



Rustic Park Meeting Notes (02/28/08)

City Staff in attendance

Park and Recreation discussed Rustic Park

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The Planning and Zoning Process

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Rustic Park

Mr. Dakin discussed projects and the potential for park improvements.

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
Q: Is Rustic Park a linkage park?	A: Residents mentioned this to Mr. Dakin. He informed residents he would look into this.
Q: Is there a way to make the park look more appealing by adding benches, a trail, landscaping, etc.?	A: Mr. Dakin informed residents that there might be opportunities to add benches and picnic tables in Rustic Park. On Friday, Mr. Dakin informed me that Parks could add 2 picnic tables on the widest flat areas of the park.
Q: Is there anything we can do about residents dumping in the creek?	A: I will ask Mr. Dakin to provide a response to this question.
Q: Can service vehicles drive on the park?	A: Yes, according to Sec. 15-4 12(a)(b)(d)(f) of the Municipal Code. Any damage (ruts) from construction vehicles should be repaired once maintenance and/or work is complete. If damages remain after work is complete, contact Park Maintenance at (972) 941-7263.

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
Is there a way we can install an irrigation system for Rustic Park?	A: Mr. Dakin has put in a work order with Park Maintenance to seek possible ways to improve the turf in Rustic Park. Park Maintenance issues should be directed to Sue Wallace in Parks and Recreation at (972) 941-7263.

Property Standards

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
Q: We are seeing poor property standards throughout the neighborhood. Is there something we can do about that?	A: The first line of defense is education. Spreading the word and increasing awareness of the Top 10 Code Violations is always helpful. In addition, if we organize a voluntary neighborhood association to gain participation and work to improve neighborhood pride, the conditions of home maintenance will most likely improve. This task is always a work in progress. Persistence is the key!
Q: Is Rustic Park a neighborhood in decline?	A: The neighborhood is not in decline but because this neighborhood, like all other locations in Plano is maturing, we are working to pre-empt potential major problems. The City of Plano feels the most effective way to protect a neighborhood from decline is community cohesiveness.
Q: Can the city establish (or change) ordinances with more strict standards?	A: This question will be forwarded to Sherry Burton, Property Standards Specialist for your neighborhood and she will answer this question at the March 13 meeting.
There are some general fence maintenance issues throughout the neighborhood. Residents feel ordinance/fence regulations are too lenient.	Response PENDING

NOTE: Addresses given at the meeting will be passed on to your neighborhood Property Standards Specialist, [Sherry Burton](#). As noted above, Ms. Burton will attend the next meeting scheduled for March 13 to discuss these issues in more detail.

Public Works

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
Railing off Park Blvd. in need of repair	This information will be forward to a staff representative in Public Works. Bill Dakin from Parks said he would speak with a CIP Engineer regarding repairs and cleanup following projects.
Alley behind Cloisters Way – in need of repair from damage due to construction vehicles.	Answer PENDING – see CIP Projects on page 5
Problems with flooding issues regarding water and sewer lines.	Response PENDING – need specifics and/or location details.
Utility lines need replacement.	Response PENDING – need specifics and/or location details.

Zoning

Mr. Sims discussed key elements of the planning and zoning process and which components of the process are most relevant to neighborhood planning.

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
Q: Is there something we can do about group homes, etc?	A: If a homeowner receives a specific use permit SUP from the City of Plano and the use is in accordance to our zoning ordinance the use is legally permitted. If the occupants are violating Property Standards code, your neighborhood Property Standards Specialist should be contacted immediately.
Q: Is there something we can do about undesirable business (retail strip centers) such as banks, gas stations, and check cashing stores from entering our neighborhood?	A: If the business occupying the space is permitted according to the zoning ordinance, the City cannot prevent the business from occupying the space. The owner of the property has the right to choose the businesses that occupies the space.

Transportation Engineering (and Police)

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
<p>Q: Can we gate our community (close access at Mill Valley and Dorchester)?</p>	<p>A: At the March 27 meeting, residents would like to discuss with Tracy Nyholm, Safe Streets Program Engineer the possibilities of restricting parking on certain streets, installing traffic calming devices where applicable, and closing a street. Tracy will discuss the feasibility of these topics as well as discuss the procedure. In addition, with following the procedure of the Safe Streets Program, the residents were also informed that there are opportunities to appear before the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to discuss these topics.</p>
<p>Q: What can we do about speeding on Stratford, Greenway, and Dorchester?</p>	<p>A: See previous response. This information will also be relayed to the City of Plano Neighborhood Police Officers Unit so they can investigate and assess the speeding issues.</p>

Community Issues / Defeating Apathy

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
<p>Renters do not take pride in home maintenance.</p>	<p>The purpose of the neighborhood planning project is to educate or inform residents about city services and the resources available to them, inspire residents to get to know one another and become an active part of each other lives (creating a sense of community), and to empower residents to take control of the things that happen in their community. Although it is impossible to enforce a uniform standard of living, it is possible to establish relationships, communicate, organize, and work to preserve the quality of life each of you feels you deserve. We will work to start this process in your neighborhood. Please remember persistency comes before perseverance.</p>

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
<p>Q: Can Council District 4 Representative Sally Magnuson attend one of the neighborhood meetings?</p>	<p>A: Absolutely! The meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Neighborhood Planning will contact the City Council Secretary to check on Councilwoman Magnuson's availability. An invitation will be extended to her.</p>

Community Investment Program (CIP) Projects

Issue or Question	Response or Answer
<p>Q: Alley behind Cloisters Way – in need of repair from damage due to construction vehicles</p>	<p>A: As noted above, Bill Dakin will contact a CIP Engineer regarding this concern. Answer PENDING</p>

NOTE: See the CIP Projects for the neighborhood on the following page.

Closing Remarks

Hello Rustic Park Residents,

It was a pleasure meeting each of you this past Thursday! The meeting was very exciting and I look forward to working with you. You all are eager to organize your community and stave off the things that are negatively affecting your neighborhood. So, for your initiative and willingness to be a part of the process to address the concerns of your neighborhood, I would like to say congratulations!

Remember, our next meeting will be held at Haggard Library in the Program Room on March 13, 2007 at 7pm. I will make sure we adjourn on time (smile). Please visit the [Rustic Park Neighborhood](#) Web site for more details.

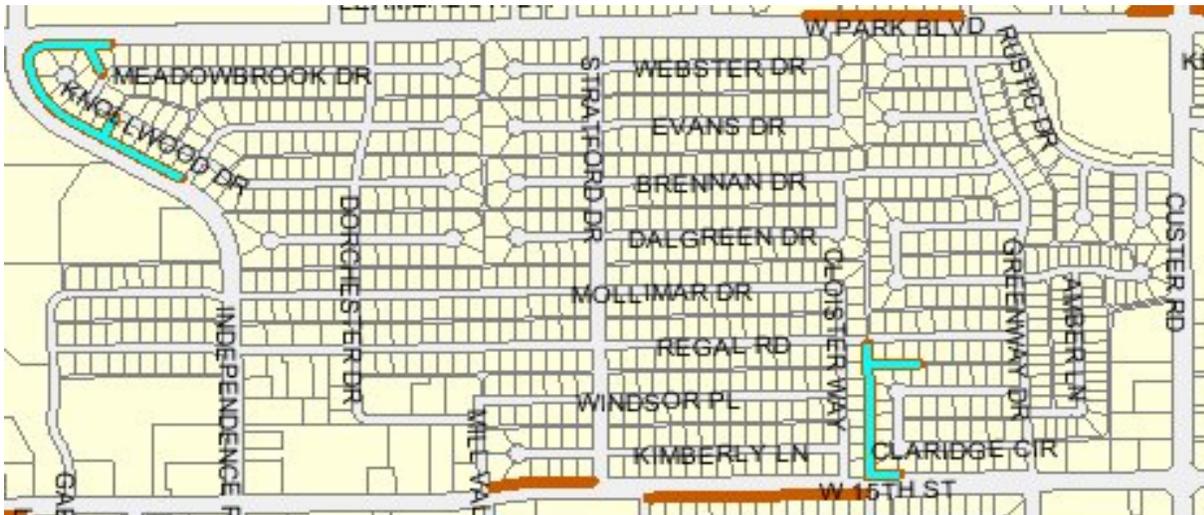
See you soon,

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Capital Improvement Program Information



Project Number	5631
Project Name	Screening Wall Replacement Cloisters (highlighted above in green)
Comments	City Council awarded contract to Dunnaway Associates February 2nd. PO and Notice to Proceed issued 3/7/7. Geotech to perform soil boring 5/29/07. Dunaway working on prefinal plans due 11/05/07. (2/4/8)
Project Manager Name	Vernon Hodge
Project Manager Email	vernonh@plano.gov
STATUS	Under Design



Project Number	5624
Project Name	Alley Reconstruction - Prairie Creek (highlighted above in green)
Comments	Engineering Contract awarded 3/27/06. Notice to proceed issued 5/10/6. First submittal received 11/22/06. Project bid 10/18/7. Contract awarded to Jim Bowman Construction November 27TH. Contracts at City Manager's Office for signature. (2/4/8)
Project Manager Name	Vernon Hodge
Project Manager Email	vernonh@plano.gov
STATUS	Bidding-Contracts