There are currently 5 baseball/softball diamonds at Halloran. Is the design committee considering removing 1 or 2 of them (or moving them w/in the complex) in favor of rectangular multipurpose fields?

19:17:11 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : Will you post a recording of these zoom sessions? If so, where?

19:21:54 From Jenn Martin : The slide you showed earlier showed very high community interest in use of open space for bike paths. Please consider adding a two-way bike path on park land to provide pleasant easy access to the park that can then be extended as part of another project to the Charles River.

19:24:15 From Caroline Wilson : Will the Gath Pool project potentially change the footprint from what it is currently?

19:25:44 From Kai Shanahan to Hosts and panelists : How is the funding and maintenance of the re-visioned built-sport fields be part of the the Newton budget? Specifically, will the little league fields have to be funded by NLL?

19:26:54 From Clifford Slater : I missed some of this presentation. Is PRC looking at turfing or regrading the North side of Albemarle? The C side...Is that side an option for Turf or lights?

19:27:15 From Clifford Slater : Or just the side abutting Crafts Street to the Gath Pool

19:28:57 From Jenn Martin : Kai asks a good question about flooding. What is being incorporated into the drainage and field design to make the fields

resilient to Cheesecake Brook overflowing like it did this summer.

19:29:46 From Cedar Pruitt : In an ideal world, Cheesecake Brook would be naturalized instead of a stone culvert. It would lessen the flooding problem.

19:30:15 From Josh Morse to Hosts and panelists : Here are some softballs: What will the next steps be? Will there be additional public meetings? Will there be any trees planted as part of the project? Will the playgrounds be impacted at all?

19:30:47 From Mike Halle : I agree. It's unfortunate we can't just plan a field, but this August proved what a public safety issue dealing with floods must be.

19:36:41 From Clifford Slater : Right, SOUTH = C side...that's my question...

19:37:07 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : May I ask a question? My hand is up. It's an important question

19:42:08 From Clifford Slater : Are any of the folks involved in these new projects also involved in Highlands? I am guessing there are lots of lessons to be learned having spent millions to create a GRASS multi purpose field which in short order has been rendered virtually unusable and doesn't drain well...are the vendors you are considering the same vendors who did that project? AS I recall there was lots of finger pointing between the architect and developer and back and forth... Are the managers of the projects prepared to learn from the lessons of Highlands?

19:43:46 From Kai Shanahan to Hosts and panelists : You mentioned fundraising by the sports leagues (i.e potential lighting at Murphy)? were private funds required for the improvements at Highlands?

19:43:56 From Mike Halle : Does developer mitigation or ongoing public-private partnerships have any part in long-term maintenance or field enhancement?

19:44:26 From Clifford Slater : It's just worrisome...The Highlands project took 10 years to get approved and so when I hear "the drainage will be better," I just get worried!!!! So glad to hear those lessons will be incorporated!!!

19:46:10 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : Will you commit to full transparency? Dedicate project webpage? Post every design iteration? Collect and publish public input continuously?

19:47:58 From Jenn Martin : I'm wondering if there is a rough timeline for completion - 3 years? 5 years? 10 years?

19:49:08 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : Can you make sure you don't go so far down the path with some consultant toward a flawed design that it's hard to adjust without wasting lots of time and money? Taking public input seriously is key to getting it right.

19:50:23 From Jenn Martin : Great, thanks!

19:51:06 From Cedar Pruitt : just a reminder to join us at friendsofalbemarle.org

19:52:14 From Jenn Martin to Hosts and panelists : Thank you so much for this informative presentation. Looking forward to hearing about the Oak Hill/Brown fields next week.

19:52:43 From Kathleen Grieser to Hosts and panelists : Thank you

19:52:44 From Mike Halle : Thanks!