

Heritage Heights and Heritage Park South

Neighborhood Public Meeting Summary



Heritage Heights
May 8, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting
7 residents

Heritage Park
May 11, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Vaughan Elementary
23 residents

Summary

Community Enhancement hosted a public meeting via Zoom with 7 residents of Heritage Heights on May 8, 2023, to inform residents about the stabilization project happening in their neighborhood and facilitate feedback. Part of that feedback was that the residents consider themselves part of Heritage Park South and would like to be included in the overall process, rather than considered a standalone neighborhood. Moving forward, all meetings will be combined, and this initiative will be treated as one unified process.

Another meeting was hosted on May 11, 2023, at Vaughan Elementary for residents living in the Heritage Park neighborhood for the same purpose. The neighborhood project focuses on repairing and enhancing entryway signage at Aylesbury Dr., Rockefeller Ln. and Heritage Parkway where they all intersect with Bethany Rd.



Twenty-three residents attended the meeting along with nine Staff members from the Community Enhancement Department.

Erin Jones, Planning Manager, highlighted the purpose of our department, described the scope of the neighborhood project, and explained the general timeline for project completion. After the presentation, residents were invited to give their input in three different areas — visual preference for signage options, committee sign up and workday ideas, and future needs within the neighborhood. A summary of the results are as follows:

Committee Volunteers

9 residents volunteered to serve on the three committees

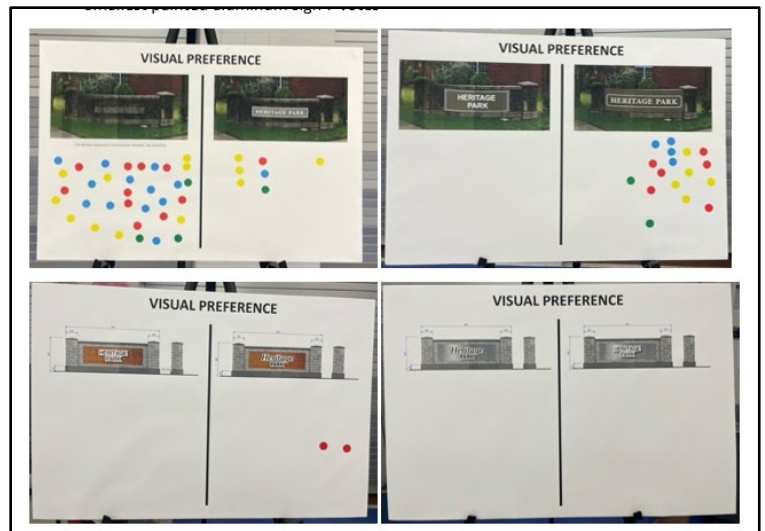
- Steering (4)
- Workday (7)
- Block Party (2)

Visual Preference

Eight different styles of signage were displayed. Each resident was given three dots (votes) to indicate their visual preference. Of these six options, the overwhelming favorite at 34 votes was to keep and clean-up the existing sign, followed by the grey painted aluminum signs. This is a good first step and will help City staff, along with additional input from the steering committee, to make the final selection.

Future Needs

- Greenbelt bridge streetlight currently not working
- Cornell & Carnegie sign topper “No thru traffic”
- App reminder for trash
- Add benches along trails
- Traffic slow-down features
- A new bridge closer to Vaughan Elementary for kids to easily cross over and a closer trail for them
- Dog water fountain at neighborhood park
- Change or remove the sharpness of right turn from Bethany Rd onto Aylesbury Dr
- Replace the screening wall behind Hemingway Ct....it is too noisy & more traffic than 20 years ago
- Garbage services has damaged the screening wall and has been reported on Allen App Incident #2634757.
- Garbage services has damaged the screening wall behind 905 Hemingway Ct
- Repave Heritage Pkwy
- Dog poop on walking areas needs to be addressed
- Add streetlights
- Replacing RR ties used as retaining walls
- Light at Aylesbury & Bethany too long
- Need to provide new pedestrian islands along Aylesbury Dr & Heritage Pkwy at major crosswalks
- Need more pedestrian movements not vehicles
- Pedestrian focused improvements



- Remove dead and/or fallen trees along the greenbelt on a regular basis
- Crosswalks at intersections leading to the greenbelt
- Pedestrian crossing signs at Aylesbury and Hopkins

Workday Ideas

- Safely clean up poison oak and ivy along the trails
- Create a neighborhood Clean-Up Campaign (x times a year) using the tool trailer
- Group to help maintain homes where owners would like the assistance

Next Steps

In addition to the feedback received at the meeting, an online survey was conducted three weeks prior to the meeting and will remain active for a week following the meeting. 30 residents responded to the survey with many similar comments being presented. The main areas of improvement noted in the survey results are as follows: Trail Enhancements, Parking and Traffic Concerns, Street/Sidewalk Repairs, Increased Code Compliance in the Area, Entryway Improvements, and Additional Street Lighting.

The next step in this process is formalizing the committees so we can (1) finalize the specifics & scope of the project and (2) schedule & organize the workday. Both of these phases need continual resident input and engagement. Those who volunteered will be invited to attend the committee meeting which will be held virtually. We will survey committee member volunteers and choose the time and date that offers the most participation, and then schedule the meetings accordingly.

Residents who were unable to attend the meeting but are interested in participating in this process should contact Tracy Hailey, Planner, directly at 214-509-4181.