

**IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION
& KENNETH B. SIMMONS ASSOCIATES**

MASTER PLANNING MEETING
Crooked Creek Park

January 9, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elizabeth Taylor, Kenneth Simmons, Joey Privette, Jack Terrell, Eve Mittendorf, Jay Downs, John Cantey, Jason White, Jeanette Wells, Ashley Smith, Linda Emmerling, Karen Deaton, Allen Taylor, Donald Sylvestre, Michelle Rikard, Alyson Jester, Tammy Hollis, Mark Hollis, Laura Blakenship, Linda Windham, Reggie Boozer, Jo Wright, Mac Estridge, Jennifer Scott, John Hollis, Michael Ottore, Randy Lee, Mark Bridges, Mark Fuge, Bill Phillips, Mary Joyner, Jake Downs

Elizabeth Taylor, Executive Director of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission welcomed the public, shared a brief history of the Strategic Master planning process and introduced Mr. Kenneth Simmons with KBS. Mr. Simmons is the architect selected to develop a conceptual master plan for Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission district. Ken Simmons will present the conceptual drawing of the Epting Camp property in Chapin.

Mr. Simmons introduced Joey Privette, Civil Engineer, for the Epting Camp property and reviewed the drawing of the property to include four baseball fields, two utility fields, splash pad, open green space, parking, restrooms, buildings, and the retention pond for recycling water for irrigation.

Mr. Simmons opened the floor for questions:

(Q) Michelle Rikard – will there be a fence around the soccer field?

(A) Ken Simmons – it will have some type of barrier; there will be a fence or vegetative buffer.

(Q) Tammy Hollis – regarding the property area where the two soccer fields are located:

1. What kind of lighting will be used?

(A.1.) Jay Downs – sports lighting is very sophisticated; it allows the owner to minimize spillage outside designated area. The lighting equipment selected will include the capability to control spillage, provide remote access and set timers.

2. There is a ditch on the park property that holds a lot of water. What is the drainage plan for that area?

(A.2.) Joey Privette – we are required by Lexington County to control storm water; we cannot adversely affect other property owners.

3. What is the buffer between our property and the park property?

(A.3.) Ken Simmons – there will be as much natural buffer between the two properties as possible. Until the grading is complete, I cannot give a footage amount between the two properties; I assure you that we hear your concerns and understand that there needs to be a buffer between park property and residential property.

4. What is the parking plan?

(A.4.) Ken Simmons – there are 200 parking spaces near the utility/soccer fields, 300-400 parking spaces around the baseball fields, overflow parking if needed on the grassy area and future plans for additional parking. Jason White, Crooked Creek Park Director, shared that

currently there are approximately 140 parking spaces near the soccer fields at Crooked Creek Park.

5. Will there be gates?

(A.5.) Ken Simmons – there will be three gates: one at each entrance and one in the middle to control traffic

(Q) Michelle Rikard – the pond between Shipyard housing development and the park property is a live pond with fish, ducks, etc.

1. Is the fertilizer from the park going to run off into our pond?

(A.1.) Ken Simmons – No, the purpose of the retention pond on the park property is to capture water runoff and re-distribute for irrigation. In addition, DHEC water quality is key and regulations must be met.

2. Is the splash pad going to be similar to Saluda Shoals Park?

(A.2.) Ken Simmons – Yes, the splash pad has not been fully designed; there are a lot of new elements available today.

3. Is there fencing?

(A.3.) Ken Simmons – I cannot tell you definitively, yet. Joey Privette – we are required by the County to have some kind of buffer. Ken Simmons - one of the reasons we are here tonight is to get input from the public regarding privacy concerns. If no fence is put up initially, but the park neighbors find it to be a continual problem; a fence may go up later.

4. What are the plans for the open play area?

(A.4.) Ken Simmons – it is an open area to run with your kids, throw a Frisbee, fly a kite, etc.

(Q) Tammy Hollis – is there going to be fencing between my property and park property? I'm mostly concerned about my animals and public access to them.

(A) Ken Simmons – there will be some kind of barrier. Once the park is developed by spring of 2015, staff will closely monitor activities and if there are problems regarding park patrons and the impact on the neighbors, staff will address the problem as quickly as possible.

(Q) Tammy Hollis – will there be walking trails?

(A) Ken Simmons – it will depend on the final cost for the current amenities. If trails cannot be a part of this phase of development; staff may be able to include trails in future plans and budgets.

Don Sylvestre commented that the current construction going on at Seven Oaks Park has been handled professionally and the public is very excited about the new facilities.

Submitted by,

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