

Amberleigh North Community Park Update – August 2008

Lori Murray and Debbie Mikol, members of the park committee, attended the City CIP Meeting on August 6, 2008.

- City Council members received numerous calls, letters, and emails, voicing support for the development of the park and there was little chance that funding was in jeopardy.
- The budget has been adjusted for an increase in the development phase in 2009 from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and also an increase in the phase one funding from \$800,000 to \$866,000. The total budget for the park in all phases stands at \$1,436,000.
- Fred Hahn, the Parks and Open Space director, commented that Amberleigh residents would be able to have input on the park, and he reassured the group that they would work with area residents in a back and forth process. He noted that Amberleigh residents need to remember that this is planned as a "community" vs. "neighborhood park" and that the intended user may plan longer outings - hence the shelters, restrooms, parking spaces etc.
- It was also mentioned that the city originally purchased land along with the land given by Toll Brothers because they were excited about the river access.
- Next steps: The park committee and Amberleigh board will meet in early 2009 to clarify questions we have about the current plan. Afterwards, we will contact Parks and Recreation to get answers to these questions and to request a detailed timeline. After that, all residents will be invited to attend a meeting to get ourselves aligned with what we do and do not want so we can present a unified front when it comes to the meetings with Park Staff.

Anyone interested in serving on the park committee can contact Debbie Mikol at 791-9416 or mikolfamily@aol.com.