

Summary of Fairgrounds Public Meeting
Open House Comments
Community Development Building
November 18, 2019
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Chesterfield County Staff

Scott Zarembo, Deputy County Administrator
James Worsley, Director, Parks and Recreation
Mark Pinney, Special Events Coordinator
Stuart Connock, Chief of Parks
Janit Llewellyn, Planning Manager
Joe Stovall, Parks Construction Services Manager
Margie Bryan, Construction Administrator
Stephanie Christmas, GIS Specialist

Attendees

Fifteen citizens attended the meeting. Attendees included current users of the equestrian facilities including [Making Strides of Virginia](#), members of the [Chesterfield County Fair Association](#) and interested citizens.

In general, the public was receptive of the master plan. Fair Association members were specifically interested in layout and apportionment of space for the fair activities. Equestrian attendees were interested in enhancing facilities to attract more events. Neighborhood representatives were interested in timing of events, security and phasing options for implementing the park improvements. Overall those attending seemed to have a good impression of the proposed master plan.

Written comments received during the meeting include the following:

- Check the health code for equestrian camping adjacent to RV camping.
- Equestrian uses should be separated from the camping uses.
- Cover the larger of the two event rings. They are used in all equine disciplines (English and Western). Pocahontas State Park does not have cover.
- The Pony Club is housed in Chesterfield County.

- Include 10 – 15 stalls for horses during events
- Event space is needed for a stage and audience during the fair. The space should accommodate 2,000 – 4,000 people.
- Each entrance/gate should have a ticket booth or alternative.
- Support permanent restrooms
- Location of the Fair Association management offices

Additional websites received from by e-mail to Joe Stovall from Robin Lingerhans on 11-19-2019 include:

<http://www.barnpros.com/barn-plans-products.aspx?itemid=1558&pagetitle=Meadows>

<https://www.peaksteelbuildings.com/photo-gallery/agricultural-riding-arenas/riding-arena-project/>

<https://staging.rhinobldg.com/indoor-horse-arenas/>

<http://tmcoveredarenas.com/>

<https://www.buildingsguide.com/building-applications/farm-buildings/riding-arenas/>

<https://techspanbuilding.com.au/articles/building-a-horse-arena/>

<https://www.horizonstructures.com/horse-barns/shed-row-horse-barns>

<https://www.alansfactoryoutlet.com/shed-row-horse-barns>

Gary Morrisett, Owner of Morrisett Stables at 10710 Nash Road expressed interest in equestrian uses at Fairgrounds Park.

Next Steps

- Mark & Janit brief Economic Development – November 20
- Staff debrief – November 25
- Sharon posts master plan map and meeting notes on Parks website for open comment – November 26 – January 4
- Follow-up with Fairgrounds Technical Advisory Committee – January 2020
- Briefing for Dr. Casey – February 2020
- PRAC presentation – March 2020