

Final Minutes
December 10, 2015
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Officers and Staff Report

Funding round discussion:

Ed Hilz - Could staff discuss the process piece as it relates to the Nelly Custis project? Shannon Early – Following the recommendation that the Nelly Custis project not be recommended for funding at the June funding round, staff facilitated two additional meetings with the community in order to get more input about the design. In addition, the design was shared with the residents at the meeting and on the county website for review. The Aurora Highlands Civic Association voted to approve of the project at its meeting in October. Sarah McKinley - It seems like part of the concern is where the playground is placed. Shannon Early - Further design meetings will take place with the community. Jim Feaster - I fail to see that something was not followed. We don't go against Civic Association wishes and we should follow that. Edie Wilson - I agree that the process was followed for the most part. I'd like to read and discuss what is appropriate for park projects. Needs assessment. Demographics. Money is tight and the Board has been through difficult issues. I worry that there are reputational risks and we don't have a way to get a bigger picture. We should learn from this and look at our processes and make sure we use our limited resources strategically moving forward. Ed Hilz - I agree with Edie and would like to know what staff does to get PR to approve projects. Bill Braswell - If the Association would like to submit a park project we take that submission and work with it. NC is the only commission that writes its own guidelines. The Board wants to see if we've built a degree of consensus with our projects. Rob Swennes – In an earlier version of this were they going to put the play area in another location. I think the change is a good one. The concept has an active end and a passive area. An active end on both sides of the park would be problematic. It would be nice to go beyond the concept to do more work but it would cost more money. Bruce Cameron - I'm not sure that the number thrown around is correct, but if we are going talk about parody in Associations, large neighborhoods like us would lose out if we waited for needs assessments. We don't always agree on everything but if we have a majority opinion and we plan

to honor that. Edie Wilson - Please show the geographic area of multiple parks. Rob Swennes - Normally NC funds are used for public lands. I assume there will be a public access easement? Jon – Yes, there will be, but I wouldn't be overly concerned that it would set precedent, we are honoring our past, essentially what the history of the area is. The sign will include some history so that kids will be able to understand the past. Frank Winchell - Would you have a typical historic sign that you would use. Tim McIntosh – That's a possibility, but we will look into some different design options once the project is approved by the County Board. Ed Hilz - Will the Barcroft project replace all the cobras? Tim McIntosh – Yes. Rob Swennes- Is the lighting going down to the trail? Matt - We worked to connect the lighting. Lynn Pollock - Move that accept the projects and forward to the Board. 26 - In favor. 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.