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By and for the West End Neighborhood

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Next Steps for Hanes Park Master Plan

by Mark Lively

The 2014 bond referendum approved by the citizens of Winston-Salem includes \$1 million for repair and renovation of Hanes Park. MLA Design Group, a prominent landscape architecture firm based in Winston-Salem, was hired by the City in early 2015 and charged with developing plans to repair and improve the park. After many months of careful review, consultation with the many stakeholders, and public meetings, MLA has prepared two closely related draft concept plans for improvements to the park. The details of the plans unveiled at a public meeting on December 9, 2015 can be viewed at their website (<http://millerla.com/hanesparkplan/>). At that meeting MLA requested comments and input from the community before December 31 to prioritize the proposed projects. The final Hanes Park master plan will provide the city with a guide for improvements to the park. The scale of the proposed projects in the master plan is far larger and the number of projects too numerous for all to be funded with the amount of bond money available. The individual projects proposed in the concept plans must be prioritized and costs estimated before a final version of the master plan will be ready for submission to the city.

Based on the information provided by the community at the end of December and on their careful research for this project over the last year, MLA is now working to prioritize and estimate the costs of the different elements of the plan. A third public meeting will be scheduled, possibly before the end of February, to present this prioritized plan to the community before MLA finalizes its submission to the city for consideration by the city council. The West End Association has reviewed the proposed elements of the concept plans and submitted our recommendations for priority of implementation. The full document detailing the WEA responses is available upon request (thewestender@yahoo.com).

Our recommendations are based on long standing positions adopted by WEA on the use and maintenance of the park and represent the consensus of members of the WEA board. They were reached through discussions among the officers and members of the Board with members attending regularly scheduled meetings of the WEA. Our objective is to identify the best choices for use of the bond funds designated for repair and renovation of Hanes Park. Our priorities are based on the use of the bond referendum funds and NOT for overall priority of proposed Concept projects without regard to sources of funding. Our priority is to use the available funds appropriated for the project (approx. \$900,000 after planning costs) for the most important proposed actions for repair and renovation of the Park.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM

January 26

February 23

March 22

West End Room

William G. White YMCA

775 W End Blvd,

Winston-Salem, NC

Historic Resource Commission Meetings

1st Wednesdays at

4:00 PM

February 3

March 2

April 6

Historic Resources

Commission Meetings

Bryce A. Stuart

Municipal Building

Room 530

Winston-Salem, NC

Historic resources

Commission Certificate of Appropriateness

Applications submittal

deadline 5:00PM no

later than the 2nd

Wednesday of the

month before the next

HRC meeting.

West End Collections

Garbage & Yard Waste

Thursdays, weekly

Recycling

Every other week

January 18

February 1, 15, & 29

Planning Renovations?

Consult the West End

Historic Overlay District

Design Review Guide.

[http://historicwestend.org/wp-content/up-](http://historicwestend.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/WE_Guidelines_2006.pdf)

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MLA has developed two slightly different concept plans for consideration. Each plan proposes to relocate the clay tennis courts currently within the running track to an area near Wiley Middle School adjacent to the existing clay courts on the South end of the running track. The main difference between the two plans is that Concept A would relocate only the tennis courts, leaving the tennis center buildings where they are within the track. Concept B would move the tennis courts as well as the tennis center buildings to a location on the hillside just above the relocated courts. The WEA is opposed to relocation of the tennis courts and the tennis center so we have not fully recommended adoption of either concept plan.



Hanes Park Concept Plan B developed by MLA Design Group. (<http://millerla.com/hanesparkplan/>)

We have assigned the highest priority to proposed projects in each concept plan that will repair and/or renovate existing features in the park. These projects include repairing bridges, stone walls, and walkways; clearing unwanted vegetation to improve sight lines; improved landscaping; and related actions that will repair the losses accumulated over decades of deferred and often inadequate maintenance.

The WEA does not support installation of lighting, including "uplighting", within the park. We do

support improvement of walkways and paths in and around the park but not by the addition of impermeable, hard surface paths except as needed to improve access by our disabled citizens.

Addition of new features such as new entrance stairways, overlooks, monuments, benches, "historical elements", and related features should be considered only if sufficient funds remain after the repair and renovation projects have been completed. Proposed new additions should be organized into manageable projects, their costs estimated, and then prioritized by the community for possible future implementation as funds become available.

The WEA notes that the absence of a plan for provision of open public restroom facilities in HP is a major omission from the concept plans offered. This is an important objective that should be addressed before any other new features or elements are considered. At a minimum, the existing restroom facility adjacent to the tennis center should be upgraded to the extent allowable and city policies should be changed to allow the facilities to remain open during reasonable park hours, not at the discretion of the tennis center.

Proposed projects that are the responsibility of the WS/FC School system (such as backstops, screening for baseball equipment, ball field enhancements, ball field fencing, etc.) should not be prioritized for funding from bond funds. Funding for school facilities located on park property is the sole responsibility of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board as stipulated in the 1999 Hanes Park Usage Agreement signed by the City and the WS/FC/School Board.

The WEA will continue working with MLA Design Group and the City of Winston-Salem as the final Hanes Park master plan is finalized for presentation to the City Council for approval. Residents of the West End neighborhood should continue their engagement with this critical process to assure that Hanes Park will continue to serve the needs of all Winston-Salem citizens for another 100 years.

Contact us at thewestender@yahoo.com or start a public conversation using the West End listserv (see page 3 for instructions).

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2016 WEA Board Elections February 23



The West End Association is one of the oldest nonprofit neighborhood associations in North Carolina. It was founded in 1969 to protect the neighborhood's future when a planned freeway was proposed to bisect Hanes Park. The hard work and perseverance of past board members over the past 46 years successfully restored the neighborhood to its former beauty, higher property values, and reputation as a desired place to live. Serving as a board member can insure that our neighborhood continues to thrive in the future.

Nominations are currently open for five board positions. Board members must be members of the WEA and reside in or be property owners in the West End Historic District. Board members serve for two years and attend monthly board meetings. Current agenda items include Hanes Park protection, proposed relocation of Brunson Elementary School, pedestrian safety, restoring Spring Park, West End social events, and the 2016 Holiday Homes Tour.

Please contact **George Bryan** – head of the nomination committee – at bryandoherty2@yahoo.com or call 724-2706 before February 15. Bylaws are available at <http://historicwestend.org/>. George will be happy to answer any questions you may have. No previous experience is required, only the willingness to work to keep our neighborhood a great place to live.

Using the West End Listserv

The West End Listserv was created in 2010 by the West End Association for the benefit of the neighbors in Historic West End.

SUBSCRIBE: Send an email to the address below. Your request will be reviewed and subscription activated if you live or work in the general West End neighborhood.
west_end_listserv-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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POST: Members post messages to this address:
west_end_listserv@yahoogroups.com

PREFERENCES: Register with Yahoogroups and login to the WestEndListserserv group site. You can elect to receive individual emails as they are sent or a daily digest of all messages sent each day.

SEARCH the group for past message content. Looking for that roofer or those plumbers recommended by neighbors in the past? Just search:
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/West_End_Listserv/



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USPS: West End Association Membership, PO Box 21054, WS, NC 27120-1054

Your membership supports many activities:

- Communicatiions: Monthly newsletter delivered to your door, neighborhood List Serv
- Social events: Easter Egg hunt, July 4th Celebration
- Community engagement: City parks in West End, Brunson Elementary, Central Library
- Neighborhood preservation and beautification: Historic Resource Commission, zoning

Anyone may join. Voting membership open to those who live in the West End and to anyone who owns, leases, rents or occupies property in the the West End neighborhood

Renew Online or by mail. Contact us by email for business memberships.



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