

Murphey Candler Neighborhood Association

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Cc: Murphey Association <board@murpheyandler.com>

Ms. Cohen,

Your email is acknowledged and it will be entered into the record for the January 26, City Council meeting.

The City does not agree with your characterizations of the park improvements in Murphey Chandler Park in your email. There is no amphitheater planned for Murphey Candler Park, and there will not be construction of an amphitheater in Murphey Candler Park. Attempts to portray the Community Green as an "amphitheater" is intentionally misleading to the nearby residents and the greater community.

It would be inappropriate and illegal for the City to disregard the will of the voters expressed during public input sessions beginning in 2015 and ratified in a referendum in Nov. 2018. The implementation of the projects of the Park Bond, including the projects in Murphey Candler Park are consistent of the conceptual designs of the master plans included in the bond referendum. The Park Bond Citizen Oversight Committee has been kept apprised of the progress to date and agrees the detailed design of Park Bond elements, such as the Horseshoe and Community Green, are consistent with the spirit of the master plan.

The City of Brookhaven is cognizant of your desire to change the park master plan significantly diminish and/or eliminate the Horseshoe parking and Community Green that voters approved. At this time, Brookhaven is continuing with the development of the Park Bond projects.

We also have heard the assertion from you and other representatives that the City is not listening, not responding and not accepting public input, which is incorrect. These assertions are most recently made in public meetings which have a built-in public input window. As evidenced by the public records requests, the City has responded to from multiple members of your organization, with scores of emails from City elected officials, staff and contractors - which includes this email response to you.

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