MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD’S RECREATION GUIDELINES
DEVELOPERS – BUILDERS – DESIGNERS WORK SESSION
JANUARY 15, 2016
Introductions

Staff Presentation

Purpose of the Revisions

New Zoning Ordinance and Directive from Montgomery County Council

Review of 1992 Recreation Guidelines

Point-based System

Work Session Goals and Objectives

Discussion: Listening for Ideas

Pros and Cons of the Current Recreation Guidelines (1992)

Professionals Experience: Plan, Design, Construction

Potential Revisions

Recommendations and Guidance:

Urban Solutions for New Recreation Types

Changing Demand for Suburban Recreation

Rural Amenities

Other

Next Steps

10:00 am

10:15 am

10:30 am

11:50 am
Basis of Review:
§ 59.6.3.7 - Standards and Requirements for Recreational Facilities
§ 59.7.3.4.E.2.f - Regulatory Review Adequacy of Amenities

Conditions Requiring Revision

Project Purpose, Goals, Objectives

Issues

Approach and Strategy
Recreation Guidelines Revision
Purpose of the Revisions

The Current Need for Revisions

- Demographic Shifts: Teenagers and Seniors
- Urban Neighborhood Development
- Transit Center Development
- High-Density, Mixed Use, Infill Development
- Building Form, Public Open Space
- New Building Types: High Rise – High Density
- New Recreation Activity Types
The Recreation Guidelines (1992)

- Private Residential Development (25 units)
- Suburban Subdivisions, Green Fields
- New Building Types: Townhouses
- Methodology: Demand (unit type & number) and Supply (facility type)
- Site Plan Findings: Adequate, Safe, Efficient
Recreation Guidelines Revision
Goals and Objectives: Policy

- Wider Access and More Opportunity for Recreation
- Coordination of Public and Private Resources
- Connecting Public and Private Recreation Systems
- Contextual Design Solutions
- Effective, Connective Spaces
- Suburban, Urban, Rural Typologies
Recreation Guidelines Revision

- Broaden the Characterization of Recreation: Social, Physical, Emotional
- Further Understanding of Recreational Needs
- Focus on Urban Recreation Facility Types
- Achieve Creative Spatial Solutions
- Expand Recreation Opportunities in Urban Settings through Design Excellence
Recreation Guidelines Revision
Goals and Objectives

Listening: Themes and Ideas

- Flexible Options for Updating Facility and Activity Types
- Most Desirable Types of Recreation
- Age Group Preferences
Recreation Guidelines Revision

- Contextual Design Solutions for Effective Buildings and Spaces
- Sustainability
- Universal Access
Recreation Guidelines Revision

- Web-Based Interactive Tools
- Flexible, Clear and Predictable Guidelines for Quantitative Standards
Recreation Guidelines Revision
Communications, Outreach and Schedule

Next Steps

• Public Outreach: March 2016
• Planning Board Work Session: June 2016
• Planning Board Action: July 2016
• Find out the latest updates about the Rec Guidelines at www.montgomeryplanning.org/recguidelines
• Sign up for our eNewsletter
• Contact us directly: Mary Beth O'Quinn
• RSVP-Rec-Guide@montgomeryplanning.org
Recreation Guidelines Revision
Themes and Categories

Active Connections
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Recreation for All Ages
Therapeutic Recreation
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Animal Friendly Places
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Play Grounds
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Urban Open Space

[Images of urban open space]
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Lawn Areas
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Passive Recreation

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Adventure Sports
Music and Recreation