

Friends of Hearst Pool



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Who are we?

- Over 1000 People
- Many Parents with Young Kids
- Many Dual Working-Parent Families
- Many John Eaton and Hearst Parents

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What Do We Believe?

- 1) Pool is a Super Idea
- 2) Good Design is Key

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Which options seems simplest and presents the least disruption?

FOHP's tweak on the city's Option 1.

DPR's Option 1



FOHP's Tweak of Option 1



The hill and tree cover behind which the pool could be nestled...



The existing “dedicated” entrance and stairway to that section of the park...



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Challenges?

- Parking
- Pool Size
- The Trees
- Hydrology

Parking Problems? This is 37th street on Sunday June 12th, 2016 at 2:30pm – prime pool time...



Pool Size? At this DPR community meeting on June 18th, 2016, Tyrell Lashley, DPR's Director of Aquatics, said the pool would be DPR's standard equipment and layout size: 6 lanes, 25 yards, 3/4 acre – approximately the size of a tennis court.



The Trees? DPR's Option 1, and in fact **all 3 options** DPR has offered, explicitly do NOT impact any of the large willow oak trees.



There is even **extra space** of 10 feet or more beyond what the plans call for disturbing – a buffer if you will - that would exist between construction at the tennis court level and the willow oaks at field level.



Hydrology? Stormwater management is an issue for the northern side of the park – the side opposite the tennis courts. Those hydrology issues are simply not part of the discussion of the pool in the Option 1 scenario.



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The larger issue?

Design... Right now, no community group has a true voice in design of this park. No one from the community is actually sitting with the architects in a true early-stage design setting, and that's a big problem. **FOHP calls for a design committee to be woven more closely into the design process.** Good design will make this project a success. But the only way to have truly good design is for the designers to actually collaborate with the folks who use the park every day. No one knows the park better than those that use it. FOHP is extending the hand of collaboration – will DPR take it?

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