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Special Joint Meeting of City Council and Parks Commission Nov 17

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The Murfreesboro City Council and the Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Commission will meet in a Special Joint Meeting Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing issues related to the planned West Park in Murfreesboro.

In June 2016, City Council purchased a 123-acre parcel of land bordered by Blackman Road, Burnt Knob Road, Veterans Parkway, and I-840 in the Blackman area known as the McDonald farm property for development of a West Park.

Who: The Murfreesboro City Council and Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Commission.

What: The Council and Parks Commission will gather to discuss issues related to a planned West Park.

When: Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: City Council Chambers
111 West Vine Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

On Nov. 10, 2016, Council authorized moving forward with a park master plan in contract for development of the West Park on the McDonald property in west Murfreesboro. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and a team of engineering, architectural and design companies will coordinate a community visioning effort, including a kickoff workshop, focus groups, land-owner meetings, and a community meeting ahead of construction. The team will also conduct surveys, base mapping, preliminary concept development, architectural concepts and a final master plan.

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The City Council previously approved the original Engineering Services Contract for a West Park July 25, 2013, following approval by the Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Commission

In January 2016, Council received an update from David Coode, planning consultant of Kimley-Horn & Associates. The Parks Department had previously indicated that the City of Murfreesboro is short of recreational fields, including soccer, baseball and softball fields, according to National Recreation and Parks Association standards.

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