

## II.a.1 - Linley Park

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### **COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING and SITE VISIT:**

April 3, 2008

### **RECREATION SUB-DISTRICT PRESENTATION:**

May 15, 2008 - Anderson Recreation Center

### **OVERVIEW:**

Linley Park is a linear neighborhood park located between E. North Ave. and Park Dr. to the East and W. North Ave. and Club Dr. to the West. Linley park contains 2 programmed little league baseball fields, 2 abandoned tennis courts, 1 rest room facility, picnic shelters and tables, and playground equipment. Linley Park is approximately 14 acres in size.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT:**

The citizens surrounding Linley Park value the increase and enhancement of green space throughout the park. They want to limit proposed parking to the existing tennis court area; however they want to provide less than 50 parking spaces. The citizens desire the addition of pedestrian trails with possible fitness locations along the trail. Linley Park should be revitalized as a neighborhood park.

A small playground at the North end of the park would be a nice amenity with a plaza at the Linley Monument.

The community wants to remove the programmed use of the existing ball fields for city recreation programs. Restoration of the creek was also discussed and the citizens were in favor of the idea and were interested in seeking avenues for funding such a project.

There were no objections to re-establishing traffic patterns although the citizens did suggest working with the traffic engineer on this matter. Consistency of architecture with the surrounding community is desired.

Additionally, the community wants to remove the existing rest room facility.

Safety is a big concern in all parks. Lighting, as well as police and emergency vehicle access were discussed as possible solutions to these concerns.

### **DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Linley Park carries great potential as a strong link in the Greenway system due to its north to south linear orientation. We suggest taking advantage of this orientation, implementing a new system of walkways creating a walking loop through the park and serving as an integrated piece of the Greenway. We would also recommend de-programming the baseball field on site and leaving this space for non-programmed play such as frisbee or pick-up games of soccer or football. Adjacent to the field there are existing tennis courts which our plans convert into a small parking lot for access to the park. We advise placing a picnic shelter with rest rooms as well as a playground near the existing baseball field and also placing similar amenities across the street from the Linley House. In addition to the shelter and play equipment at the Linley House we recommend, in our design, a small plaza that would sit directly across the street from the house. This plaza would provide parking for 4-5 cars for easier access to the playground/picnic area. Linley Park contains a concrete flume running down the center providing a great opportunity for stream restoration in this park. We propose removing the concrete flume and restoring the stream to its natural flow. These efforts will increase water quality and decrease erosion downstream as well as beautify the park.