

BURNET WOODS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION NOTES

The “Feedback Station”

These were the main themes and comments received at the May 23rd meeting, broken into categories. These were posted at the August 13th Community Conversation and attendees were encouraged to place a color dot next to comments that best reflected their point of view. The numbers below are the number of people who expressed their opinion next to particular statements.

In favor of both Projects:

- Increased park use & people/park is now underused (**many comments**) - 5
- Increased safety (**many comments**) - 2
- Brings more people/more diversity (**many comments**) - 2
- This would serve the underserved - 1
- Would bring the community together
- “Green Building” concept
- Fits Park’s mission
- Would make park more vibrant/a destination - 1
- Partnerships are good

Against both Projects:

- Park mission should be to protect greenspace, not build (**many comments**) - 53
- Negative impact on wildlife (**many comments**) - 18
- Loss of quiet (**many comments**) - 2
- Negative impacts from traffic/parking (**many comments**) - 1
- Don’t see how these will help the park
- Loss of greenspace/loss of trees/doesn’t fit park (**many comments**) - 6
- Reuse old buildings, don’t build new ones - 4
- Sets bad precedent/privatizes public land - 20
- Need to establish partnership guidelines/draw a line against development

In favor of C&E:

- Nature oriented
- Small impact
- Highlights nature/good program principles
- Brings boats back to lake - 2
- Integrates well in the park
- Educates youth/teen focus good - 1
- Can use whole park as learning lab - 1
- Can have citywide impact and raise nature awareness - 1

Against C&E:

- Should not be buildings in park/no new development
- Serves too small a population
- Should serve adults
- Should be built at UC/don’t use park - 2

In favor of CCAC:

- Good to have it at center of community - 3
- Brings people to the park/families **(many comments)** - 31
- Good principles
- Helps refurbish park - 6
- Good for NBD - 1
- Brings more programs to park - 21
- Stays in Clifton **(many comments)** - 3

Against CCAC:

- Other sites are available - 5
- Should not be in park **(many comments)** - 66
- Too big **(many comments)**
- Doesn't fit in park **(many comments)** - 3
- Traffic and parking impacts
- How does park gain from this - 1
- Overwhelms nature
- Should be smaller footprint if at all
- If it had to be in the park, might fit better at road intersections, at periphery, possibly at King/Clifton intersection or Lone Star site

General Comments/Ideas for Improvements:

- Parks should be thinking about/talking about park improvements rather than these projects - 7
- Fix what's broken, don't add buildings - 5
- Should concentrate on maintaining parks including removal of invasives, more programs, better maintenance and trail improvements, improved picnic areas **(many comments)** - 15
- Lake should be cleaner and concerns about water quality **(many comments)** - 2
- Stormwater and combined sewer overflow concerns - 3
- More/improved playgrounds
- Wants a dog park **(many comments)** - 1
- Add "ranger" talks, nature programs, bird programs
- More lighting in high traffic areas, achieve greater sense of security
- Park needs restoration/what is operating cost of Burnet Woods compared to other parks
- Parks should determine Burnet Woods needs and operating and capital costs, then seek funding
- Focus on fund raising for all existing parks, staffing, natural areas, maintenance - 2
- Bring boats back - 1
- Keep the slide! - 2
- The park's unique geology and ecology should be preserved and interpreted - 6
- Open Trailside more hours
- Park is underused
- Make park more inviting for families/add park experiences
- Protect habitats, tree diversity. Do not remove trees. - 5
- Ideas:
 - Improved play areas/add nature-play - 1
 - Better trail signs - 1
 - More nature programming
 - Better communication on events/programs

- Clear overgrowth for better visibility
- Add recycling bins - **1**
- Plant native species - **3**
- More benches
- Restore Trailside - **5**
- Reopen concession building - **1**
- Add walk all around the lake - **1**
- Bring back the swans - **1**
- Remove some roadways
- Convert some grassy areas to woods
- Concerns about park overuse and increased development/park capacity - **3**
- Bringing more people into the park is good, brings new resources - **1**

General comments on both projects:

- Should be a study of impact of both projects - **3**
- Needs more community involvement
- How might the projects take on park maintenance and/or contribute to the park's wellbeing - **1**
- Add trail maintenance to both projects - **1**
- Consider combining both projects in single building - **1**
- Consider placing CCAC closer to street and library
- How do these projects fit the park master plan
- Projects should share parking