

Statement on behalf of MCNA

Made at Brookhaven City Council Meeting on 01.26.2021

The Murphey Candler Neighborhood Association (MCNA) is dedicated to preserving our neighborhood for high-quality residential use. We achieve this goal by serving as a voice on issues affecting the neighborhood and residents. We represent 736 homes located around Murphey Candler Park.

The City of Brookhaven's Master Plan for the Park Bond, which was presented to the public in 2018, included a simple "open space field" in its conceptual drawings.

In 2019, the City released a revised design plan, which was titled "community green" and included two amphitheatres.

In April 2020, the City created a new revised design plan, which includes a stage, concrete pavement, amphitheater walls, plaza seating area, and the removal of 14 trees. The City has removed all 14 trees.

In response to the latest design, the MCNA surveyed our members asking three questions. The following are the results.

- 89% believe the April 2020 designs represents a major change of use.
- 85% want an opportunity to provide public comment.
- 85% prefer the original "open space field design" that was put to the voters at the 2018 bond referendum.

The MCNA respectfully requests that the City pause any further plans on the community green and solicit public comment as it has done for the community center.