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DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks Department

CONTACT INFORMATION: Anita Jones-McNair - 918-7381 and Wendell Rodgers - 918-7371

INFORMATION: The first community input session for the Martin Luther King Jr Park design was held Wednesday, June 4th. The ideas expressed included maintaining the natural beauty of the park and incorporating more natural and passive opportunities for children and families.

Prior to the input session, several ideas surfaced for the development of Martin Luther King Jr Park. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell felt it would be beneficial to hear more about these ideas.

Tamara Sanders wants to educate the Board and community the concept of a pump track, the benefit to folks of all ages, and how it integrates into and bolsters our already biking community.

Maria Hitt will provide an update on the community gardens currently located on the park property. Jeff Danner has been working with Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, the NC Botanical Garden, the Xerces Foundation and the Pollinator Partnership on a proposal for a pollinator garden as an addition and companion to the community garden.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen accept the information, share information the with master plan consultant Derek Williams of Site Solutions and provide staff direction.