

Important Information from the Goodman Metro District Regarding Improvements to District Owned Parks & Open Space

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Dear Owner:

As you may be aware, the Goodman Metropolitan District (the “District”) owns, operates and maintains Central Park, Highridge Park and Creekside Park within The Farm community.

During 2012 and 2013, the District implemented a comprehensive capital improvement plan to catch up on deferred maintenance and to provide additional amenities at each of the parks. As an outcome of this process, and through conversations with homeowners, it became evident that play elements within the parks were becoming dated and worn out, park spaces were underutilized, and additional enhancements and improvements were warranted.

Therefore, in an effort to enhance the overall character and use of the parks, and to provide additional amenities and improvements to residents, the District determined to apply for a grant from Arapahoe County Open Spaces. As part of the grant process, the District hired the landscape architect firm Architerra (a firm with years of experience designing parks and working with Arapahoe County) to develop concept plans for each of the parks and to submit the required grant application.

The initial concept plans were discussed by the District and presented at an open house held on January 7, 2014. Based on feedback received at the open house, comments provided by residents subsequent to the meeting, and input from outside consultants, Architerra is currently working on revised concept plans. These plans will be presented at an open-house scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, at Fox Hollow Elementary School.

In an effort to provide a long-term roadmap for future improvements, the concept plans identified features that may or may not be constructed, but needed to be accounted for in developing the plans. To the extent there was a consensus in the future to add a particular element, it could be so added without having to redo work that was already completed. The District does not want to spend funds on an improvement, just to find out that it may need to be removed in the near future to meet the long-term objectives of the community.

A potential, future pool was shown on one of the concept plans for this very reason – to be able to orient the pool layout with the available space, so if a pool was determined to be desired in the future, there would be room to accommodate it, thus preserving it as a possible option. The District debated about even including the pool on the initial plan, fearing it may garner all of the attention that should really be focused on the other proposals, but in the end added it to at least show how it may fit within the overall layout.

It appears the District’s initial fears have materialized, as there have been numerous emails and calls with regards to the pool, its design, cost, and accessibility to the community and others. To be very clear, the District is not, at this time, building a pool in Central Park. The decision of whether to build or not build a pool is one that merits broader community outreach and discussion amongst the various stakeholders, property owners and residents. The pool is not part of the current grant proposal, and therefore only limited information relative to a future pool is available at this time. The District will hold future public meetings and conduct additional research and outreach prior to making a decision on adding a pool facility within Central Park.

The District’s intent throughout this process has been to leverage its available dollars with funds from Arapahoe County to further enhance the parks, in a meaningful, cost-effective manner. The objective being to provide a safe, clean and family friendly outdoor atmosphere for the community, without diminishing the existing character of the parks. Your input and comments throughout this process are appreciated and will help the District in achieving this goal.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact the District at 303.858.1800.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors,
Goodman Metropolitan District