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**Sent:** 3/21/2022 10:31:00 AM  
**To:** D. Tyrell McGirt <dtmcgirt@ashevillenc.gov>  
**Cc:** Christo Bubenik <cbubenik@ashevillenc.gov>, Pete Wall <pwall@ashevillenc.gov>, Allison Dains <adains@ashevillenc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Community Input Meeting - Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

I believe either Pete and/or Jade drafted this document when they were trying to get the construction contract to Council.

On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 7:49 AM D. Tyrell McGirt <[dtmcgirt@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:dtmcgirt@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:  
Chris, do we know who authored the update document?

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 10:02 AM Christo Bubenik <[cbubenik@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:cbubenik@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:  
I asked Kim if any info remained at Stephens-Lee, but she said if it does, she's not seen it. I did find [this update](#) from May 2021 (when City Council unanimously approved the contract) that has a more comprehensive list of outreach than I've previously seen.

- Project Outreach:**
- September 2017 - East End/Oakhurst Neighborhood Association
  - November 2017 - Facility User Group input meeting**
  - December 2017 - Oakhurst Association Members
  - June 2018 - Oakhurst Neighborhood Association meeting
  - August 2018 - East End Neighborhood Association
  - February 2019 - Memorial Stadium Bond Presentation to CMO & DD's (internal)
  - April 2019 - Presentation - East End/Valley Street and Oakhurst
  - May 2019 - Memorial Stadium presentation to TDA/Sports Commission representatives
  - July 2019 - East End/Oakhurst Neighborhood Association
  - August 2019 - City-wide Community Meeting**
  - September 2019 - Update to Recreation Advisory Board
  - October 2019 - Memorial Parking policy discussions (internal)
  - November 2019 - Facility User Group Meeting**
  - May 2021 - Email to user groups/stakeholders about construction contract on Council agenda

On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:31 AM Christo Bubenik <[cbubenik@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:cbubenik@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

Pete or Allison, do you know where that info landed? I can't find it in the communications and outreach folder for Memorial in the planning and development drive. I went to the day time meeting and believe it was the first "city-wide" community meeting with post-it notes for amenities like a splash pad, seating expansion, etc. It was dominated by Asheville SC owners and fans and took place prior to any focused user group or neighborhood meetings.

I'll look through the paper surveys and photos Christy gave me, but I think that all relates to Jake Rusher and Walton/Grant.

CB

On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:21 AM D. Tyrell McGirt <[dtmcgirt@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:dtmcgirt@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

Pete / Chris, see the e-mail from Councilor Turner. Please provide me with a response this morning. Thank you.

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From: **Sage Turner** <[sageturner@avlcouncil.com](mailto:sageturner@avlcouncil.com)>

Date: Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 8:48 AM

Subject: Fwd: Community Input Meeting - Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

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Can anyone confirm if this 2019 meeting happened? And share any reports that came from it if so?

Thank you,

Sage

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From: <[frank@ultimatebodypress.com](mailto:frank@ultimatebodypress.com)>

Date: Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 10:01 AM

Subject: Community Input Meeting - Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

To: <[sageturner@avlcouncil.com](mailto:sageturner@avlcouncil.com)>

Hello Ms. Turner,

With regard to Memorial Stadium, please note that in 2019 a community input meeting was held at Stephens-Lee Recreation Center and showed the strongest support for a field with no track. That support should be honored.

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Pick up soccer and soccer tournaments have been going on at Memorial long before the bond was issued.Â Furthermore, soccer games at Memorial include people with a wide mix of many races and genders from the local community so soccer and soccer events at Memorial are inclusive and should be supported. Memorial is a 100 year old city event space and should be maintained as such not diminished in its capacity.

I recommend that Mountainside park be expanded west into the city lot along Hunt Hill to balance the needs of the neighborhood with the broader community.

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Thanks for your service to the city we love.

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Best Regards,

Frank Balentine

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