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Dear Lawrence resident,

We would like to thank everyone who attended the public meetings in September or gave feedback through filling out the survey or other communication methods for the Stratford Water Tower Project. Through those engagement efforts, we gained valuable feedback and have altered some of the Stratford Water Tower Project plans. We've listed those changes below.

Concrete – Sidewalk & Drive

A three-foot stamped concrete border with an earth tone color will be on each side of the East/West multi-use path/access drive. The total width of the drive will be 16 feet, per modified fire code regulations. The access drive running north/south directly to the tower will be entirely stamped concrete in the earth tone color. A rollback curb will be used at the east and west entrances of the access drive. The bollards at either end of the drive will be collapsible, and the color of the bollards will be determined based on input from the neighborhood to minimize the visual impact.

Lighting

During our meetings, it became clear that the majority of the neighborhood did not desire lighting throughout the park. Per public engagement with the neighborhood, detailed lighting plans have been deferred and will be developed separately to include more discussion about lighting as part of Parks & Recreation's engagement with the neighborhood as part of the Park Master Planning efforts. During construction of the water tower project, conduit will be installed to accommodate for future lighting additions, if desired, but lights throughout the park will not be installed as part of the Water Tower project.

There will be lighting on the tower itself for security purposes. Such lighting is required to comply with the City's Land Development Code and requires the lighting to be shielded and directed downward.

Trees

All tree options listed in the public survey were approved by Tyler Fike, Horticulture Manager for Parks & Recreation, prior to being listed, which was a desire expressed by residents during the public meetings. General discussions at the meeting did not seem to reveal a preference of which trees to use from the survey. Survey results indicated a preference for the Swamp White Oak, Frontier Elm and Kentucky Coffee tree varieties.



The construction plans will show tree locations but will be planted by Parks & Recreation at the completion of the project.

Trees to be retained during construction will be fenced and all construction activity within the tree protection zone will be prohibited including staging of materials and vehicle parking.

Construction Access

As requested by the neighborhood, we have added additional details and notes in the plans that the primary construction access should be from the south side of the park, and that access to the park from the east should be kept to a minimum. The construction area will fence the entirety of the project, but the contractor will move the fence as construction allows to maximize the available greenspace in the park throughout the construction.

Access Drive to Tower

Vehicle use for the access drive will be limited to the Municipal Services & Operations Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Douglas County Emergency Management, and by emergency services. Use of the access drive will be limited to required tower maintenance, testing, water meter management, and as necessary for Douglas County Emergency Management.

We appreciate the public engagement and patience throughout this process. If you have any questions about the changes listed above, please reach out.

Project Website: <https://lawrenceks.org/mso/stratford-tower/>

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